



GABE NOLLEY

## Nolley wins singles sectional for tennis

Gabe Nolley defeated Pike Central's Aaron Keeps last Wednesday, October 8, to win the singles sectional final. The final scores of both matches were 6-0 and 6-1.

Head Coach Rick Graves said after Gabe's win, "Gabe played a nice match. The first few games he started a little slow but on the changeover he let me know that he was adjusting to the courts and to Aaron's serve and groundstrokes. Once he settled in he played very well and played the kind of tennis he's capable of. This is the first singles sectional winner we've had since Alan Toy won back in 2001. I'm really happy for Gabe. He's been a terrific player for us the last four years and deserves the chance to continue to play. He'll be ready to play on the 18th and hopefully get to extend his season further."

Gabe will move on to the singles regional at Bedford North Lawrence this Saturday at 10 a.m. His opponent is yet to be determined. Gabe's record stands at 19-3 on the season.

## Shoals School Board approves teachers' contract, staff changes

Meeting minutes provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, Shoals School Corporation Secretary

The Shoals School Board met Thursday, October 9. Board member Tony Cundiff was not present for the meeting.

Mrs. Roush provided additional information concerning details of the recently ratified teachers' association master contract.

-Teachers were given a \$600 stipend as well as a \$100 increase on family insurance plan

-Teachers agreed not to take personal days on the day before or after a school break

-Teachers absent for three or more consecutive sick days will provide a doctor's note

No board action was required.

Mrs. Roush recommended the board

## City to sell property, enforce no farm animals ordinance

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

City to sell property, enforce no livestock ordinance

The only item on the agenda for the board of public works and safety meeting last night, Tuesday, October 14, was discussion on selling the property the city owns by the railroad tracks at the corner of Church Street and JFK Avenue. Mayor Harty said the board of works met and since there was little citizen input against selling the property, they would go forward with it. He said two appraisals on the property are planned and more information will be brought to the next meeting. Mayor Harty noted that the lot, when sold, will have to be fenced off and any building erected will have to depict the former depot that once sat in that location. Bids will be opened at the next meeting.

During the city council meeting, Mayor Harty said he has been getting complaints

## Padgett rehired as highway superintendent

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners rehired Leo Padgett as highway superintendent at their meeting Tuesday night, October 14. Padgett retired from the position on August 28. Commissioner Dan Gregory noted that they received two applications for the position and Padgett was the most qualified. He will start back as superintendent on Monday.

In other business, the commissioners approved the assessor's office switching property tax software from Manatron to X-Soft Connect, of Noblesville. Ed Koerner, sales representative for X-Soft, was present at the meeting to answer questions the commissioners may have. Assessor Carolyn McGuire said she has been having issues with Manatron for a while, getting support

regarding chickens on properties within the city limits. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said she pulled the ordinance related to that issue and it was approved in 1964. The ordinance states that farm animals are not allowed within the city limits. Those include horses, ponies, pigs, mules, goats, sheep, chickens, turkeys, etc. The ordinance states that these animals are a nuisance and a public health hazard. The Loogootee Police will begin enforcing the ordinance and Chief Kelly Rayhill said he would go over the ordinance to see if anything needed updated. The ordinance states that violators will be guilty of a misdemeanor with the first offense being a \$50 fine. The second and any subsequent offenses will be up to a \$200 fine.

The board approved two 20 mile per hour speed limit signs to be placed on each end of Walker Street.

Board member Fred Dupps said that he has had complaints regarding the roughness of the railroad tracks. Mayor Harty said

when needed. The X-Soft contract will be for four years at \$36,200 per year.

Courtney Hughett provided the humane society's quarterly report for July through September. Over the past three months, the animal shelter has taken in 19 dogs and 13 cats and has adopted out 22 dogs and 20 cats. The humane society has received 283 phone calls, emails and facebook inquiries over the past quarter.

Hughett also reported that the society's spay and neuter fund, to help Martin County residents, has been depleted for the year and until more funds are received either through grants or donations, the humane society will be unable to help out paying for spay and neuter bills.

The veteran service officer's quarterly report was also read by Commissioner Paul George. Linda Dillon, the veteran service officer, noted in the report that eight trips

CSX will have to be notified to come make repairs.

The board approved a building permit for 500 W Williams Street for Doug and Gail Strange for a new residence.

The board approved purchasing a new air conditioning/furnace unit at the fire station from M&M Electric for \$4,569. Fire Chief Morgan Huebner said he has around \$3,700 left in his building fund and will have to move around money to come up with the rest.

Mayor Harty said that the owner of a property on East Main Street has been notified several times that they need to clean up the property. He said the owner said it will be done in the next few weeks. It was suggested that the city attorney send the owner a letter giving a deadline on when the property needs to be cleaned up.

Mayor Harty recommended Greg Clark and David Dahl to serve on the prevailing wage committee for the city pool project. (See 'CITY' continued on page 2)

were made in the van with eight veterans, to Bloomington, Evansville, Indianapolis, and Louisville. Dillon had 22 phone calls to her home and 11 in her new office in the courthouse. She also had four outgoing calls from her home and 50 from the office. She assisted a total of 13 veterans over the past three months.

Auditor January Roush told commissioners that they have been having issues with parking across the street at the recycling center. She said although it is public parking, an employee of the recycling center has been yelling at people telling them they are not allowed to park in that lot. Commissioner Dan Gregory said that he would discuss this issue at the solid waste meeting Wednesday night.

The commissioners appointed Lynn Gee to serve on the prevailing wage committee for the Loogootee Pool project.

dents on September 26, 2014 to Crane. Other field trips approved were the pre-school students to visit Lark Ranch on October 14, Mrs. Sherfick's 5th period art students to Martin County Recycling Center on October 17; and senior beta club to the state convention in Indianapolis on November 14 and 15.

The board approved the art students to hold a fundraiser selling Christmas products from Hansen Fund Raising Services to raise money for the Art Trip to Chicago that is scheduled every other year. The fund raiser will begin November 5, 2014 and end on November 25, 2014.

Other fundraisers approved were the senior beta club to sell Tom-Wat Catalog items October 17 through November 3; and the Spanish Club to sell Advent Calendars from October 20 through November 7.

The board approved a professional leave request from Reuben Montgomery to attend the HECC Conference in Indianapolis November 12 - 14, 2014.

The board accepted the donation of a visual screen monitor from Kathy Collins to help students with low vision and a piano from Leo Altmeyer to the music department. The board thanked both donors for the very generous donations.

Mrs. Roush provided the board with a copy of a form to be used in evaluating the performance ratings of teaching assistants employed by the corporation. She explained that the form was being reviewed for information only. No board action required.

The board approved the job description for the position of school-wide teaching assistant.

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# SHOALS

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The board reviewed the proposed school bus route descriptions and bid specifications for the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school bus route contracts. Mrs. Roush outlined the details of proposed changes to some of the bus routes for the next contract period. She noted that the route changes include reducing the total number of school bus routes to 13 rather than the current 16 routes. She stressed that every attempt has been made to keep the bus routes as evenly distributed as possible as well as trying to make sure that students will not be on the bus longer than one hour. Mrs. Roush thanked the current route drivers for being so helpful in providing her with information and working with her while she rode each individual bus route. Several questions were asked by current bus route drivers as well as members of the public in attendance. Following discussion, a motion to approve the school bus route descriptions for the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given. A separate motion to approve the bid specifications was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given. The Board publicly thanked Mrs. Roush for all the time and effort she put into reviewing the details of the bus routes and accurately presenting information for consideration by the board.

Mr. Calhoun, junior/senior high principal, reviewed the proposed changes to the beta membership guidelines for the senior beta division as well as new membership guidelines for the recently established junior division. Following discussion by the board, approval was given for the guidelines.

Mrs. Roush provided the board with information about two students from Chile that are planning to visit the school between October 27 and November 7, 2014. The students will be on break from their regular school and plan to attend Shoals High School as visiting students. Mr. Calhoun detailed the visit and stated that he felt the experience would not only enhance the lives of the students visiting from Chile, but also give the students here the unique opportunity to interact with international students.

The board tabled discussion of board policy series 5000 until a future meeting to allow more time for review and discussion.

The board approved the tax neutrality resolution for the 2015 budget.

The board approved a facility usage request from In His Hands Daycare to hold a fundraiser basketball game hosting The Harlem Wizards on April 16, 2015, in the main gymnasium.

Austin Malone, elementary principal, and Lucas Calhoun, junior/senior high school principal, reported on the following:

-Thank you to all individuals and groups, including but not limited to: The River Church, Jean Survance, Mary Ellen Baker,

and Christy Henninger for the much needed donation of clothing.

-ACUITY Testing underway in the elementary

-AirEvac Lifeteam Helicopter planning on site visit

-Mini Play "The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything" scheduled for October 29 at 1:30 p.m.

-Very excited about new junior beta club

-5th grade students had great science experience on trip to Crane recently

-Several cross country runners competed very well at the 14th Annual Middle School State Cross Country Championships in Carmel

-Wellness plan will be followed for all classroom snacks and foods with the exception of specific "fun food parties"

-Fall break scheduled for the week of October 20-24

-Parent teacher conferences scheduled for October 15 - no school for students

-CAMFEL Productions recently held two anti-bullying presentations for junior/senior high students

-Teacher evaluation process is underway

-Sophomores/seniors recently attended college fair at West Gate @ Crane with Logan Albright winning a scholarship in the STEM field on the topic of de-mining

-Fall sports teams showed improvement during course of season

-Thank you to Mrs. Phillips, pep club members, and Mr. Peterson for great pep session

-Junior/senior high will be participating in Box Tops for Education Program

-Sheriff's department deputies will be planning visits during Thursday School

-Student drug testing begins this month - staff have completed necessary training

-Teacher committees continue to meet and have been successful in many ways

Mrs. Roush, superintendent, reported on the following:

-State Superintendent Glenda Ritz will be at the school Thursday, October 16. Thank you to Steve Deckard for reaching out to her.

-The elementary received a free yearbook insert detailing the events and highlights of the 2013-14 school year as a gift for designing their own yearbook cover.

-Superintendent and school board conference next Monday evening at the Huntingburg Event Center.

-No school over fall break October 20 through the 24th.

-Annual Veterans Day Program November 11 at 1 p.m.

- Thank you to the bus drivers for their hard work and dedication to the school

- Thank you to the school principals for their daily uplifting and encouraging words to staff and students.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be November 13 at 5 p.m.



*My Point of*  
**VIEW**  
By Courtney Hughett  
Owner/Publisher, MCJ

Election time is right around the corner and while I know I tend to lecture a lot about community involvement, at election time, it's really, really important. When someone is elected, they are in that position for four years. You are hiring someone on a four-year contract. If you were doing that for your business, surely you would check that person out, find out information about them, make an informed decision. Essentially that is what you are doing when you vote.

There are a lot of things in our county and communities and school that I simply don't agree with. Over the years I have learned that I cannot fight everything on my own. I know there are many out there that agree with me but I wind up sitting alone at each meeting, no one willing to stand up for what they believe in. Until problems are acknowledged and people ARE willing to speak out about them, things will continue on the same path.

Personally, I think things are going haywire at Loogootee Schools. I have already contacted the new superintendent offering up my help, if it is needed for parent committees or whatever else. I acknowledge there is a problem up there but I am not going to badmouth the school in public or on facebook, I want to be a part of the solution. Like I said though, everyone is going to need to admit there are issues before we can move forward. Anyone who would like to join me in working together to bring the issues forward, by all means contact me. Something is going to have to be done because our enrollment is falling and falling fast. I love Loogootee and I want everyone to love Loogootee with me. We can't expect the school board to act if no one is telling them what we think.

Remember, our elected officials work for us. They are there only as representatives of us, not for their own agenda. They get paid to listen to you and if they are not listening to you, they need to be replaced. Would you let an employee continue to work for you if they ignored every customer that walked through your door?

There are several contested races in the upcoming General Election including county clerk, sheriff, county council, township trustees, and school board. Don't let

rain or cold weather prevent you from hiring your people to represent you for the next four years. Get out there and vote on November 4. Or, you can go to the courthouse and vote absentee any time before the election. It takes about two minutes and it's how I have voted the last two years.

Every small town and big city for that matter has problems. If you don't vote, then you have no right to complain. If you do vote then you have the duty of holding the elected representatives accountable. Never be afraid of standing up for what you think is right. If you wait for the next guy to do it for you, well, you just may be waiting a very long time.

# CITY

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He said the commissioners or county council must appoint the third person and he believes the commissioners will be appointing Lynn Gee.

The board approved blocking off North Line Street at the square from 4:45-5 p.m. for the parade lineup on Halloween night, October 31. Trick or treat hours will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The council and audience also discussed the Christmas parade and Stroll to be held on December 7. Mayor Harty said the plan is for the school's band concert to last from 3-4:40 p.m., the Stroll will be from 5 to 8 p.m. and the parade will start at 8 p.m.

The board approved having the November meeting start at 5:30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. The purpose is to get the meetings over before it becomes too dark. Mayor Harty suggested trying 5:30 in November and if it works out, changing the meeting times to 5:30 for other months during the winter.

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# OBITUARIES

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## FREDA BELL

Freda J. Bell passed away at 2:40 p.m. October 7, 2014 at the East Gate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Washington. A resident of Shoals, she was 57.

She was born November 23, 1956 in Muncie; the daughter of William Collins, Jr. and Patricia (Wilson) Collins. She attended Delta High School in Muncie.

She was a member of Natchez Church.



FREDA BELL and Carol and husband, Mark Humbert, of Jasper; twin brother,

She enjoyed painting and drawing.

She is survived by her significant other, Norman Holt; her mother, Patricia Collins of Jasper; her sisters, Judy Martin of Loogootee and Carol and husband,

Frank Collins of Hartford City and three other brothers, David Collins and wife, Ann, of Eaton and Danny Collins, Sr. and Ronald Collins, both of Shoals; three daughters, Stacy Taylor of Shoals, April Smith and husband, Steve, of Hubert, North Carolina; and Jennifer Stout of Muncie; and eight grandchildren, Zachariah and Jessica Walker, Stephanie and Samantha Smith, Leann, Carl Jr., Amy Stout and Katie Kar-

vasale.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Collins, Jr.; and her sister, Beverly Collins.

A funeral service was held Saturday, October 11 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## Scared of storms? One in 10 Americans may suffer from severe weather phobia

One in 10 Americans may suffer from severe weather phobia that causes them to lose sleep or have feelings of helplessness, says a new study from Ball State University.

"Weathering the Storm: Revisiting Severe Weather Phobia" surveyed about 300 people in 43 states. About 85 percent of respondents reported having at least some degree of severe-weather fear while 46.1 percent describing their fear level as "a little bit." About 10 percent of participants classified themselves as having an overall fear level as both "extreme" and "quite a bit" categories, possibly indicating severe-weather phobia.

Three percent of respondents reported seeking professional or self-help treatment for severe-weather phobia or specific inclement weather events.

"Severe weather phobia is very real," says Jill Coleman, a Ball State geography professor and lead author on the study, which was recently published in the American Meteorological Society Journal. "Some people will get physically ill or lose sleep while others will start watching weather forecasts on a more regular basis.

"Overall, we found that people simply love to talk about the weather. In the West, it's about high winds and wildfires, and here in the Midwest it's all about tornados, thunderstorms and blizzards. On the East Coast, people are more likely to talk about hurricanes than regular thunderstorms."

The study found:

-About 99 percent of all respondents had experienced some form of severe weather with the most common event being thunderstorms (90.9 percent) and high winds (90.3 percent) followed by heavy snow and freezing rain (80 percent each).

-80.5 percent of respondents do not suffer from severe weather phobia, 4.7 percent believe they do and the remainder is not sure.

-When it comes to severe weather, respondents reported feelings of anxiety (72 percent), increasing heart pounding (62.9 percent), changing schedules (60.8 percent) and feelings of helplessness (60.4 percent).

-Participants who reported taking a weather-related course also admitted experiencing more anxiety symptoms and behaviors.

The study also found that 11.7 percent of participants reported they know someone who suffers from severe-weather phobia.

"My father lives in Kansas and the second he hears about tornados, he'll change his schedule to avoid being on the road and then start watching television reports more intensely," Coleman said. "Our research indicates that we actually may be able to see such phobias in others but have difficulty in seeing them in ourselves."

She also believes the study lays the groundwork for a better understanding of severe weather phobia phenomena as well as the role that weather knowledge and anxiety plays in the minds of individuals across the country.

"These results could provide useful information for weather forecasters and media groups in terms of how often people monitor media during severe weather events," Coleman said. "When not debilitating, some fear can be a substantial motivator to encourage individuals to take action against the threat, such as seeking shelter."

In addition to Coleman, the research team included her mother, University of Kansas psychologist Karen Multon and other members of the University of Kansas.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver westbound on US 50 from Shoals. Deputy Baker notified.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with unknown injuries and a hit-and-run on US 50 near National Gypsum. The driver that fled the scene was located and arrested. Deputy Baker, Loogootee Officer Nolan, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County EMS responded.

3:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS responded.

5:29 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Bailey's junk yard. Deputy Baker responded.

5:59 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 50 east of State Road 650. Deputy Baker and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of a subject receiving threats and caller requested to speak to an officer in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

2:55 a.m. - Received a call from a subject south of Shoals advising they had chased some individuals off of their property. Deputy Harmon responded.

7:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:15 a.m. - Received a report of an attempted break-in overnight in Shoals. Chief Deputy Dant notified.

11:38 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with injuries on State Road 550 near Hindostan Falls Road. Chief Deputy Dant, Sheriff Street, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County EMS responded. The driver was transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of identity theft in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded and completed a report.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a tree hanging in the roadway on US 231 south of Hoffman Road. Sergeant Keller and INDOT were notified.

4:39 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller was notified.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:47 a.m. - Received a report of a semi crash on US 231 near Bramble Road. Chief Deputy Dant, Sergeant Keller, Trooper D. Qualkenbush, Loogootee Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

8:12 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism at a residence in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported three inmates to court.

12:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported two inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported two inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller transported three inmates to court.

5:20 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported a male subject from Shoals to Montgomery.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

1:51 a.m. - Received a report of a possible broken down semi on US 231 near 650 S. Corporal Greene responded.

8:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to IU Health, Bedford.

9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported an inmate to court.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Shoals. Major Burkhardt was notified.

3:20 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

balance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Sergeant Keller were notified.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute southeast of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded and separated the parties for the night.

6:31 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt completed the detail.

9:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

1:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

3:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 150, two miles west of Roland. Corporal Greene, Shoals Fire Department, and Lost River Fire Department responded.

9:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

11:47 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash on Williams Street in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill and Martin County EMS responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a report a drive off from RJ's in Shoals. Major Burkhardt was notified.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of a child not picked up at Shoals Community School. Major Burkhardt was notified.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt spoke with the parties involved.

6:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down semi on US 50 east of National Gypsum. Major Burkhardt and Deputy Harmon responded.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with unknown injuries on US 150 near Panhandle Road. Major Burkhardt was unable to locate the crash.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:19 a.m. - Received a report of an active

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Gary G. Hickman and Tima V. Hickman**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Steven Lee Hickman and Brian Scott Hickman**, of Martin County, Indiana, the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 16. Also, the west half of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing in all 80 acres, more or less, in Martin County, Indiana.

**Jean Bell**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rick L. Bell and Adam M. Crouse**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing 0.9196 acre, more or less.

**John Johnson and Janice M. Johnson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Edward E.**

alarm at the American Legion in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded and found a delivery truck at the location.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received a report of a juvenile that failed to go to school in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:10 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt completed the detail.

1:32 p.m. - Received a report vehicle crash with no injury on US 150 near Morgan Curve Road. The vehicle slid off of the roadway without causing damage. Major Burkhardt and T&R Mechanics Wrecker responded.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a semi blocking both lanes of travel on US 231 just north of the West Boggs Park entrance. Loogootee Officer Keller, West Boggs Ranger Axsom, and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with injury on US 50 and High Street in Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported subjects to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 50 at Buffalo Bottoms. Trooper Sexton advised they have assistance in route.

8:24 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on US 50 westbound towards Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and LPD were notified.

8:29 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Dover Hill. Deputy Harmon was notified.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance east of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

4:41 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash on East River Road at the intersection of Boat Club Lane. The driver and vehicle fled the scene before emergency units arrived. There was damage to the private property located at the intersection. Deputy Harmon, Martin County EMS, and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:21 a.m. - Received a report of a female being threatened by a male northeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Officer Nolan, and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

**Schnarr, Nicholas E. Schnarr, and Dustin M. Schnarr**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing 10.1908 acres, more or less.

**Judith I. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Annabelle Hall**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 2 and Lot Number 3 in the Original Town of Crane.

**Beverly A. Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nicole L. Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter lying south and east of the Shoals and Pleasant Valley Highway, being in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing 2 acres, more or less.

6:22 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on US 50 east of State Road 650. Sergeant Keller and Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:18 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 eastbound entering Martin County. Sergeant Keller was notified.

10:25 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Shoals. Sergeant Keller completed the detail.

10:32 p.m. - Received a request for an officer at the scene of the crash on East River Road. Sergeant Keller responded and recovered vehicle parts.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a family dispute north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a motorcycle ride. Trooper Beaver assisted.

4:59 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on US 231 from West Boggs Park. Deputy Harmon was advised.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Abel Hill Road. Deputy Harmon and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of two missing children at Lark Ranch. Deputy Harmon and Trooper Beaver responded. At 8:30 p.m., the children were located.

6:31 p.m. - Received a report of a male subject lost in the woods at the Martin State Forest. Deputy Harmon and the Shoals Fire Department responded. A short time later the male was found.

8:13 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on State Road 450. There was minimal damage to the vehicle. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:18 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 near Wood School Road. The vehicle was heavily damaged. Trooper Beaver and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

11:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

12:33 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on Bledsoe Lane just east of US 231. Deputy Harmon responded.

10:41 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm at the America Legion in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:39 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute south of Loogootee. The female party involved caused injury to herself. Sergeant Keller and Martin County EMS responded.

12:18 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock at RJ's in Shoals. Sergeant Keller completed the detail.

1:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance just east of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to IU Health, Paoli.

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of a stove smoking south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Fire Department, and Martin County EMS responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of a possible broken down vehicle on US 231 near 200 S. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

10:03 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Loogootee. LPD and Deputy Harmon were advised.

## FALL CLEAN-UP

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## ISP awarded COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program Grant

The Indiana State Police has been notified, on behalf of Attorney General Eric Holder, that the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Policing Services, has awarded ISP funding under the 2014 Anti-Methamphetamine Program Grant (CAMP). ISP has been awarded \$567,000 in federal funds over the next two-year grant period.

All funds awarded under CAMP must be used to investigate illicit activities related to the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine. Funds awarded in this program shall be used exclusively for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities, including precursor diversion, laboratories, or methamphetamine traffickers.

According to statistics from Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Section, Indiana led the nation last year in the number of meth lab seizures with a total of 1,808 seizures taking place throughout the state, a 4.7 percent jump from the 1,726 incidents reported the previous year.

Indiana State Police Methamphetamine Suppression Section (MSS) Commander, First Sergeant Niki Crawford, said that the Indiana State Police is honored that its grant submission was fully funded from the grant proposal submitted. "Since the formation of the state's full-time methamphetamine suppression section in 2006, MSS personnel have been working to educate residents, community leaders, business owners and others," Crawford said. "That focus has led to more people reaching out to police when they see what they believe to be meth-related activity. We are pleased that our efforts have proven that community partnerships work in fighting crime."

The number of Indiana State Police personnel with the training to respond to meth lab crime scenes has grown in recent years. In 2006, 23 people were considered full-time personnel, according to the Indiana Methamphetamine Suppression Section website. There are now 19 full-time personnel and an additional 111 clandestine lab team members.

Additional information and statistics on methamphetamine and clandestine labs in Indiana can be found at the Indiana State Police website at [www.in.gov/isp](http://www.in.gov/isp) then click on the link "Meth Investigation System"

Anonymous tips concerning illicit drug activity can be made at the Meth Investigation website or by calling the ISP drug tip line at 1-800-453-4756.

If your group or business would like to receive a presentation on methamphetamine and clandestine labs contact First Sergeant Niki Crawford at (317) 234-4593.

Below are the top ten Indiana meth lab counties from January thru August 2014.

- Top Ten Counties
1. Delaware 89 D51
  2. Noble 39 D22
  3. Kosciusko 37 D24
  4. Dekalb Elkhart 35 D22 D24
  5. Decatur Monroe 32 D42 D33
  6. Allen Vanderburgh 31 D22 D35
  7. Miami 30 D16
  8. Madison 26 D51
  9. Tippecanoe 25 D14
  10. Clark 25 D45
- Total 369 38%  
Total Labs 981

## Accident reports

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

11:48 a.m. - Sarah J. Arvin, of Loogootee, was operating a 2008 Chevy on Hwy 231. Arvin stated that she took her eyes off the road for a second, looked up, lost control and ran off the road. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill investigated.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:43 a.m. - Camilla Summers, of Loogootee, was operating a 2001 Chevy and attempting to turn onto Broadway Street when she pulled into the path of a 2011 Chevy operated by Weldon Samm, of Jasonville. Officer Keller investigated.

## Court News

### CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed October 1

Asset Acceptance, LLC vs. Amy Burks, civil collection.

Lacy A. Roach vs. Robert G. Roach, II, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tammie A. Guzman vs. Jose A. Guzman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Robert E. Smith vs. Cecilia N. Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### October 2

Brian S. Boyd vs. Aletha M. Boyd, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### October 6

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Richard Dinkens, civil collection.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Brenda Allen, civil collection.

## Avoid car-deer crashes

Each fall the annual crop harvest coupled with the beginning of hunting season and the "rut," (deer mating season) makes deer movement more prominent and the number of car/deer crashes increase. Motorists are reminded to use extra caution when driving in rural areas of Indiana. Deer are generally more active in the early morning (pre-dawn) hours or the hours just after dusk but could be on the move at any time.

Motorists should take the following precautions when driving in rural areas to avoid having a crash involving a deer:

- When possible use high beam headlights at night and be aware that deer could be standing on or near the side of the roadway.

- Drivers should watch approaching vehicles and observe what may break their headlights beams; it could be a passing deer. This technique allows extra time to slow your speed and be alert for the deer.

- Watch for reflections from the deer's eyes.

- Where there is one deer there are often several. Do not assume you missed the deer because more could follow. BE ALERT!

- If your vehicle strikes a deer, do not touch it. A frightened or wounded deer can cause you serious bodily injury. Remain in your car, make sure you and your passengers are safe, and call the police to obtain a crash report for your insurance company. You should report this as you would any other crash.

- Make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up!

For information concerning deer habits, population, and trends in your area contact your local conservation officer or the Indiana DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife at [www.in.gov/dnr/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/) or call 317-232-4200.

## Loogootee Police Department log

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

1:09 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious noises on Ackerman Drive.

8:50 a.m. - Female came on station to report child abuse.

10:00 a.m. - Caller reported reckless driving on SW 2nd Street.

1:50 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

4:14 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a juvenile.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:10 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on Hwy 231.

8:28 p.m. - Caller reported a large object in the road on Hwy 50.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

7:12 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a juvenile.

9:06 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:43 a.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

9:48 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

9:55 a.m. - Caller reported someone burning leaves.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious persons on Park Street. Officer were unable to locate.

4:05 p.m. - Received a report of a phone scam.

8:52 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Shaded Estates.

9:05 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

9:10 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism to her vehicle.

10:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person on Broadway Street.

11:12 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

12:21 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on SW 3rd Street.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

4:48 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

6:08 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

7:30 p.m. - Caller reported reckless drivers in the high school parking lot. One driver was cited.

8:25 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

11:12 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:18 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

6:13 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

9:59 p.m. - Received a report of loud music on Clark Street.

11:20 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:30 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in Redwing Trailer Court.

7:42 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism to a vehicle.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

10:04 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male sitting in a vehicle at McDonalds.

## Jail bookings

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

2:55 p.m. - Chris Kern, of Loogootee, was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident and reckless driving. Kern is being held on \$25,000 or 10% bond. Kern was arrested by Deputy Baker.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

11:07 p.m. - Gregory Machmer, of Loogootee, was arrested for possession of a handgun without a permit, removing identification marks on a handgun, and public intoxication. Machmer is being held without bond. Machmer was arrested by Trooper Beaver.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

4:47 p.m. - James E. Jones, 27, of Shoals, was arrested for a failure to appear warrant. Jones is being held without bond. Jones was arrested by Trooper Sexton.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:00 p.m. - Shawn W. Simonson, of Terre Haute, was arrested for a failure to appear warrant out of Vigo County. Simonson is being held awaiting extradition from Vigo County. Simonson was arrested by Sergeant Keller.



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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Fall color has arrived in the Hoosier Hills. It should be a good year for color. We had adequate rain during the summer to ensure the trees will hold onto their leaves during the colorful change. If the rains this week do not cause the leaves to fall off too quickly, we should see the peak of fall color in the next two weeks. My favorite viewing place is Patoka Lake. I cannot imagine a more beautiful sight than that of Tillery Hill with its colorful canopy reflected in the water. Wherever you like to view the change of seasons, take a little time to do so this week.

I have had several calls lately about moles tearing up lawns. I wish I had a solution for this, but while we live in a wonderful age of technology, it seems the spear trap remains the most reliable weapon in the war on moles. Some mole-chasing gadgets may encourage moles to move out of your yard into that of a neighbor, and some chemical repellents may have limited results, but the moles usually return as soon as the repellent washes away.

Moles often get the blame for more prob-

lems than they actually cause. Moles are carnivores, with a diet consisting mostly of grubs and earthworms. They do not eat bulbs or the roots of plants, but may push both out of the ground, where they die from exposure to the elements. The tunnels constructed by moles also may be used by field mice and voles, who will eat plant materials.

As difficult as it is to believe, moles actually often do gardeners a favor. Their digging breaks up compacted soils, aerating the garden beds better than any man-made machine. Unfortunately, they do not tunnel only in the areas that need aeration. Their unsightly tunnels are the bane of those who seek manicured lawns. As long-time readers know, I am not a fan of lawns anyway, so I usually just wait until the moles move deeper into the soil for their winter hibernation and tamp down the places they have raised.

I've read that some people consider the mole to be a delicacy. Perhaps there could be a profit made raising them for market—just a thought.

## Purdue ag economist: Pork supplies to increase faster than expected

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

A new federal report suggests that pork producers will be able to get more pork to consumers - and more quickly - than had been expected, Purdue University agricultural economist Chris Hurt says.

The rising volume of pork production over the next year will result from fewer pig deaths from the porcine epidemic diarrhea virus, known as PEDv; more farrowings from producers expanding their inventory;

and higher market weights this fall and winter, Hurt said in his analysis of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Hogs and Pigs report this week.

"More baby pigs survived this summer than expected, and that will help boost pork supplies by the end of the year and into the winter," he said.

Hurt said the national rate of pigs per litter might actually be above year-previous levels beginning late this fall.

He noted that while PEDv is not yet controlled, there are several reasons why its spread and the number of pig deaths could be reduced: two vaccines have been approved, there is better understanding of methods of how the virus is transmitted, and biosecurity on farms has improved.

Pork producers have incentive to expand as a result of record profits this summer, high prices they are receiving for hogs and low feed prices from projected record crops this fall, Hurt said.

Market weights could be a little higher this fall and winter, driven by low-priced feed and favorable profit margins, he said.

Hurt expects pork supplies this fall to be down about 1 percent, with winter supplies rising by 1 percent. He also projects farrowing expansion this fall will increase pork supplies next spring by 4 percent and by 5 percent by the summer.

With a bounty of corn and soybean crops now being harvested, grain farmers will want to know whether pork production will grow enough to significantly help corn and soybean meal consumption for the 2014-15 marketing year. Hurt said only about 2 percent more pork will be produced in that corn and soybean marketing year. But nearly 4 percent more pork is expected for the 2015 calendar year.

"The point is that it takes time to build the animal base and that more than one-half of the marketing year will be over before market hog numbers really begin to rise in the spring of 2015," he said. "However, grain farmers can be confident that the feed usage base will continue to build for the 2015-16 marketing year."

Per-head profits for farrow-to-finish producers, now estimated at \$60 for 2014 based on average costs, are expected to decline to about \$30 per head in 2015 as a result of expanded pork production.

Hurt's complete analysis is available at <http://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2014/09/more-pork-please-more-quickly.html>.

## Life jackets are not just for summer

As the weather cools, wearing an overcoat becomes a nearly automatic equipment choice for enjoying the outdoors.

At the same time, many people recreating around water seem to forget about wearing another, more vital type of jacket—a life jacket.

That's a mistake that can be life threatening during a season when many enjoy kayaking or canoeing, duck hunting from a johnboat, or taking a late-winter ice-fishing trip.

Water temperatures plummet, increasing the chance of hypothermia and the risk of drowning, particularly if a person goes overboard while not wearing a life jacket.

Indiana law requires all vessels to carry one wearable U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD (personal floatation device) for each person on board. In addition, vessels 16 feet in length or longer (except a canoe or kayak) must have one USCG-approved PFD on board and readily accessible.

Common sense, however, requires that you wear a life jacket at all times while on the water, no matter what the season.

"Cold water brings additional concerns to

the recreating public," said Indiana Boating Law administrator Lt. Kenton Turner. "Life jackets are a yearlong priority and should be the first thought on everyone's mind when enjoying Indiana's waterways."

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**ROUSH**  
for SHERIFF

The following is the speech I presented at the Farm Bureau sponsored "Meet Your Candidate" event on October 4th. I want to share my message with those of you that couldn't attend and those that couldn't view the speech via the Internet.

Good morning. I want to thank everyone for attending this event, and I want to thank Farm Bureau for creating a venue to share my thoughts on the Sheriff's Office. I have a lot to share with you all in a very short amount of time, but hopefully at the end of these few minutes you will have a stronger sense of m- expectations for the Sheriff's Office. There are three primary components I feel must comprise the office. Those three are public relations, crime targeting, and leadership.

The first component I will address is public relations. I will promote a customer service approach. Our citizens must be treated as if they are in the free market, and to successful organizations that means being treated as valued customers. If elected I will implement an open door policy. In the free market you have a customer service desk if you need to voice concerns or suggestions. I will make my desk a place to listen to those concerns. I will set aside special days and hours for people that can't make a visit during normal business hours because of their work demands. The result of an improved connection with the community will lead to safer and better served customers; and those customers are our citizens.

The second component I want to address is crime targeting. This means targeting criminals, if that sounds aggressive it's meant to. We must be proactive, NOT reactive. We cannot afford to be historians; reporting and recording problems.... we must prevent problems. Along with acquiring a K-9 unit I will help to improve the tactical platform of the department. This will increase our self-reliance, so we are not so dependent on other agencies. This will increase our response time when we have actionable intelligence, so we can conduct more raids on meth labs and other criminal targets.

My intent is to make Martin County a hard target. In a military context this means making yourself a less appealing target to the enemy than the guy next to you. We need to take the same approach here... at home. It's not that I don't care about our fellow Hoosiers in neighboring counties, but if I am elected my focus will be on serving and protecting the people of Martin County. By making us a hard target, criminals are going to think twice about operating here, we are going to make them feel uncomfortable; let them seek comfort somewhere else! But not here! Not Martin County.

The final component I want to address is leadership, and it's the most important component for any organization. We see this truth everywhere in our daily lives. You can have the best students and the best lifelong teachers, but you must have the best administrators directing the schools. You can have diligent employees, but if the CEO is only interested in the status quo you will never be a Fortune 500 Company. You can have the best military in the world, but it's only as effective as the man commanding it.

Organizational experience has value, BUT the question for our community and for this election is, "Is experience sufficient?" BECAUSE, what is an absolute necessity for a successful organization, is bold leadership. Leadership that leverages not only experience, but brings to bear All assets to meet objectives, assets such as key stakeholders, like the community. We all have seen the benefits when leaders, with those desirable and intangible qualities, have provided leadership within our communities.

I mentioned earlier the need for a K-9 Unit. If we are serious about combating meth and other problems, such as theft and home breaks-ins, which I think are linked to meth, you need tools to combat it, and a dog is one of those essential tools. Perhaps, the reason we don't have a K-9 unit is, because of legitimate cost reasons. BUT, leaders adapt improvise and overcome to meet their objectives. If the town of Shoals raised over \$10,000 for fireworks, which is a wonderful thing, and something to be proud of, I believe Martin County can raise funds for a K-9 Unit, which has over a 5 year working life. We can do this through private philanthropy and corporate donations. Leaders sound such rallying cries for common causes; to lobby the support of the community.

I'm going to close here. What I didn't talk to you about this morning was my resume. If you want to know more about my experience and background I encourage you to take one of my information brochures, look at my website, or just call me. I've been fortunate enough to serve and lead in world-class organizations, and I want to adopt those world-class practices here at home.

Experience is important, but I didn't come here this morning to talk about what I did yesterday. I wanted my message to focus on how I'm going to improve the future of Martin County, if I am elected as your Sheriff. If you like the ideas presented to you this morning and want to see them implemented, along with many others.... Regardless, if it is an election year or not, and my notion and vision of the Sheriff's Office is aligned with yours...my name is Travis Roush, and I need your support when you cast your ballot next month. Thank you all.

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# Falling gasoline prices: There are lots of reasons why

**BY KEITH ROBINSON**  
*Purdue University News Service*

Plummeting gasoline prices are the result of lagging economic growth in many parts of the world, the end of the summer driving season, less expensive winter gasoline and well-functioning Midwest refineries, Purdue University energy economist Wally Tyner says.

There's both good news and potentially bad news in all of that.

"Lower energy costs are like a tax cut," Tyner said, "meaning they give us more money to spend on other things, so the economy can be stimulated. However, the prices are lower in part because global demand has fallen, which means that there is less demand for the goods and services we export, which drags the economy down."

"Thus, the immediate effect is more disposable income for consumers, but longer term, that may be at least partially offset by reduced exports."

Tyner noted that the price of crude oil has fallen by more than \$20 per barrel since the summer. It is currently about \$84. He said gasoline prices fall by an average of 2.5 cents for every dollar that the price of crude oil falls. A drop of \$20 in crude oil represents 50 cents at the pump.

Crude oil prices are dropping because of

slow economic growth in Europe, China and many other parts of the world.

"Even the U.S. is growing slower than expected," Tyner said.

The slow growth around the world means less demand for the gasoline that the U.S. exports, lowering prices here in return, he said.

In addition, demand for gasoline typically drops off after the summer, a time when people are out and about, using cars on vacations and other outings. Less demand results in lower prices.

Also contributing to falling crude oil

prices, Tyner said, are abundant supplies from the dramatic increase in U.S. production of oil from shale and the return of Libya to the world market.

The industry's switch from summer to winter gasoline also has provided some relief at the pump, normally at least 5 cents a gallon, Tyner said.

Tyner pointed out that Midwest gasoline prices historically have been a bit higher than the national average. But since early summer that has not been the case.

"Midwest refineries are all functioning

well," he said. He noted that the refinery in Whiting, Indiana - the largest in the region - uses heavy crude such as Canadian oil sands crude, which is less expensive than lighter crudes.

Tyner said the prospects look good for prices at the pump to stay around current levels, at least in the short term.

"However, no doubt we will have ups and downs because of world events or refining problems," he said. "But they are not likely to fall much more because the expensive oil cannot be produced if crude falls further."

## Purdue expert expects holiday retail sales to climb four percent

**BY JUDITH BARRA AUSTIN**  
*Purdue University News Service*

Holiday retail sales are likely to be about four percent higher than they were last year, says Richard Feinberg, a Purdue University professor of retail management.

Total holiday spending is predicted to be close to \$986 billion, he says. Surveys show that shoppers are likely to spend an average of \$650 to \$725 on gifts.

In 2013, holiday spending increased 2.8 percent over a year earlier.

Feinberg warns that geopolitical crises and public health concerns could lower consumer confidence and increase cautiousness about spending if those stories remain in the

news.

Some other observations on the 2014 holiday retail season:

\* While sales are likely to increase, so are the number of retailers and Internet sites available to consumers. That will dilute any increase for many retailers, Feinberg says.

\* Most of the non-luxury, large retailers will appeal to consumers' prime motivation: price. That means heavy promotions and constant sales. The main issue is that wage growth has been flat too low for most consumers, and increasing health care costs have offset low inflation.

Flash and limited-time sales will be used by a majority of retailers because they cre-

ate a sense of urgency and they work.

\* Late-night and even 24-hour shopping has become so prevalent that many retailers now feel they have to be open nearly all the time to keep up with the competition, Feinberg says.

\* Black Friday is now Black November, Feinberg says. Retailers no longer wait for the Friday after Thanksgiving to launch big door-buster sales. A dollar spent on holiday gifts in the first week in November in a store is a dollar that another retailer cannot get in the third week of November.

Still, 75 percent of consumers say they will shop on Black Friday, either in traditional stores or online.

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## National settlement reached with AT&T for “mobile cramming”

Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced Indiana’s involvement in a \$105 million national settlement reached last Wednesday with AT&T Mobility LLC, resolving allegations that the company placed charges for third-party services on customers’ cell phone bills that had not been authorized by the customer – a practice known as “mobile cramming.”

Zoeller joined attorneys general from 49 states and the District of Columbia, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in what has become the first national settlement to address mobile cramming allegations.

AT&T customers who were “crammed” complained about charges, typically \$9.99 per month, for “premium” text message subscription services (also known as “PSMS” subscriptions) such as horoscopes, trivia, and sports scores, that they had never heard of or requested. The attorneys general and federal regulators allege that cramming occurred when AT&T Mobility placed charges on consumers’ mobile telephone bills for these services without the consumer’s knowledge or consent.

Under the terms of the settlement, AT&T Mobility is required to provide \$80 million in funds to be used to pay refunds to consumers who were victims of cramming. The fund will be administered by the FTC.

Zoeller said an estimated 460,000 Hoosiers could be impacted by the settlement, and will be able to apply for a refund by visiting [www.ftc.gov/att](http://www.ftc.gov/att) beginning last Wednesday. If consumers are unsure about whether they are eligible for a refund, they can visit the claims website or contact the Claims Administrator at 1-877-819-9692 for more information.

He said eligible consumers should file a claim immediately.

“My office is working with our partners to secure refunds for Indiana residents who were overcharged by AT&T for text services they did not want or agree to,” Zoeller said.

“While this agreement gives AT&T customers the tools to effectively eliminate cramming for now, this is a good reminder that people should pay close attention to their bills for any questionable fees or extra charges.”

AT&T Mobility was among the four major mobile carriers—in addition to Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile—that announced it would cease billing their customers for commercial PSMS charges last fall.

The settlement requires AT&T Mobility to stay out of the commercial PSMS business—the platform to which law enforcement agencies attribute the lion’s share of the mobile cramming problem. Additional terms require AT&T Mobility to take a number of steps designed to ensure that it only bills consumers for third-party charges that have been authorized, including the following:

AT&T Mobility must obtain consumers’ express consent before billing consumers for third-party charges, and must ensure that consumers are only charged for services if the consumer has been informed of all material terms and conditions of their payment;

AT&T Mobility must provide a full refund or credit to consumers who are billed for unauthorized third-party charges at any time after this settlement;

AT&T Mobility must inform its customers when the consumers sign up for services that their mobile phone can be used to pay for third-party charges, and must inform consumers of how those third-party charges can be blocked if the consumer doesn’t want to use their phone as a payment method for third-party products; and

AT&T Mobility must present third-party charges in a dedicated section of consumers’ mobile phone bills, must clearly distinguish them from AT&T Mobility’s charges, and must include in that same section information about the consumers’ ability to block third-party charges.

Zoeller thanked Deputy Attorneys General Tom Irons and Eliza Bradley for their work on this case.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



### Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Thinking Pink!

It is a sad reality that nearly all of us have been impacted by breast cancer. For instance, you may have heard that in the U. S. alone, it is estimated that one in eight women will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.

This disease affects us all personally, and I have had many friends and relatives that have been impacted by it. Across the country, Breast Cancer Awareness Month has become a symbol of hope, so now is the time to join the cause and help raise awareness in order to make a difference.

Our job in this fight is not over until we begin to see a decreasing number of those affected and increasing number of survivors.

While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the necessary steps towards early detection. Early detection is one of the greatest tools we have because breast cancer that is detected early, in the localized stage, has a five-year survival rate of 98 percent.

With today’s current technology, the best screening tool is mammography. Using x-rays, a mammogram makes it possible to detect tumors that cannot be felt. Screening mammograms can also be used to find deposits of calcium that sometimes indicate the presence of breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society recommends that women should get a mammogram every year starting at age 40, but even before 40, it is important to remain vigilant. In fact, women in their 20s and 30s are advised to have a clinical breast exam as part of a regular health exam, preferably every three years.

A lesser known fact is that men are also impacted by breast cancer. This year alone,

it is estimated that 2,360 men will be diagnosed with a new case of invasive breast cancer. While men do not typically get mammograms, they are still encouraged not to ignore breast lumps and to see a doctor if they have even the slightest uncertainty.

For both men and women, early detection is vitally important. However, I know that not everyone can afford to be as attentive as this disease often requires. Thankfully, throughout the country, low-cost or free mammograms are available to those who need it most.

Komen Affiliates fund breast cancer education, screening and treatment projects in their communities. By calling 1-877-GO-KOMEN (1-877-465-6636) you can find these low-cost options in our area. Many imaging centers are also currently offering mammograms at reduced rates in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To find a certified mammography center near you, please visit the Federal Drug Administration website at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

As we impatiently wait for a cure, we must continue the daily fight to battle breast cancer. With the holiday season right around the corner, as you begin to think of ways to give back to the community, I would encourage you to get involved and help raise awareness to support this cause.

If you are able, donations can be made at any time to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. There are also opportunities to get involved by simply volunteering your time. For details on how to get involved, please visit [www.nationalbreastcancer.org/](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/). Each one of us can make a difference, and together that difference can be even greater.

*Rep. Messmer (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.*

## Indiana Medicaid to receive \$708K from Extencicare in settlement

The State of Indiana’s Medicaid program will receive more than \$708,000 from Extencicare Health Services Inc. in a settlement to resolve allegations that the nursing home company wrongly billed Medicaid for substandard nursing services that were so deficient they were effectively worthless, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced.

As a result of a joint investigation by eight states and the federal government, Extencicare Health Services and its subsidiary, Progressive Step Corporation or ProStep reached an agreement to settle allegations the companies wrongfully billed Medicare and Medicaid for substandard services provided to residents in their facilities. Extencicare and ProStep will pay \$28 million to resolve the substandard services allegations; and of that, the Indiana Medicaid program will recover \$708,748.28 for ineligible reimbursement overpayments the companies had received.

“The investigation found that the trust of our most vulnerable senior citizens who depend on these facilities was violated when the company failed to provide substantial services or billed for substandard services. It won’t be tolerated, and this settlement agreement will recover the Medicaid reimbursement payments the company wrongly received and also compel changes by the company so that better protections are in place,” Zoeller said. The Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) worked on the multistate investigation and settlement negotiations.

The settlement resolves allegations that between 2007 and 2013, Extencicare billed the state-and-federal Medicaid program and federal Medicare program for materially substandard skilled nursing services, and failed to provide care to its residents that met federal and state standards of care and regulatory requirements. The states and the federal government alleged that

Extencicare failed to have a sufficient number of skilled nurses to adequately care for its skilled nursing residents; failed to provide adequate catheter care to some of the residents; and failed to follow the appropriate protocols to prevent pressure ulcers or falls.

Ontario-based Extencicare Inc. has corporate headquarters in Milwaukee and operates 146 skilled nursing facilities in 11 states, including Indiana.

In the settlement, Extencicare and ProStep do not admit wrongdoing. The defendants were required to agree to a five-year, chain-wide Corporate Integrity Agreement to ensure that residents are provided with the quality of care to which they are entitled. The agreement applies to all 146 Extencicare locations, under which Extencicare must have a comprehensive compliance program to address staffing and quality of care provided to its residents. Extencicare must retain an independent monitor who will regularly visit Extencicare’s facilities and report to the Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG).

The U.S. Department of Justice described the Extencicare and ProStep national settlement as the largest failure-of-care settlement with a chain-wide skilled nursing facility in the Department’s history. In addition to the \$28 million that reimburses the Medicaid program, Extencicare also must pay another \$10 million to resolve separate federal allegations of illegal upcoding, or over-billing, of claims to the federal Medicare program.

Other states in addition to Indiana participating in the Medicaid settlement with Ex-

tencicare and ProStep are Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Zoeller thanked two members of the Indiana Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit who worked on the complex multistate investigation and served on the settlement-negotiation team: Deputy Attorney General Jessica Harlan-York, and Deputy Attorney General Kristen Kemp.

Zoeller urges Hoosiers who have family members in any nursing home facility regardless of its ownership to be aware of any changes in the resident’s condition, appearance or demeanor that could be signs of substandard care, neglect, abuse, dehydration or malnourishment. Complaints of abuse, neglect or financial fraud against patients in nursing home facilities can be reported to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit by calling 800-382-1039. More information about warning signs to look for in nursing home care can be found on the Attorney General’s web site at this link: <http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2360.htm>

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## Volleyball Sectional starts next Tuesday in Loogootee

The 2014 Class 1A Volleyball Sectional will begin next Tuesday, October 21. In the first match, North Daviess will take on Vincennes Rivet at 6 p.m. and Loogootee will go up against Barr-Reeve in the second match at 7:30 p.m. The sectional will be held in Loogootee at Jack Butcher Arena. Washington Catholic and Shoals both received byes and will play in the semi-finals on Saturday. The championship will be held Saturday night.

The Loogootee High School Varsity Volleyball Team competed in the Heritage Hills Tournament this past Saturday, October 11. The girls defeated Corydon, 25-20 and 25-18, but lost to New Albany, 25-27 and 21-25.

In the match against New Albany, Kylie Hall led in points with eight and also had eight assists. Lauren Bowling finished with seven points and Breigh LaMar had seven assists. Kailye Robbins contributed eight digs and three kills, Emily Brookshire and Waylee Wagoner finished with six digs each. Mya Hedrick had five kills and Julianne Bell contributed three.

The girls move to 18-10 on the season and will play South Knox at home tomorrow night at 6 p.m.

In the Corydon match, Wagoner led in points with 10 and contributed five digs. Hall had seven assists followed by LaMar with six assists and five points. Brookshire and Robbins each had four points, Bowling finished with three digs, Hedrick and Bell

each had five kills and Walton had three kills.

The girls were defeated at home against Bedford North Lawrence last Thursday, October 9 in three sets, 10-25, 15-25, and 10-25.

LaMar finished with six assists and six points and Bowling contributed two points. Hall had four assists, Brookshire and Wagoner had nine digs each and Robbins finished with eight digs and two kills. Hedrick and Bell each contributed three kills and Bateman finished with two.

The junior varsity team was also defeated by BNL in two sets, 19-25 and 24-25.

### Simmons, Krzesniak move on to cross country regional

The Loogootee High School Cross Country Team competed in the Jasper Sectional this past Saturday, October 11. Jake Simmons and Jonathan Krzesniak will both move on to the regional this Saturday, October 18 in Crawford County. According to Coach Adam Tompkins, "I'm very proud of these two with all their hard work on the season."

Simmons finished in 30th place at sectional with a time of 19:52.4 and Krzesniak finished 34th with a time of 20:09.88.

Also placing in sectional were Nick Reinhart in 50th with a time of 22:07.94 and Mac Osborne in 54th with a time of 23:58.24.

## Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

### LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY Breakfast

Thursday, October 16 Pancakes, mixed fruit

Friday, October 17 Scrambled eggs, wheat toast, peaches

Monday, October 20 Cereal, string cheese, orange

Tuesday, October 21 Whole grain biscuit and gravy, pears

Wednesday, October 22 Donut, mixed fruit

Lunch

Thursday, October 16 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, oranges, milk

Friday, October 17 Pizza, French fries, pears, broccoli and cheese, milk

Monday, October 20 Quesadillas, refried beans, lettuce, rice, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, October 21 Chicken strips, Texas toast, carrots, rice, pineapple, milk

### Wednesday, October 22

Turkey and noodles, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, milk

### LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

Thursday, October 16

Salisbury steak, pizza or chef salad; mashed potatoes, carrots, oranges, milk

Friday, October 17

Pizza or chef salad, French fries, pears, broccoli and cheese, milk

Monday, October 20

Quesadillas, pizza or chef salad; refried beans, lettuce, rice, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, October 21

Chicken strips, pizza or chef salad; Texas toast, carrots, rice, pineapple, milk

Wednesday, October 22

Turkey and noodles, pizza or chef salad; tossed salad, green beans, peaches, milk

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I am a member of the National Rifle Association and treasurer for the East Fork Friends of the NRA since 1994. I am a member of Gun Owners of America, GOA. I am a member the VFW, Smith-O'Connor Post #8589, men's Auxiliary where I currently hold the office treasurer. I am a member of the Shoals Eagles Aerie #2442 and serve as conductor. I currently serve as a member of the Lost River Township Advisory Board.

I am a firm advocate of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. If elected, these beliefs would guide me when making decisions on behalf of the people I represent.

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New SOAR tutors are ready for new students after completing training recently. Shown from left to right are June Ryan, Linda Cropp, Laura Dawley, Julie Montgomery, and Tammy Gore.

## New SOAR tutors available for new students

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Tutor trainees are shown above practicing the Laubach method of improving reading skills.

## Calendar of Events

### Pool committee meeting

The technical review committee for the Loogootee Pool Project will meet Thursday, October 16 at 4 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. On the agenda is to open and review the statements of qualifications received from potential design-builders.

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Haysville FD Open House

The Haysville Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual open house on Sunday, October 19 from 10:30 a.m. to p.m. at the fire station. BBQ chicken dinners are being pre-sold only and can be picked up! Dinners are complete with German fries, green beans, and bread for \$10. Contact any fire department member by October 5 to purchase.

### 5K run/walk to benefit pool

The Loogootee Park Board is looking for participants for their Spooky Splash Dash 5K to be held Friday, October 24. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. in front of the former Loogootee Elementary East building on Church Street with the walk/run starting at 5:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 before October 17 and \$25 after. Children in strollers are free to participate. Shirts will be provided to those pre-registering. All proceeds will go toward the City of Loogootee Pool Fund. To pick up a registration form, stop by the Loogootee Mayor's Office in the municipal building. A fall festival will be held in Lee Kavanaugh Gym following the 5K, from 6-9 p.m. There will be games, food, and inflatable bounce houses. For more information, contact the mayor's office at 812-295-4770.

### Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

### Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third,

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### SOAR Tutoring

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### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

### Tourism meetings

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

### 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 are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit [www.martinswcd.com](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

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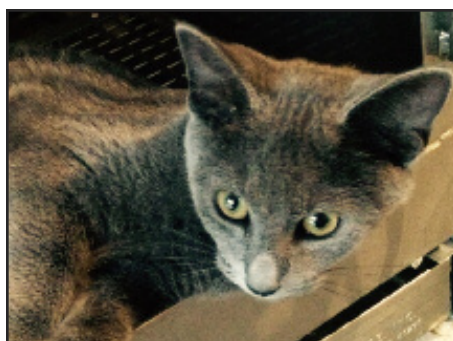
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Hutson currently services nine locations in Western Kentucky, Southern Illinois, and Northern Tennessee. Hutson has been a leader in the agriculture business since 1928. The acquisition of the Indiana locations will further expand on Hutson's commitment to deliver innovative agricultural products and services across the region.

While the names of the locations have changed, the concept of being part of the community will stay the same. Hutson's mission says it best, "Lets Grow Together." Looking to the future Hutson strives to provide the best solutions and support to our customers, employees, and the community.

"During the next few months customers can expect to see a focus on upholding our core values. Trust, commitment, integrity, reliability, and customer focus are not just words to us, they are the standards we represent," said Barry Carson, president of Hutson. Those wishing to learn more about Hutson Inc. should visit [hutsoninc.com](http://hutsoninc.com) for more information.

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In the top photo is Bo Jangles. He is a two-year-old male collie/terrier mix. He is very sweet and gets along well with other dogs. Adoption fee is \$60. In the above photo is Autumn, a female six-month-old cat. She is very sweet, very loving and gets along with other cats. Adoption fee is \$40. If interested in adopting, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. any day except Sunday.



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