

Deaths in 2013 - Gone but not forgotten

The following are those who passed away in 2013, as published in the Martin County Journal. All have some connection to Martin County.

SAMUEL WARNE, SR. (8/3/63-12/24/12)
CHARLOTTE S. SIZEMORE (12/28/47-12/25/12)
CHARLES E. MILLIGAN (2/24/23-12/26/12)
JOHN D. STOLL (4/19/30-12/27/12)
HAROLD J. SEAL (3/18/32-12/28/12)
GARY D. ALBRIGHT (12/25/32-12/29/12)
MAUDI P. FAITH (9/19/41-1/2/13)
SILAS W. WOODRUFF (8/14/34-1/2/13)
JOSEPH M. LEE (11/7/26-1/5/13)
JACK "BUZZY" BRIDGES (3/28/52-1/7/13)
RACHEL LYNN MOFFITT (5/28/81-1/7/13)
MARY E. STRANGE (8/19/25-1/8/13)
HELEN MARIE GARRISON (3/28/21-1/9/13)
REVEREND WILLIS RODOIPHUS HOWARD (11/29/27-1/9/13)
ADAM RUSSEL FISCHER (1/11/78-1/10/13)
MARGARET A. TRAMBAUGH (2/28/37-1/11/13)
WAYNE C. FUHRMAN (11/20/49-1/13/13)
VIRGINIA SMITH (5/11/26-1/13/13)
ROBERT F. DICKEY (1/28/41-1/14/13)
PHILLIP D. MONTGOMERY (4/12/48-1/15/13)
MALCOLM "JAY" MACKAY (9/20/44-1/18/13)
TOM BELL (5/12/26-1/19/13)
DOUGLAS E. NAGY (1/2/57-1/21/13)
ELIZABETH "BETTY" M. (MONYOK) VASILAK (8/21/24-1/23/13)
LARRY KEITH LUTES (12/11/42-1/25/13)
CHARLES R. "SLICK" COOPER (4/11/38-1/26/13)
BARBARA "BOBBIE" HICKEY SIMS WAGGONER (8/18/29-1/26/13)
MARY E. (NICKLESS) WRIGHT-FORD (9/19/22-1/28/13)
SHIRLEY ELLEN COURTRIGHT (9/18/39-1/29/13)
ROSCOE L. "BUD" BUTLER (8/1/46-1/30/13)
CARLA J. (COOPER) HOWELL (9/12/42-1/31/13)
JOE LENGACHER, JR. (7/24/38-2/1/13)
CHERYL ANN NORRIS (1/1/45-2/3/13)
DONNA SUE ARVIN (8/1/59-2/8/13)
JAYNE MEHRINGER (10/9/41-2/9/13)
MICHAEL L. ARNEY (12/30/46-2/12/13)
JOSEPH CHARLES REHL (10/12/36-2/16/13)
CATHY L. (BECKETT) HARRIS

CORRECTION

School board elections for Loogootee and Shoals will be held in the fall General Election, not the Primary Election as was reported in last week's Martin County Journal. To run for a school board seat, you must file between July 23, 2014 through August 22, 2014 at the clerk's office. For more information, contact the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

(8/7/54-2/17/13)
JAMES EDMUND "ED" CRANEY (8/19/29-2/20/13)
BERNICE INEZ STEPHENSON (6/15/25-2/22/13)
BENJAMIN E. WAGLER (1/7/21-2/22/13)
HILBERT E. GEORGE (9/24/35-2/23/13)
ESTHER (KEMP) MILLER (6/23/21-2/24/13)
PATRICIA L. 'PAT' WILDMAN (8/27/28-2/26/13)
KENT DWAIN HUPP (1/26/59-2/27/13)
MARILYN S. STRANGE (1/25/37-2/27/13)
FLORENCE A. "FLOSSIE" DANT (9/26/20-2/28/13)
ROBERT R. "GUNNY" PAYNE (12/24/54-3/5/13)
INA E. BAKER (5/7/18-3/7/13)
STEVEN MICHAEL SANDERS (5/7/56-3/7/13)
MARTHA TUTTLE (9/7/34-3/8/13)
JERRY W. LUNDY (10/24/46-3/10/13)
PAUL E. HARDER (11/13/33-3/12/13)
NATHAN J. SCHUETZ (12/23/93-3/16/13)
MARY M. POTTS (11/4/33-3/18/13)
GERALD DONALD "JERRY" LARKIN (10/3/27-3/23/13)
MARY ALICE HANGER (4/29/28-3/25/13)
JAMES ROBERT "JIM" WILLIAMS (8/12/53-3/25/13)
JOHN W. KNEPP (7/29/33-3/27/13)
WILLIAM B. SEARL (10/30/48-3/29/13)
HARLEY L. NEIDEFFER (6/24/17-3/29/13)
BETTY J. ALLEN (5/9/26-3/30/13)
HERSCHEL ROY MYERS, JR. (2/26/42-3/30/13)
ELIZABETH MAXINE (SARGENT) PAGE (10/11/23-3/30/13)
SCOTTIE J. ASBELL (5/27/69-4/3/13)
PAUL ARTHUR (8/10/30-4/5/13)
MAX FREED (5/26/26-4/5/13)
MARY V. (ABEL) PURKHISER (5/22/28-4/6/13)
CLIFFORD DEAN COULTER (3/21/26-4/8/13)
VIRGINIA TOY (10/25/25-4/9/13)
GILBERT L. 'GIB' WININGER (9/12/40-4/9/13)
DEBORAH RENAE STEWART (3/16/69-4/13/13)
RICHARD LEE BRUNER (1/8/65-4/15/13)
IDA "CATHERINE" MCPIKE (10/23/33-4/16/13)
NORMA L. WADE (5/19/34-4/21/13)
ELLA ALLBRIGHT (5/27/23-4/28/13)
SUSAN IRENE (HOFFMAN) DIAMOND (3/20/65-5/1/13)
ELEANOR R. ERLER (8/6/24-5/1/13)
BARBARA J. DAY (5/28/38-5/5/13)
EMIL H. FUHRMAN (9/5/33-5/7/13)
ERNEST WAGLER (12/4/51-5/7/13)
SHANE DONALD NORRELL (12/3/90-5/10/13)
KENNETH DALE GRABER (11/18/71-5/12/13)
EILEEN COLE (9/19/26-5/13/13)
FREDERICK D. PADGETT (1/24/54-
(See 'DEATHS' continued on page two)

A year in headlines

JANUARY

Howell is new deputy prosecutor
Elected officials sworn in
Williams steps down as highway superintendent
County council recognizes late member (John Stoll) with moment of silence
I-69 contract awarded to Indiana Company for \$57M
Soap company making a splash
Building commission discusses problem areas in Loogootee
Intermediate school continues to advance classroom technology
Terms begin for Shoals School Board members
Mayor Noel Harty reappoints city officials in first meeting of the year
Forestry shares timber revenue with 17 counties; Martin gets \$35,258.56
Park board earns \$1 million in 2012
Two organizations help 147 Shoals children
Alliance needs funding to stay afloat after 2013
Rising waters close state roads in district
County's unemployment rate moves to 6.5 percent
Flu-related deaths in Indiana now at 27
Club reels in students at Shoals Schools
January rain nearly wipes out remaining drought in Indiana

FEBRUARY

County looking for new veteran's service officer
Tranquil Inn featured in magazine
McFeaters joins the county council
Fischer family welcomes home twins
Loogootee woman looking for gift of life
City dispatch change sparks another council debate
Martin County Schools to host Coaches vs. Cancer games
Three Loogootee School staff members retire (Bob Grannan, Teresa Nolley and Bill Powell)
Shoals School Board sets new coach hiring policy
Martin County Humane Society Board questions past decisions
Loogootee man arrested after police find gun, stolen items
Full out wins national champion title
Shoals School Board split over baseball coach
Ambulance service working with dispatching issues
Emerald ash borer found in Martin, Vigo counties
Hunters set record deer harvest in 2012 seasons

MARCH

Schools raise \$1,348 for Coaches vs. Cancer
Shoals students learn about journalism
Commissioners declare highway emergency
Photo contest winners to be on display in Martin County
Dispatch discussion continues with coun-

cil

WestGate Authority names new executive director for tech park (Donald Schulte)
Commissioners discuss residents' sewer rates due to Greene County plant
County's unemployment rate moves to 7.2 percent for January
Shoals School Board approves staff, sets 2013 graduation date
Car accident kills Loogootee teen
Sheetz, Davis announce engagement
35-year teaching veteran to retire from Loogootee (Bernie Schroeder)

Humane society wants to hire help to get organized for grant applications

Harlem Wizards are coming to Shoals
NSWC commanders' wives

enjoy tour of Martin County

APRIL

County's jobless rate second lowest in state for February
Two-vehicle crash closes US 50
Shoals students take a break in the 'Windy City'
Tyler Booker receives 2013 Lilly Scholarship
City council hires contractors, hears about Stellar Grant
Loogootee Building Commission discusses fines on unkempt property
Commissioners go over regular business, hire veteran service officer
I-69 Section 4 tree cutting now completed
Board wants input on fate of city pool
Shoals High School saves lives, one unit at a time
Shoals School Board approves staff, increases cafeteria prices
Sheriff's department bringing kid safety initiative to county schools
Shots fired call leaves man in jail on drug charges
Security guard robbed at United Gypsum plant in Shoals
Police investigate arson of vehicle parked in Shoals
'Duelling Drums' battle to first in 2013 SHS Talent Show
27 miles underway on I-69 from Crane to Bloomington
Loogootee team is finalist in international contest
Burns City business grows despite rough economy
Why in the heck is this \$24 fee for solid waste on my tax bill?
Loogootee School Board planning summer changes
Martin County's jobless rate fourth lowest in the state
Leo Padgett chosen as new highway superintendent

MAY

Commissioners question highway surplus money
Early morning traffic stop leads to three arrested
Carolyn Howard to hold book signing at (See 'HEADLINES' cont. on page two)

2013

GET OUTDOORS
Because Reality TV Is Still Just TV

DAVIESS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WEST BOGGS PARK

GLENDALE SFWA CAMPGROUND

DEATHS

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5/14/13)
FRANK PRICE (6/29/35-5/14/13)
DANIEL E. FOSTER (12/3/47-5/16/13)
KENNETH RAY LUNDY (3/18/32-5/18/13)
HENRY B. "HANK" WALKER (5/8/23-5/22/13)
ROBERT LEE PENNINGTON (3/19/41-5/24/13)
SALLY MARIE (HARDER) HOTZ (4/4/58-5/25/13)
DOROTHY E. COMBESS (8/11/23-5/28/13)
RAYMOND GERALD WARNER (10/24/81-5/29/13)
SUSAN GAYLE ROBBINS (5/26/59-6/2/13)
BERTA A. DAVIS (2/1/63-6/5/13)
SAMUEL RAY KNEPP (3/6/49-6/5/13)
ROBERT LEE "BOBBY" SHERFICK (3/17/70-6/6/13)
JOHN K. TOLBERT (7/28/50-6/8/13)
RALPH E. LOTTES (7/20/51-6/14/13)
MARY MARGARET GRABER (11/12/47-6/18/13)
DIANE MARIE WUENSCH (1/6/60-6/18/13)
JOHN HOWELL (12/21/31-6/19/13)
ROBERT "LEE" KAVANAUGH (9/11/38-6/19/13)
MARVIN W. TEDROW (12/10/46-6/19/13)
BART H. DYE (1/27/38-6/29/13)
MARTHA H. KELSEY (9/23/18-7/2/13)
ALVIN L. HAWKINS (5/15/35-7/4/13)
HAZEL M. GREGORY (7/17/25-7/7/13)
LORETTA MAE HARPER (7/29/31-7/7/13)
CAMILLA PAULINE NANCE (7/18/19-7/11/13)
BETTY CATHERINE GAINES ROBERTS (11/1/33-7/11/13)
JAMES O. BRITT (2/18/29-7/15/13)
EDNA G. JACKSON (1/19/26-7/16/13)
DAISY MAE CANADY (4/2/38-7/18/13)
ROXANA FAYE (GROFF) (BOMBRIK) OSBORNE (5/6/52-7/18/13)
REV. CLYDE DAHLAN WAKE (8/26/25-7/19/13)
GLENN W. WALTON (12/11/29-7/19/13)
GAIL JUNIOR ENGLISH (4/23/42-7/21/13)
MARGIE COLVIN (9/28/31-7/23/13)
MARTHA J. LUNDY (1/28/19-7/24/13)
BARBARA S. PARSONS (7/9/33-7/25/13)
ROBERTA "BOBBIE JO" STREET (10/25/65-7/27/13)
ISMA BROTHERS (12/13/15-7/29/13)
STEVE J. MARNER (11/18/53-8/3/13)
PAUL STOLL (1/20/55-8/3/13)
JAMES FLOYD HARLOW (10/29/33-8/4/13)
BETTY JEAN IRWIN (8/3/27-8/6/13)
LOIS K. DEARWESTER (7/18/26-8/10/13)
DELORES (KINNICK) BENGE (6/26/31-8/11/13)
BETTY J. ARMES (12/18/28-8/17/13)
LYNDA KAY COMBS (7/12/42-8/17/13)
RUSSELL E. EDWARDS (4/22/25-8/17/13)
FANNIE GRABER (7/2/62-8/17/13)
JOHN RAYMOND "JACK" NORRIS (10/14/26-8/19/13)
PATRICIA J. BYERS (9/3/46-8/30/13)
AUSTIN BENJAMIN WAGLER (3/10/13-8/31/13)
PATRICIA LOUISE PIELEMEIER (5/24/58-9/1/13)
WILLIAM MICHAEL COLE (9/1/13-9/1/13)
AUSTYN KYEL ERWIN-YODER (11/16/94-9/2/13)
PHILIP MICHAEL DAGES (5/1/32-9/7/13)
HARLEY L. BRATTON (2/16/30-9/8/13)
MARY ANN KRODEL (2/19/34-9/9/13)
JUSTIN ALLEN COLE, JR. (9/1/13-9/10/13)
NATHAN RAY ARTHUR (12/4/81-9/14/13)
GEORGE E. MCKIBBEN (7/31/27-9/15/13)
BOBBY DEAN TERRY (5/1/44-9/15/13)
JAMES M. "JIM" SAUL (5/27/49-9/17/13)
DANIEL LOUIS MATTINGLY (6/19/56-9/19/13)

MARTHA L. TARRH (5/8/24-9/20/13)
VIRGIL L. WININGER (9/26/35-9/21/13)
DIANNA LYNN GREGORY (3/14/48-9/25/13)
HAYDEN L. "CUTTIE" SUTTON (9/14/27-9/25/13)
DONALD O. MATHIAS (6/23/30-9/27/13)
ELLANIE GRACE WAGLER (9/24/13-9/27/13)
BRANDON KYLE WAGLER (1/17/95-9/29/13)
WANDA "PAULINE" FISHER (11/14/36-10/3/13)
RENEE SUZANNE ROBINSON (4/15/58-10/4/13)
JOSEPH P. KEMP (10/31/32-10/6/13)
WILLIAM DAVID COMPTON III (10/14/94-10/8/13)
MIRIAM QUINN (3/28/34-10/10/13)
MARY LOU STAFFORD (11/11/31-10/12/13)
SANDRA FAYE ASBELL (12/12/58-10/13/13)
ROBERT ERNEST HORTIE, SR. (10/20/29-10/15/13)
ROBERT M. BRETT (6/22/21-10/16/13)
JAMES ALBERT RAGSDALE (10/2/26-10/16/13)
KEVIN PAUL SWECKARD (6/24/77-10/20/13)
REBECCA A. WHITE (10/17/84-10/20/13)
ELIZABETH "BETTY" PARSONS (7/21/28-10/22/13)
RICHARD E. HARTLEY (3/17/71-10/26/13)
MILDRED L. (GAMMON) QUINN (4/23/25-10/28/13)
RANDY DALE "BOGGIE" AXE (1/19/54-10/31/13)
JOE RINGWALD (12/18/53-11/1/13)
RAYMOND L. BERRY (5/30/35-11/3/13)
ROBIN JONES (6/1/57-11/3/13)
PEGGY SUE (DODSON) OCHS (2/3/51-11/6/13)
LOUANNA CATHERINE RICKARD (7/28/21-11/8/13)
ROSE IRENE SEALS (4/11/22-11/12/13)
WILLIAM P. JOHNSON (10/30/24-11/17/13)
CIARA NICOLE MOORE (11/17/13-11/18/13)
RAYMOND LEE PATTERSON (11/7/28-11/19/13)
DORIS "BONNIE" DAVIS (10/21/38-11/21/13)
JASON "JAY" KILLION (6/4/74-11/25/13)
LOUIS W. GRABER (9/8/36-11/26/13)
MARY ELEANOR (GAINES) PURDUE (3/16/41-11/28/13)
WILFORD "BUD" BUHR (12/31/29-11/30/13)
ELSIE MARTHA (BAUER) GIBBS (10/30/31-12/3/13)
DOUGLAS "SCOTT" SOUERDIKE (8/18/63-12/7/13)
MARIANN (WUENSCH) WININGER (9/28/34-12/8/13)
WILLIAM E. PATTISON (9/12/22-12/10/13)
BETTY F. (CRIM) MACKISON (6/20/27-12/12/13)
JOYCE LOUISE SMITH (10/9/29-12/12/13)
EARL T. SEAL (1/11/22-12/13/13)
RUTH ANN ROACH (9/24/31-12/15/13)
VERDA GRABER (3/1/37-12/16/13)
JOHN W. DANT (12/13/48-12/18/13)
TERRY W. SUTTON (1/15/47-12/18/13)
DON R. SHAKE (5/29/32-12/19/13)
LARRY BRUCE CALLISON (9/24/46-12/20/13)
AGNES BERNEASE BAUER (9/27/27-12/21/13)
GENEVA D. FELTON (12/19/17-12/22/13)
LOUIS J. PETIT (9/28/28-12/23/13)
THOMAS R. MCCAULEY (6/30/47-12/24/13)
AMY LYNN BULLOCK (8/2/70-12/25/13)
MARY FRANCES JOHNSON (10/8/21-12/26/13)
DEBRA A. ATKISON (10/29/53-12/27/13)

HEADLINES

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museum Saturday
 Carnival for a Cure to be held June 7 and 8
 Session brings largest tax cut to Hoosiers in the history of Indiana
 New pool must be community effort
 Community, church rally around Loogootee woman
 Brian Smith resigns as Shoals basketball coach
 Loogootee Council talks staff needs
 Park board moving forward on pool fundraising
 I-69 plants, preserves one million trees on 4,100 acres
 Bowling Massage now open in downtown Loogootee
 Martin County's jobless rate at 6 percent for April
 Four Loogootee teachers leaving, taking 152 years of experience with them (Karen Slaven, Rita Divine, Lawana Hand, and Janice Arnett)
 Fire station to hold groundbreaking

JUNE

How do area schools compare?
 The carnival is coming to town
 County council hears update on quarry
 Residents present petitions against solid waste user fee
 Loogootee Summerfest starts tomorrow night
 Relay for Life raised \$30,000
 Radius Indiana hosts IEDC seminar in French Lick
 Surveying in Bloomington for I-69 Section 5 to begin
 Three math teachers join Loogootee Schools (Annie Miller, Bo Gibson, and Jeff Richardson)
 Tragedy turns into inspiration for Marie Hawkins' new book
 State trooper shot, suspect killed in Montgomery
 Commissioners talk insurance
 CASA program in need of volunteers to help kids
 Martin County's unemployment rate for May bumps to 6.5 percent
 Animal shelter to open for adoptions Saturday
 First 2013 West Nile virus activity found in the state

JULY

Catfish Festival starts tonight
 Shoals hires new teacher, boys' basketball coach
 Council approves additional money requests, transfers
 Loogootee Volleyball Camp has impressive turnout
 Bowling Manufacturing open date still unknown
 Commissioners discuss roads, cemeteries
 Shoals honored with Community Legacy Award and \$1,000
 Matthews named to Academic All-State team
 Shoals student tours nation's capital as part of youth tour
 VFW donates \$5,000 to Fisher House
 Indiana swine influenza cases increase to 12
 Martin County 4-H Fair starts Friday
 Shoals basketball coach hired last month resigns
 Six arrested in meth bust
 Ryan's Hope Benefit set for August 3
 Lili's Lemons to Lemonade stand marking second year
 Sue David heading to Nashville for VIP event with Jackson Young
 Martin County's unemployment rate at 6.9 percent for June
 Loogootee Schools hire English, chorus teachers (Brian Whitney, Lacy Jeffers, and Steve Sherohman)
 Commissioners agree to pay \$50,000 for quarry road repairs
 First human case of West Nile virus reported for 2013 season

AUGUST

Crane furlough days reduced to six
 Commissioners buy trailer, hire new bridge inspector
 Crane Regional Technology Council addresses workforce development
 County council okays resolution for Town of Shoals and National Gypsum to build solid

waste facility
 Public hearing on fishing at West Boggs Lake
 Four teams will compete to build, finance I-69 Section 5
 City utilities manager proposes department changes
 Becky Skillman launches Radius Indiana Tourism Development Advisory Council
 "Country Day" set for next Tuesday
 Public hearing for tax abatement to be held
 West Nile virus activity now in 35 counties
 Relay for Life raises \$30,544 at their Carnival for a Cure
 Loogootee School Board extends administrator contracts
 Commission approves tax abatement, wants county road fixed
 Martin County tied for fourth lowest unemployment in the state
 Commissioners declare September Literacy Month
 I-69 Section 5 project plan receives federal approval
 Anna Kristell steaming up the publishing world
 "Honoring our Veterans" Recognition Day is November 9
 Burgess graduates from basic training

SEPTEMBER

Court-Assisted School Suspension Program already helping students
 Superintendent leaves position at Loogootee
 Shaw places 11th in IBO World Championship
 Bucshon to hold listening session in Loogootee
 65th Wedding Anniversary - Gene and Edean Sherfick
 Kaiser breaks junior high cross country record at Loogootee
 County elected officials, employees get \$500 raise
 County council discusses need for courtroom bailiff
 Academy holds first-ever college fair
 Joe Howell resigns as chief deputy prosecutor, considering return to politics
 Distracted Driving Tour coming to Shoals High School
 Commissioners discuss trail, road and bridge issues
 SOAR donates reading chair to Head Start
 Shoals School gives raises
 Martin County SOAR honors student and volunteers
 NSWC Crane receives Federal Laboratory Consortium Award
 Humane society raises \$2,550 at last weekend's fundraiser
 2013 Deer harvest may not exceed record of 2012
 Loogootee Schools still making changes
 "Lucky Dog" promotion at the Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter
 Martin County's jobless rate drops to 5.9 percent for August
 Live After Five event next Friday downtown
 Loogootee man arrested for intimidation
 Shop & taste to be held October 21
 SIDC celebrates 40 years
 West Boggs to get fish restoration
 Commissioners discuss Crane eyesores, roads

OCTOBER

Loogootee, Shoals ISTEP scores go up
 Loogootee School Board hires financial planning advisors
 Martin County Sheriff's Department's 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign a success
 Bucshon launches bipartisan Interstate 69 Congressional Caucus
 Zellers talk to Loogootee students about college
 County council in the cross fire of a wage war
 Commissioners discuss highway department equipment, work hours
 Halloween Parade to be held in Loogootee
 LHS's Kaiser breaks another course record
 Shoals Class of 1968 holds 45th reunion
 SOAR conducts family workshop at Head Start
 Council against change of city's trick-or-treat night
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OBITUARIES

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AMY BULLOCK

Amy Lynn Bullock died Wednesday, December 25, 2013 at her home. A resident of Evansville, she was 43.

She was born August 2, 1970 in Washington; the daughter of Tony and Sarah (Parker) Bullock. She was a 1989 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School and had attended Indiana Business College.

She was a health care provider and had a lifelong passion for horses. She enjoyed riding and showing horses and working out at her local gym.

She is survived by her parents, Tony and Sarah Bullock of Cannelburg; one brother, Jeremy and wife Autumn Bullock of Cannelburg; two sisters, Heidi Bullock of Birmingham, Alabama and Autumn and husband Rich Strawn of Cannelburg; her loving companion, which was her dog Gizmo; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, George and Mildred (Kress) Parker and her paternal grandparents, Don and Ida (Geiger) Bullock.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, December 30 at All Saints Catholic Church in Cannelburg. Burial followed in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Montgomery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the humane society or The National Association of Mental Illness (N.A.M.I.).

Brooksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brooksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

DEBRA ATKISON

Debra A. Atkison died December 27, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. A resident of Franklin, she was 60.



She was born October 29, 1953 in Washington; the daughter of George I. (Tony) and Sue A. Sims (Pride).

She graduated from Shoals High School in 1971 and Vincennes Business College in 1972. She married Roger Atkison in Hartsville, Tennessee on July 3, 1972 and he survives.

She was employed by Johnson County REMC as an administrative assistant for over 20 years. She was a very active member of Turning Point Church in Franklin.

She loved vacations and holidays spent with family. She also loved quilting, decorating, crafts, and visiting antique shops.

She was a much loved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend who will forever live in the hearts of her sons, Adam K. Atkison and wife Kristi, and Ryan C. Atkison; her three grandsons, Owen, Griffin, and Camden who were the light of her life; her siblings, Penny Gibbs, Annette Taylor, and Greg and Tony Sims; and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jasper N. Sims, Lillian L. Hagerty, and Alvin and Bonnie Pride.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony was held Tuesday, December 31 at the Turning Point Church in Franklin. A second Celebration of Life Service was held this morning, Wednesday, January 1 at the Queen Lee Funeral Home in Shoals.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made honoring Debbie's life to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Memorials can be sent to: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, PO Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202 or online.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Vandivier Tudor Chapel.

LOUIS PETIT

Louis J. Petit died at 4 a.m. Monday, December 23, 2013 at Select Specialty Hospital. A resident of Burns City, he was 85.

He was born in Gilmore on September 28; the son of Emil and Lizzie (Beatle) Petit. He married Ladonna (Goodwin) Petit on Sep-

tember 23, 1950 and she survives.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he worked in data processing at Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane for 37 1/2 years and was a superintendent at West Boggs Park for 10 years. He was a member of Burns City Methodist Church, Odon V.F.W., Loogootee American Legion and Loogootee Disabled American Veterans. He served at a volunteer at Ketcham Memorial Center for 25 years.

He is also survived by two sons, Stephen Petit and David Petit, both of Loogootee; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by a son, Stanley Petit; his parents; seven brothers; and one sister.

The funeral was held Saturday, December 28 at Poindexter-McClure Funeral Home, Odon Chapel. Burial followed in Burns City Cemetery.

MARY FRANCES JOHNSON

Mary Frances Johnson passed away at 9 p.m. Thursday December 26, 2013 at the Elkhart Hospice House. A resident of Elkhart, she was 92.



She was born October 8, 1921 in Shoals; the daughter of Frank and Mary Kathryn (Fawcett) Sherfick.

On June 28, 1941 in Linton, she married Glen Johnson. He preceded her in death on July 28, 1982 in Elkhart.

She graduated from high school in Trinity Springs in 1939 and was first in her class. She was a member of the Willowdale Church of Christ in Elkhart. She enjoyed watching IU basketball, baseball and hockey. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting, reading, cooking, baking and doing crossword puzzles.

Surviving is a daughter, Linda (Bill) Rider and a son, Larry (Janet) Johnson, both of Elkhart; one grandson, Jeff (Tahnee Azure) Johnson of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; one step-grandson, Scott Miller of Elkhart; five great grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren; a brother, Herbert Sherfick of Shoals, and two sisters, Alice Wildman of Shoals and Alice Bough of Loogootee.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Sherfick and a great grandson, Nicholas Griffey.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, December 31 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Pastor Lee Wildman presided and burial followed in Trinity Springs New Cemetery in Martin County.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Center for Hospice Care-Elkhart or the Willowdale Church of Christ. Walley Mills Zimmerman Funeral Home in Elkhart was also in charge of arrangements. To send an online condolence, please visit www.wmzfh.com.

SHARON HORSTING

Sharon Kay Horsting passed away at her home December 27, 2013. A resident of Shoals, she was 69.

She was born July 13, 1944 in Washington, Indiana; the daughter of Cecil and Edith (Earl) Ragsdale. She married Jerry Horsting on March 5, 1960 at the St. Mary of The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Shoals and he preceded her in death on January 21, 2005.

She was a member of the West Shoals Church of Christ, and recently retired from Wabash Valley Produce in Dubois.

She is survived by three daughters, Cindy and Gary Brashear of Washington; Stephanie and Gerard Shoultz of Whitfield, and Michelle and Richard Dinkens of Whitfield; one son, Thomas and Alice Horsting of Shoals; nine grandchildren, Shayne Horsting, Ashton Aragon, Tesa Baker, Matthew Shoultz, Tiffany Shoultz, Lucas Shoultz, Nathan Shoultz, Daniel Shoultz, Isabelle Dinkens, 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Sue Waggoner of Shoals; and one



SHARON HORSTING

brother, Steve Ragsdale of Shoals. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, one granddaughter, Amanda Lee; three great-grandchildren, Parker Crosby and two twins in infancy; two brothers, Carleton and James Ragsdale, and one sister Marie Hardwick.

A funeral service was held Thursday, January 2 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

THOMAS MCCAULEY

Thomas R. McCauley, 66, of Shoals, passed away at 8:30 p.m. December 24, 2013 at his home. A resident in Shoals, he was 66.

He was born June 30, 1947 in Washing-

HEADLINES

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Goodbye Southside
Shoals High School needs help to win grant
Indiana's tax climate ranked 10th in the nation

Trambaugh first female CC runner to go All-Conference

Questions about first responders prompts meeting

Loogootee School Board responds to city council meeting

Lt. Governor visits Becky Skillman announces Radius Indiana to assume functions of Crane Region Alliance

Shoals Fall Festival to be held November 2
Commissioners hear reports from EMS, community corrections

State health officials announce first 2013 West Nile virus death

Martin County employee salaries compared
Shoals students get hands-on lesson about safe driving

NOVEMBER

Elected officials go to bat for their employees' pay

MCCF announces open grant cycle awards
Governor announces more than \$9 million in grants to help schools improve safety

Commissioners approve veteran proclamation, new police car

City gives \$50,000 toward pool fund
Loogootee man escapes serious injury during rollover crash

Veterans Day celebrated downtown
Test scores, school safety top Loogootee School Board meeting

Shoals School Board discusses personnel changes, fundraisers, field trips

Loogootee Christmas Stroll to be held December 5

Evansville to join national I-69 corridor in 2014

Commissioners discuss road issues, court-

house updates

County's unemployment rate stands at 5.6 for October

DECEMBER

Shoals School to receive \$93,974 in compensation from lawsuit

County council approves salary ordinance, additional money requests

Loogootee looking for input on school calendar

WestGate Child Development Center to hold ribbon cutting, extended open house

Youth pheasant hunt held at Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area

City council discusses roads, parade, cuts to 2014 budget

DNR shares timber sale revenue with 14 counties

Shoals man arrested on drug charges
Christmas Stroll rescheduled

Loogootee man treated for gunshot wound to foot

Martin County 3rd graders receive dictionaries

Two longtime staff members leaving Loogootee Schools (Laura Mattingly and Mary Walton)

County employees' health insurance to increase by 39 percent next year

Shoals School Board approves staff changes and end-of-the-year business

Budget order and final tax rates approved for Martin County

FEW donates to humane society, others

County's Christmas Toy Store serves 467 children

Becky Skillman announces change in Radius Indiana Board leadership

Commissioners discuss not offering health insurance

Martin County jobless rate sixth lowest in the state for November

The Candy Mill opens

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

12:43 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Loogootee.

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of a rock in the roadway on State Road 650.

2:03 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

6:02 p.m. - Received a report of an injured deer on U.S. 150.

6:18 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:37 p.m. - Received a report of a barking dog in Shoals.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:02 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Loogootee.

4:56 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee.

5:12 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals. Officers responded and located a male looking for his false teeth.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

2:58 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals.

3:45 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals.

9:20 a.m. - Received report of a burglary in Shoals.

10:54 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:12 a.m. - Received several reports of mailbox vandalisms on Abel Hill Road.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire on Rutherford School Road. Haysville Volunteer Fire Department, Mar-

tin County Ambulance Service and Martin County Sergeant Keller responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute in Shoals.

10:39 a.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute in Loogootee.

11:45 p.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute in Shoals.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute in Loogootee.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals.

6:17 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance Service and Deputy Greene responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute in Loogootee.

9:10 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:17 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:25 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

9:50 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee.

10:23 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:53 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in flood water in Shoals.

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

9:48 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:38 a.m. - Received report of a vehicle in the flood water in Shoals.

1:31 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals.

2:02 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals.

9:12 p.m. - Received report of vandalism in Crane.

9:45 p.m. - Received report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:35 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 450.

Jail bookings

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:33 p.m. - Brian Juday, of Elkhart, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Baker on preliminary charge of resisting law enforcement.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

1:37 a.m. - Jose Erazo-Fuentes, of Huntington, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on preliminary charge of operating while intoxicated.

3:55 p.m. - Travis Salmon, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Baker on preliminary charge of driving while suspended with a prior.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:10 p.m. - Charlotte Browder, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert on preliminary charges of manufacturing methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance.

8:10 a.m. - Alice Terry, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert on preliminary charges of manufacturing methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of marijuana.

8:10 p.m. - Juan Terry, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert on preliminary charges of manufacturing methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of marijuana.

8:10 p.m. - Arthur Terry, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert on preliminary charges of manufacturing methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of marijuana.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

11:51 a.m. - Evans Chestnut, of Bloomington, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on preliminary charge of possession of marijuana.

11:54 a.m. - Nicholas Guy, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on preliminary charge of possession of marijuana.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:16 p.m. - Christopher Raney, of Loogootee, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Baker on a Martin County warrant. Saturday, December 28

12:00 a.m. - Michael Clifton, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Harmon on preliminary charges of domestic battery, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia.

5:20 a.m. - Lisa Whitney, of Williams, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Harmon on preliminary charge of operating while intoxicated.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

11:40 a.m. - First responders were requested at Ruler for a female who has fallen.

4:20 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

5:31 p.m. - Caller reported two males fighting in Shaded Estates.

6:28 p.m. - Officer Greene assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a drug arrest.

10:32 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on North Street.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:00 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

7:25 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle on his property. Vehicle was later towed by ATM Towing.

8:44 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

11:36 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:39 a.m. - Caller reported a child custody violation.

5:49 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

7:19 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody violation.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

12:17 a.m. - Caller reported a possible shoplifter at Shopko.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:51 p.m. - A property damage accident was reported at Williams Bros.

7:20 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Sheridan Street.

6:21 p.m. - Caller reported her medication stolen.

8:47 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute on Pine View Drive.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:30 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to an alarm at the high school.

2:11 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a burglary call.

4:39 p.m. - Caller reported a possible parking violation.

8:40 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

9:00 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:41 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:45 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm.

7:39 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted the county on a traffic stop.

Weekend noise complaint lands a Loogootee man in jail on drug charges

An investigation into a noise complaint by a Loogootee business owner resulted in a Loogootee man being arrested on multiple drug charges.

On Saturday, December 28, Indiana State Police Trooper Jarrod Lents, while off-duty, received a complaint by the owner of Greenwich Antiques, 307 East Broadway Street, Loogootee, stating that the tenants in the apartments above the store were playing extremely loud music and shouting obscenities at customers as they would enter the store. The behavior was so obnoxious that it forced the store to close early.

Monday morning at 10:51, Troopers Lents and Steven Sexton attempted to speak to the residents of the two apartments above

Greenwich Antiques. The resident in Apartment 1, Gregory T. Isaacs, 25, Loogootee, answered the door and allowed the troopers inside. Once inside the apartment, troopers saw drug paraphernalia in an open area. A search warrant was secured for the apartment through the Martin County Circuit Court. Methamphetamine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia were all located as a result.

Isaacs was arrested, without incident, and lodged in the Martin County Jail. Troopers Lents and Sexton were assisted by Loogootee Police and the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

Isaacs was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Accident reports

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

10:40 a.m. - Donald F. Crane was operating a 2010 Buick in the Marathon parking lot when he struck the rear of a 2013 International owned by Prairie Farms. Chief Rayhill investigated.

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Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY
Breakfast
 Thursday, January 2 & Friday, January 3
 No School - Christmas Break
Monday, January 6
 Mini pancakes, ham, fruit
Tuesday, January 7
 Biscuit and gravy, sausage, fruit
Wednesday, January 8
 Cereal, muffin, fruit
Lunch
Thursday, January 2 & Friday, January 3
 No School - Christmas Break
Monday, January 6
 Chicken patty, baked beans, cottage cheese, pineapple, milk
Tuesday, January 7
 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, bread and butter, milk
Wednesday, January 8
 Potato soup, grilled cheese, peaches, cheese and crackers, milk
LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch
Thursday, January 2 & Friday, January 3
 No School - Christmas Break
Monday, January 6
 Chicken patty or pizza, baked beans, cottage cheese, pineapple, salad plate, milk
Tuesday, January 7
 Salisbury steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, bread and

butter, salad plate, milk
Wednesday, January 8
 Potato soup or pizza, grilled cheese, peaches, cheese and crackers, salad plate, milk
SHOALS SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Thursday, January 2 & Friday, January 3
 No School - Christmas Break
Monday, January 6
 Chocolate chip muffin, banana, juice, milk
Tuesday, January 7
 Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, January 8
 Cinnamon biscuit, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
Thursday, January 2 & Friday, January 3
 No School - Christmas Break
Monday, January 6
 Chicken strips, California blend, salad boat, pretzels, peaches, milk
Tuesday, January 7
 Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, applesauce, whole grain bread, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: turkey and cheese sandwich or chef salad
Wednesday, January 8
 Chili, cheese and crackers, cooked carrots, mandarin oranges, juice cup, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: corn dog or chef salad

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Calendar of Events

School safety meeting

The Martin County School Safety Commission will be meeting Monday, January 13 at 9 a.m. in the central office of the Shoals Community School Corporation at 11741 Ironton Road, Shoals.

Six weeks of healing classes

Pastor Debbie Davis, of The Loogootee Revival Center Church, will be teaching on healing, from a Biblical view, for six Wednesdays beginning January 8-February 12, from 7-8 p.m. Pastor Debbie was divinely healed of rheumatoid arthritis over 33 years ago. Her heart is to see people healed and set free from sickness and disease. The LRC Church is located on Wood Street in Loogootee.

Talk to a Lawyer clinic

The Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc announces that the talk to a lawyer telephone clinic will be held on two occasions in January. The first will be the regular talk to a lawyer telephone clinic on January 2, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (CST) or 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (EST) and the second session will be held to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. birthday on January 20, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (CST). The telephone number for the clinic is (812) 618-4845 or toll free 888-594-3449. During these hours, volunteer paralegals and attorneys will be available to answer general legal questions and to give general legal advice. Legal questions must concern a matter of Indiana law. These clinics are co-sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., Evansville Bar Foundation and Indiana Bar Foundation.

SWCD Annual Meeting & Banquet

The 69th Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held on January 27, 2014 at

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today, January 1



Love, Tyra, Courtney, BJ, Lisa & Shayna

the Martin County Community Building. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the meal, catered by Schnitzelbank Catering, being served at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the night will be local historian, Bill Greene. Also on the agenda will be election of supervisors and presentation of awards. Tickets for the event will be \$5 each (adult and children) and must be purchased in advance. Please contact the SWCD office at 295-3149 before noon January 20 for your tickets.

Boy Scouts

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

Public Square Rosary

The public is invited to pray a patriotic rosary every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. on the square in Loogootee. Bring a lawn chair if desired. Booklets are provided.

GED exam fees

Catholic Charities is happy to announce that they will be sponsoring GED exam fees. If you are ready to take your GED exam, give them a call at 812-423-5456 or email us at ccordovilla@evdio.org.

SOAR Tutoring

The Board of Directors of Martin County SOAR meets the second Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. in the community learning center. The public is invited to attend. SOAR provides free and confidential tutoring in reading, writing, math, English, GED prep, and life skills. Call 812-709-1618 or email martincountysoar@hotmail.com to learn more.

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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 second Wednesday 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.martinswd.com or call at 295-3149.

Fr. Erbacher to say goodbye

Fr. Joseph F. Erbacher, pastor of the four Martin County Catholic Churches (St. John, Loogootee; St. Martin, Whitfield; St. Mary, Shoals; and St. Joseph, Bramble), has been appointed by Bishop Charles C. Thompson as pastor of Holy Name Parish in Bloomfield and St. Peter Parish in Linton. This appointment is effective January 22, 2014.

Fr. Erbacher was born July 18, 1945, grew up in Poseyville, Indiana, and was ordained a priest on March 25, 1972. He has been Pastor of the Martin County Catholic Churches since June, 2004. In addition to his duties as pastor, he is also Defender of the Bond for the Evansville Diocesan Tribunal.

A farewell party hosted by the MCCC is planned for Fr. Erbacher at 11 a.m. on January 19, 2014 in the lower level of St. John Center.

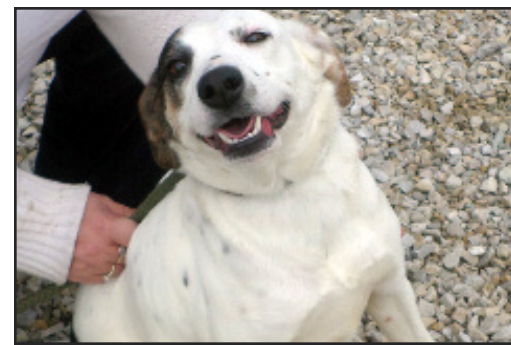
No new pastor or administrator has been named at this time to serve the Catholic churches in Martin County.



FR. JOSEPH F. ERBACHER

Humane Society featured pet

Shown to the right is a female terrier/beagle mix. She is a year and a half old. She is spayed and up to date on her shots. This girl is one of six from her litter still at the shelter. Three are boys and three are girls. If interested in adopting her or one of her siblings, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours through the winter are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. For information, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com. You can find all of the adoptable dogs and cats at the humane society on Petfinder or Facebook.



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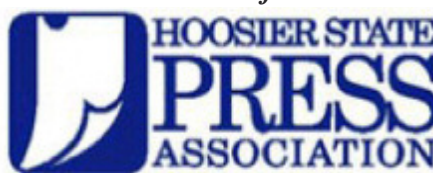
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Food stamp benefit delivery dates to change in January

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has informed the more than 926,000 SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients in Indiana about important changes that will impact them starting in January.

Information on the date changes is available at www.SNAP.IN.gov, as is a video featuring George Hill of the Indiana Pacers helping to explain the changes.

Payment dates for SNAP depend on the first letter of the client's last name, and benefits have previously been made to clients during the first 10 days of each month. Starting in 2014, SNAP payments will be spread from the fifth through the 23rd of every month, on odd days.

January Phase-In

However, to phase in the change, in the month of January 2014 only, SNAP clients will receive half of their benefits on their current date and the other half on their new date.

The amount of recipients' SNAP benefits is NOT changing – but the day on which benefits are applied to their Hoosier Works EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) cards will change.

The changes are the result of Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 530, passed by the Indiana General Assembly in 2013, and will change the dates recipients will receive their monthly benefits beginning with a one month transition in January 2014.

This information and the example below demonstrate the distribution of benefits for SNAP clients and how they will change. The info is listed is the first letter of the SNAP recipient's last name, the old deposit date and the new deposit date:

- A or B – 1st to 5th
- C or D – 2nd to 7th
- E, F or G – 3rd to 9th
- G, H or I – 4th to 11th
- J, K or L – 5th to 13th
- M or N – 6th to 15th
- O, P, Q or R – 7th to 17th
- S – 8th to 19th
- T, U or V – 9th to 21st
- W, X, Y or Z – 10th to 23rd

Here, for example, are dates for a client with the last name "Smith:"

December 2013 benefits - issued December 8, 2013

January 2014 benefits - half issued January 8, 2014 and half issued January 19, 2014

February 2014 benefits - issued on new

date of February 19, 2014

Having distribution days spread throughout the month will mean fewer shoppers on any of those days, making shopping easier for SNAP clients and for all food shoppers. Additionally, spreading distribution days will also ease the burden on grocery stores and other food sellers, as well, as those merchants can spread demand throughout the month.

In addition to the website, www.SNAP.IN.gov, FSSA has undertaken several different communications to inform SNAP clients of this important change. Those include:

- FSSA has assembled – and been sharing information with – a team that includes the Indiana Association of United Ways, Indiana 211, Feeding Indiana's Hungry (a group representing food pantries around the state), the Indiana Retail Council, the Indiana Independent Grocers and Convenience Stores and various individual retailers.

- These organizations and retailers have posted and shared information about the changes in their various locations.

- Each SNAP recipient has received at least two mailings announcing the change.

- FSSA has launched a statewide advertising campaign including radio advertising as well as ads on and inside city buses.

- FSSA has created two videos to be used as public service announcements and to raise awareness of this important change in social media.

- SNAP clients received a voice recording alerting them to this change, via telephone, sometime between December 14 and December 16.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food assistance to low and no income people and families living in the United States. It is a federal aid program administered by the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), however, distribution of benefits occurs at the state level. In Indiana, the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is responsible for ensuring federal regulations are initially implemented and consistently applied in each county. Approximately 926,000 Hoosiers from approximately 418,000 households across Indiana – or nearly one-sixth of the population of Indiana – receive SNAP benefits.

More information about SNAP is available at www.in.gov/fssa/dftr/2691.htm.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Bidding farewell to a great year

We've gotten through Thanksgiving and Christmas, but the holiday season isn't quite over yet! The ending of one year and the beginning of another brings about reflection and resolutions. Today, I want to do a bit of reflection on what I consider the top legislative accomplishments of 2013.

Many of these accomplishments center on the fiscally sound, balanced budget that we enacted this past session. At a time when many people were disillusioned with budget talks at the federal level, here in Indiana, we used our Hoosier common sense to draft a budget we can all be proud of. The same way a family creates a budget, we knew we needed to pay down our debts, spend wisely and save wherever possible.

As part of our biennial budget, we paid off various outstanding bonds, eliminating \$128 million in debt on two state-owned facilities: the Indiana State Museum and the Forensic Sciences Laboratory. We also provided cash funding for nearly \$225 million in state and university capital projects. This saves taxpayer money versus debt financing, and doesn't strap more debt on the backs of future generations of Hoosiers.

In addition, we made strategic financial investments and restorations to many vital programs. One of the most significant restorations was made to education. When the economy took a turn for the worse, education funding in Indiana took a substantial hit. However, we recognize that every Hoosier student deserves a world-class education, so when feasible, we made restoring that funding a priority. In fact, this year, we increased K-12 education funding by \$390 million, thus exceeding pre-recession levels. We also set aside \$300 million in the

Tuition Reserve Fund to help protect K-12 funding in the event of a future recession.

Due to the fiscal restraint that the General Assembly was able to exhibit, it allowed us to do another important thing: cut Hoosier taxes. When possible, we want to put more money in the hands of our taxpayers because I believe taxpayers deserve more say over how their money is spent. These tax cuts included a five percent cut to the individual income tax, an immediate repeal of the death tax and a phase-down of the financial institutions tax.

On a personal note, I also want to share a highlight from my year. In 2012, I authored a resolution which named a bridge over I-69 after Lieutenant Colonel Don C. Faith, a Korean War veteran from Washington, Ind. This past April, I was invited to his long overdue funeral at Arlington National Cemetery. Although he died in battle, his remains had not been found for almost 60 years. It was such an honor to be a part of laying him to rest and paying tribute to one of our hometown heroes.

Next week, I will be looking ahead at some of our top priorities for the coming session. I hope that you will find all of this very informative because I truly value the role that my constituents play in the legislative process.

More times than not, it is the people of our community that inspire the legislation that makes our district and our state the great place that it is. I encourage you to stay involved, and I will continue to do my best to keep you informed of the happenings in Indianapolis!

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

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Attorney general to continue to focus on school resource officer funding

Helping to secure a funding stream for school resource officers was one of Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller's highest priorities in 2013 and in the new year Zoeller plans to continue that work to maximize dollars for SRO positions in schools so that children are protected.

Now that the Secured School Safety grant program that Zoeller advocated for was established by the legislature and has funded 116 local grant applications, Zoeller plans to assist in an effort to obtain federal funding in Washington, D.C. for additional SROs. Specifically, the 2014 omnibus appropriations bill now being drafted by Congress includes funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services or COPS grant program containing monies for school resource officer positions in schools. Zoeller plans to advocate that more Indiana schools and law enforcement agencies partner in the fiscal year 2014 COPS grant application process. The goal is for Indiana applicants to receive an increased share of federal grant money to supplement existing state funding so Indiana schools can add SRO positions.

"School resource officers don't just provide building security and deter violence; they are law enforcement officers who receive additional training on working with students. In our interaction with schools we have seen how SROs maintain discipline and can serve as positive law enforcement role models to at-risk students. I will do what I can to help secure necessary state and federal funding for SROs in subsequent budget cycles," Zoeller said.

In November 2012, prior to the Newtown, Connecticut, tragedy, Zoeller's office conducted a needs assessment study that measured strong demand among school officials and law enforcement for additional SROs if funding were available.

In January 2013, Attorney General Zoeller and State Senator Pete Miller, R-Avon, proposed a bill to fund SRO positions using state grants. Senate Enrolled Act 1 creating the Secured School Safety grant program eventually passed the Legislature and was signed into law by Governor Mike Pence in April. The grant committee, on which Zoeller serves, in October awarded funding for 116 grant applications that allow school corporations to expand existing SRO programs or create new positions. SEA 1 contains \$20 million over two years for school safety measures.

Sworn into a second term as Indiana's attorney general on January 14, 2013, Zoeller looked back on his office's accomplishments of the past year and looked ahead to the coming year.

Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force

The Licensing Division of the Attorney General's Office has filed disciplinary complaints with the Indiana Medical Licensing Board against the licenses of 15 physicians accused of overprescribing painkillers. Attorney General Zoeller co-chairs the Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force that has examined the problem of a small number of physicians' offices that overprescribe addictive painkillers, leading to dependence on and diversion of such drugs. The task force launched a new website, www.BitterPill.IN.gov, explaining prescription drug abuse and tips on how patients and their families can get help for addictions.

The task force is recommending the 2014 Legislature update state law to speed up the process by which pharmacists must report their dispensing of certain amounts of opioids to the state's INSPECT database, to prevent excessive dispensing to individuals who might be drug-seeking that in turn could lead to overdoses.

Child Protection

Zoeller serves on the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana. Among the Commission's projects is studying the correlation between police busts of meth labs and children being removed from homes by DCS caseworkers for child neglect. Methamphetamine addiction is fueled

in part by criminals circumventing limits on purchasing pseudoephedrine, one of the precursors used in the illegal production of meth. As part of an "anti-smurfing" effort, Zoeller has visited retail pharmacies around the state with law enforcement to raise public awareness of the problem of circumvention of existing state limits on pseudoephedrine.

Identity Theft Protection

The Attorney General's Office operates the Identity Theft Unit to assist victims of identity theft and fraud, to assist law enforcement in investigations, and to investigate privacy data breaches. In 2013, the Identity Theft Unit assisted nearly 1,000 identity theft victims in correcting their records and reviewed more than 400 data breaches. Zoeller's office continues to monitor privacy issues arising from the recent credit card data breach involving Target stores. After several incidents around the state where sensitive medical files and financial records have been dumped in trash receptacles or left unsecured, exposing consumers to potential identity theft, Zoeller is asking the Legislature to update Indiana's abandoned record statute to require companies experiencing paper data breaches to make prompt notification to consumers – including the option of providing substitute notice when the company does not have sufficient information to contact the affected consumers.

Representing State Government in Court

When offenders appeal their convictions or sentences, the Attorney General's Office represents the prosecution in appellate courts. Assigned 1,382 new criminal appeals in 2013, the Attorney General's Office has a success rate of greater than 90 percent in getting convictions and sentences affirmed and not overturned on appeal.

As state government's lawyer, the Attorney General's Office appeared on behalf of the State of Indiana and its officials in more than 2,700 civil lawsuits filed in 2013. When private plaintiffs file legal challenges to overturn laws the Legislature has passed, the Attorney General's Office has a duty to defend the statutes and state authority. Zoeller's office won victories in legal challenges to Indiana statutes regarding school vouchers, the ability of the Legislature to impose fines and the process for filling Lake County judicial vacancies; and the office continues to defend statutes in other cases on appeal.

Defending State Sovereignty

The State of Indiana represented by Zoeller's office has joined with 39 school corporations in filing suit against the Internal Revenue Service in a legal challenge to the employer mandate of the Affordable Care Act, which potentially could impose huge tax penalties on state government and schools as employers. The suit, which seeks a declaratory judgment on whether the federal government can tax state government, is likely to be heard in federal court in 2014. The AG's Office's Solicitor General, Thomas M. Fisher, leads the team of attorneys in the case.

Indiana also joined a multistate lawsuit against EPA that alleges the federal agency overstepped its authority by taking regulatory actions Congress did not authorize under the Clean Air Act.

Consumer and Enforcement Settlements

-In the State's largest-ever settlement of a whistleblower lawsuit against a pharmaceutical company for illegal off-label drug marketing, Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiaries agreed to pay the Indiana Medicaid program nearly \$17 million. The settlement in the case involving J&J's drug Risperdal was negotiated by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU).

-The Attorney General's Office's Revenue Division successfully negotiated a settlement of an inheritance-tax case on behalf of the Indiana Department of Revenue where the State received approximately \$23 million in tax owed.

-In a consumer protection case, Google Inc. agreed to pay Indiana \$354,573 as part of a national \$17 million settlement to re-

solve allegations that Google overrode privacy settings that should have blocked third-party cookies, in violation of computer security laws.

-The Attorney General's Office brought to a conclusion the decade-long East Chicago racketeering case involving misuse of public funds for political gain by former Mayor Robert Pastrick and associates. Zoeller's office turned over \$331,666 in recovery from the case to the new city administration in June to be used for city parks.

Unclaimed Property

Setting an all-time record, the AG's Unclaimed Property Division returned more than \$60,660,075 in abandoned and forgotten assets to Hoosiers in 2013, paying out 97,098 claims.

Senior Consumer Protection

The 2013 Legislature passed a bill Zoeller recommended, SEA 382, the Senior Consumer Protection Act, authored by State Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson. The Senior Consumer Protection Act increases the civil penalties on fraudsters who financially ex-

exploit those over age 60. The Attorney General's Office in September filed its first lawsuit under that new statute, against a tree-trimming company that defrauded a 93-year-old consumer of \$7,500.

Environmental Awareness

To raise awareness about invasive Asian carp infesting Indiana waterways, Attorney General Zoeller in July made a boat tour down the Wabash River – accompanied part of the way by White House Asian carp "czar" John Goss – and Zoeller met with conservation groups about the problem and discussed possible remedies, such as developing commercial fishing of the carp.

"It is an honor to serve alongside the 150 attorneys and 197 staff members of the Office of the Attorney General in protecting consumers, upholding convictions and representing our clients: the Legislature, executive branch and the prosecutors. We look forward to another year serving as a force multiplier, bringing stakeholders together to tackle challenging problems and develop constructive solutions," Zoeller said.

Report: Indiana electricity demand flat, rates to rise 32 percent

BY EMIL VENERE
Purdue University News Service

Analysts are predicting a 32 percent increase in electricity rates for Indiana by 2023 and an unprecedented stagnation in electricity demand over the next two decades.

"This is something we've never seen before: essentially no growth in electricity for the rest of the decade," said Douglas Gotham, director of the State Utility Forecasting Group (SUFG), a state-funded panel of researchers based at Purdue University.

Electricity demand is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 0.74 percent over the next 20 years.

New projections are contained in a report forecasting the state's energy needs through 2031 prepared by the SUFG for the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). Gotham reported the findings to the IURC on December 20.

Adjusting for inflation, electricity rates are expected to rise 32 percent by 2023. Three factors are attributed to the projected increase. New rules under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Mercury and Air Toxics Standards will impact rates. The new standards will especially impact coal-fired power plants, which emit mercury and other pollutants. Other factors are costs associated with the resources required to meet future electricity demands and capital costs associated with additions to electricity-generating plants and modifications to extend the lifetimes of plants.

"We have had some units being retired and some are being switched over to natural gas instead of coal, while larger units are being retrofitted with pollution controls, and all of that costs money," Gotham said.

As of 2012, about 78 percent of the elec-

tricity used in the state is from coal-fired power plants.

Higher costs will drive down usage. Another factor leading to stagnant growth in demand is a push toward increasing energy efficiency through utility-sponsored conservation programs.

Electricity consumption is projected to grow 15 percent through 2031, from 107,000 gigawatt hours to about 123,000 gigawatt hours. A gigawatt is 1 billion watts. One gigawatt hour is the constant use of one gigawatt for an hour, or enough energy to serve the annual needs of about 90 average-size Indiana homes.

The forecasting report was prepared by Gotham; Paul Preckel, a Purdue professor of agricultural economics; and analysts Tim Phillips, Marco Velastegui and David Nderitu.

The panel used a system of sophisticated mathematical models to predict future trends for the state's residential, commercial and industrial power users. Projections of electricity demand are based on the estimated impact of manufacturing output and employment, commercial employment, population, energy prices, and other factors.

The Purdue-based group prepares the reports about every two years to predict Indiana's future electricity requirements.

A copy of the report is available on the State Utility Forecasting Group's website at <http://www.purdue.edu/dp/energy/SUFG/>

The forecasting group does not make recommendations. The studies are done in accordance with a state law enacted in 1985 to provide the state regulatory commission with an impartial projection of electricity consumption and peak demand. This is the 14th full report compiled by the group.

The forecasting group is housed within Purdue's Energy Center, which is part of the university's Discovery Park.

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