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-Photo by Don Greene

Brady Taylor, son of Jonathan and Candy Taylor, of Loogootee, is shown above with one of the dogs currently up for adoption with the Martin County Humane Society. Recently Brady saw a commercial on television for homeless and neglected animals and wants to help such animals locally.

Seven-year-old Loogootee boy looks for ways to help homeless animals

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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What do most seven-year-old boys wish to spend their money on? Transformers, video games, candy? Not Brady Taylor. Brady, son of Jonathan and Candy Taylor of Loogootee, had a life-altering moment recently when he saw a commercial for an animal rescue organization on television. The commercial showed dogs and cats who have been abandoned, injured, neglected and left homeless.

According to Brady's mom, Candy, Brady came running to her in another room in their house sobbing uncontrollably after watching the commercial. "I had never seen him so upset," she said. "I actually thought he broke a bone or something worse." Candy said it took her a good 10 minutes to calm Brady enough to find out why he was so upset. She said he continued to sob while explaining to her that there were dogs on TV locked up and hurt. He told his mom that the commercial provided a phone number and that they needed to call so he could give the animals the money from his piggy bank. "My heart was breaking," said Candy. She said that her and her husband sat Brady down and explained to him how there are some animals that do not have homes and are not taken care of. She then told him about the mission of humane society's including the one in Martin County.

Later, Candy called humane society president Don Greene to ask how Brady could help. Don told her that the society, which is currently in the process of raising funds to build a shelter, is always in need of things like food, cat litter, dog houses, etc. Candy then sent an email out to all of her family and friends telling them the story and asking them to donate to Brady's new cause. In

only a few days those people responded by donating \$190, four bags of cat food, 10 bags of dog food, dog treats, and cat litter. MC Special-tees also donated a gift certificate to Brady for his efforts.

Candy explained that Brady's love of animals isn't new. Aside from the fact that the family has two rescued dogs, Candy said "Both my husband and I are animal lovers and wanted to pass that along to our children." She also said that Brady participated in 4-H for the first time last year so along with the 10 chickens on their property, they now have two rabbits.

Candy explained that Brady is a very high energy child who likes to make others happy. "Brady is a very loving, sensitive and caring person," she said. Like most seven year olds, he enjoys painting and working outside with his grandpa.

Brady will continue his quest to help the homeless animals of Martin County by joining the humane society on February 6, Super Bowl Sunday, delivering pizzas for Pizza & More in Loogootee. Pizza & More will donate the delivery fee and tips received from the deliveries to the shelter fund. "He is very excited about that," said Candy.

Candy said that she and Brady are going to start attending the monthly meetings for the humane society and volunteer at Don Greene's home where the abandoned animals are currently being sheltered.

On a final note Candy said she is incredibly grateful for all who have responded to Brady in his endeavor.

Brady has a sister Olivia who is three. He is the grandson of Peggy and Charlie Lyon, Richard Taylor and Susie Chanley, Donna Bateman, Mike Bateman, Dottie Lents, and Mark and Dawn Wright. He is second grader at Loogootee Elementary West.

Loogootee Council wants to raise water reconnect fee, end mailing out disconnect notices

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council held its re-organizational meeting Monday night, January 10 for the start of the new year. The council voted council member Phyllis Parker to hold the position of council president.

In new business, Mayor Don Bowling presented a recommendation to the council to raise the reconnect fee for water customers who have been disconnected due to non-payment from \$30 to \$50. The last increase was from \$10 to \$30 in 2002. The mayor said that the water department sends out more than 200 disconnect notices every month that costs the city close to \$100 in postage. He said that while only a few customers let the bill go to the point of disconnect, around 10 or 20 actually have their service turned off each month due to non-payment. "I just don't understand people's thinking," said Mayor Bowling on why customers let their bills go that long.

Council member Phyllis Parker suggested the water department stop sending out disconnect notices to which the mayor replied that he is not sure what the law requires.

After some discussion on the issue it was decided to look into what it would require for the city to stop sending out the disconnect notices.

Council member Sue Brewer also said that the water bills will have to get to customers on time which hasn't been happening lately. She said she understands the holidays probably had a lot to do with it but the bills would definitely need to arrive at the first of the month every month.

The council then discussed whether \$50 would be a sufficient amount or it would need to be more. After some debate it was decided to try the \$50 for awhile and see if it would indeed be enough. The council voted unanimously for the increase. A hear-

ing will be held for public comments or questions at the next council meeting on February 14 at 6 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building.

The council voted to approve an ordinance for the city to vacate an alley between lots 10 and 11 on the west side of Southeast 1st Street in the J.W. O'Brien Addition. All of the necessary legal steps have been taken and the neighboring residents, Rick and Connie Norris and Dave and Carol Ritcher, have signed off in agreement of vacating the lot. The alley is no longer needed to reach a landlocked lot because an easement has been given to the lot owner.

The council accepted the Capital Expenditures Plan which is done annually and states how the city will spend the EDIT funds. Mayor Bowling noted that the plan is not set in stone and can be changed at any time.

The mayor reported that the cost to clean two water pumps that are down in productivity would cost \$24,000. The wells, two and three, have not been cleaned since 2007 and 2008, and the state recommends they be cleaned every other year. Discussion ensued about getting the pumps maintained on a regular schedule of two per year. Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson said that this was always his goal but last year the money was just not available.

The money for the cleaning comes from the Water Depreciation Fund which has not had funds regularly put in since 2004. The fire hydrant fee used to be \$485 and was cut down to \$100 which caused a change in the funding for that account by a large amount. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said that money really could start being added again as the water department sits at only \$11,500 right now. "To be brutally frank we don't have too many options. If the water department goes broke we raise the fees on the water bills," said Mayor Bowling. "That's

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Two arrested on meth lab charges

Two people are behind bars at the Martin County Jail on meth lab charges.

The investigation reveals that on Monday afternoon a resident reported that a suspicious male was seen leaving his property on CR 1100E and near CR 200S in Daviess County. The male got into a dark colored passenger car, driven by a female and left the area. A short time later a blue Dodge Stratus matching the description of the suspicious vehicle was located on Southridge Drive just south of Loogootee. Upon investigation by responding officers, items commonly associated with the manufacturing of methamphetamine were located in the vehicle and the driver, Ashley Schutte, 18, of Loogootee, was taken into custody.



DUSTIN PERRY



ASHLEY SCHUTTE

A short time later after officers received a tip from a nearby property owner, Dustin Shayne Perry, 19, of Crane was located and taken into custody.

Both Schutte and Perry were transported to the Martin County Jail and charged with the conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, possession of two or more precursors with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, possession of marijuana (under 30 grams), possession of paraphernalia, and resisting law enforcement.

Both were booked into the Martin County Jail with no bond awaiting their initial court appearance.

Assisting Agencies: Indiana State Police Clandestine Lab Team, Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Martin County Sheriff's Office and the Loogootee Police Department

Local brothers exhibit in Oakland City University's Dunn Gallery

The first exhibit of 2011 in the Michael J. Dunn Gallery on the campus of Oakland City University is by brothers Bill and Larry Whorrall of Shoals.

The brothers grew up in Northern Indiana in a blue collar neighborhood. Bill says of his brother's work "Larry's art has been influenced by that and his job in Florida, where he worked for decades. Larry is not restricted by what other people think art is supposed to be. He has a fresh vision and I admire that." Bill says of himself "I am an art teacher through and through. I some-

times think that is the goal of my imagery. Art teachers and artists are engaged in a joyful task, but we need to do a lot more to encourage people like Larry and students who pursue formal training."

The public is invited to view this extraordinary exhibit of painting and drawings in the Dunn Gallery January 11 through February 25, 2011. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and other times by appointment. For more information contact Roger Willis at rwillis@loogootee.k12.in.us.

Psi Ota Xi holds first meeting for 2011

Gamma Iota Chapter of Psi Iota Xi met at the senior citizens' center in Shoals on January 4 at 6:30 p.m.

The theme for the meeting was a PJ Party, so some members were dressed in their favorite PJs. Jenn Hembree gave a blessing and a delicious meal, provided by January Roush, Jenn Hembree, and Katie Hoffman, was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the hostesses!

President January Roush started the meeting with the opening verse. A candle was lit in honor of deceased members.

Roll call was taken by Jane Payne, Recording Secretary, with 16 members present.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting.

Angie Sango, Corresponding Secretary, read two correspondences. The first was a letter from the National President about long-term project submission and the second was information about the Indiana State Meeting. The state meeting will be held on April 16 in West Lafayette, with Gamma Kappa as the hostesses. Gamma Iota is required to send two delegates.

Treasurer Sherry Wade gave the treasurer's report. Jane Payne gave the program

committee report. Jane reminded members that the next meeting will be held on February 1 at the Tranquil Inn at 6:30 p.m. Members are to bring valentines and small gifts for nursing home patients.

President Roush reported that the top three cheese ball sellers were: Cordilla George, January Roush, and Susan Warren. She also informed members that there are a few cheese balls left (cheese and lemon). Sherry Wade, cheer person, had sent seven cards and one poinsettia since the last meeting. Cindy Sorrells collected fines from four members for not wearing their pins. Jenn Hembree turned in volunteer hours to Sherry Wade.

The girls' athletic banquet was discussed. Plans are being finalized for the banquet. Cordilla George is in charge of the planning. Money was collected to send care packages to college students. Members brought paper product donations for the senior citizens' center.

The door prize was brought by Cindy Sorrells and won by Shari Hamby. Susan Warren passed out secret pal gifts.

The meeting ended with the closing verse, led by President January Roush.



Fire Saturday morning

-Photos provided

Fire broke out at the home of Randall Blankenbaker on Dover Hill Road last Saturday morning at around 4 a.m. By the time the fire department reached the location, the home was fully engulfed. Blankenbaker rents the home which is owned by Anita Wildman. No one was injured in the fire.

Nancy Jones to seek re-election for Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer

Nancy L. (McAtee) Jones announces her candidacy for re-election to the Office of Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Loogootee on the Democratic ticket.

As Clerk-Treasurer, Nancy is the fiscal officer for the city and collaborates with the Mayor and City Council in the delivery of municipal services.

Nancy is the daughter of Robert and Helen Louise (Bullock) McAtee of Loogootee.

She is a graduate of Loogootee High School and a member of St. John Catholic Church. Nancy earned an Associate Degree in General Studies from Vincennes University. She also holds a license in practical nursing.

She is married to Michael G. Jones and they are the parents of two children, Molly, a student at Indiana University, and Luke, a junior at Loogootee High School.

Nancy would appreciate your vote in the May primary.



School board meetings

Shoals School Board
The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, January 13, at 5 p.m.

Loogootee School Board
The Loogootee School Board meeting has changed to Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. The meeting was originally scheduled for January 21.

COUNCIL

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our only other option and nobody wants to do there."

Clerk Treasurer Jones said that it's pretty typical for the water department to spend more than it takes in each month.

The fire hydrant fee was recently raised to \$200 from \$100 which Mayor Bowling said will add an additional \$20,000 annually to the water department.

Clerk-Treasurer Jones noted that the only money made by the water department is through customer bills so there is no other way to raise revenue.

In old business, Mayor Bowling reported that CSX railroad has still not fixed the crossing on Kentucky Avenue despite a letter written to them from the state stating they do so.

Mayor Bowling said he has written another lengthy letter to Senator Dick Lugar's office, INDOT, and the president of the Midwest CSX division. He said in the letter that not only does the crossing currently damage vehicles it is also an unsafe situation for those passing over it. He said that he also suggested in the letter that CSX take out a set of switches to eliminate one set of rails that would not have to be maintained.

Mayor Bowling then reported on the annex building lighting grant. He said that all of the lights provided for in the grant have been installed and all of the money was not spent. He had been working with Greg Jones of SIDC to get approval to buy light bulbs for the municipal building. He said the request was approved with the stipulation that it must be done by the end of January. He said the bulbs have been ordered and should arrive in the next few weeks.

The Board of Public Works approved 14 utility sewer adjustments during their meeting prior to the council meeting.

The following appointments were made by the mayor:

Board of Public Works & Safety – Joe

Mattox and Phyllis Parker

Chief of Police – Kelly Rayhill

Chief of the Loogootee Volunteer Fire

Department – Morgan Huebner

Street Department Superintendent – Don

Grindstaff

Utilities Superintendent – James "Bo"

Wilson

Utilities Clerk – Nancy Spaulding

Mayor's Assistant – Linda Ledgerwood

Ellis

City Hall Custodian – Don Grindstaff

Martin County Solid Waste Management

Board – Don Bowling and Joe Mattox

Park and Recreation Superintendent- Don

Grindstaff

Park and Recreation – Chadd Mosby, Sue

Carrico, Noel Harty, and Samantha Nelson

Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Board – Tim

Strange

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones re-ap-

pointed Kay Summers as Deputy Clerk-

Treasurer.

OPEN HOUSE

Honoring the recent marriage of
CHARITY TRUELOVE, of Loogootee
to **ADAM KARCZ, of Joliet**

Sunday, January 16

from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Loogootee United Methodist
Church Fellowship Hall,
208 West Main Street, Loogootee

Adam and Charity were united in matrimony in a private beach wedding at sunset at Paradise Cove, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, on October 11, 2010. They are currently making their home in Atlanta, GA. Charity is the daughter of Ralph S. and Marie Truelove of Loogootee, and Adam is the son of Donald C. Karcz Sr. and the late Jessica Karcz of Joliet, IL.



All friends are invited to join us in congratulating the happy couple!

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

BARBARA RAY

Barbara M. Ray passed away at 3:27 p.m. Thursday, January 6, 2011 at Select Specialty Hospital, in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, she was 69.

She was born September 27, 1941, in Mt. Carmel, Illinois; the daughter of Robert A. and Dorothy (Conrad) Fox. She graduated from Mesa High School, in Mesa, Arizona, and worked at Perfect Fit until 2007.

She is survived by one son, Anthony "Tony" Ray of Loogootee; one daughter, Sharon "Shelly" Ray of Loogootee; a sister, Norma Hart of Washington; a grandson, Robert Ray of Bedford; five nieces, Shannon (John) Cole of Las Vegas, Nevada, Sherryl Lundgren of Mesa, Bobbi Jo (John) Witsman of Monroe City, Ronda (Jerald) Cure of Sterling, Colorado, and Kerry (Tim) Simpson of St. Peters, Missouri; and a nephew, Jim (Katie) Fox of Grand Lake, Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert Wayne Fox and Larry Paul Fox; and three nephews, Samuel Dwayne Fox, Charles Allen Fox and Michael Gene McWilliams.

The funeral service was held Monday, January 10 at Ed Lee Mortuary, with Yvonne Evans officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.edleemortuary.com.

MYRON 'MIKE' HOPKINS

Myron E. "Mike" Hopkins, formerly of Shoals, died at 6:30 a.m. Friday, January 7, 2011 at his home. A resident of French Lick, he was 80.



MYRON HOPKINS

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 10 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home, in Shoals. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery. The American Legion Post 61 provided military graveside rites.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

PEARL E. MCCANN

Pearl E. McCann died at 11 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at Martin County Health Care and Rehab Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 95.

She was born October 11, 1915 in Martin County; the daughter of Samuel and Nancy Leah (Anderson) Street. She married Raymond McCann on September 2, 1939 and he preceded her in death in 1996. She was an avid card player and loved to quilt and crochet. She enjoyed spending time with her many friends, children and grandchildren. She was a member of St. John Catholic Church, St. Martin's Altar Society, and St. John's Quilters.

She is survived by three daughters, Mary Ellen Wildman of Jasper, Judy and husband John Walker and Jean and husband Tom Walker, all of Loogootee; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by one son, Ken McCann; three sisters, Gladys Crouse, Mable Hunter and Flossie Carnahan; four brothers, Virgil, Luther, Melvin and a twin brother Andrew Earl Street; and one grandchild.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, January 8 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Preferred memorial donations are to the Martin County Habitat for Humanity or the Loogootee St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com.

GEORGE W. PADGETT

George W. Padgett died at 9:33 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 2011 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 87.

He was born February 18, 1923, in Daviess County; the son of Augustine and Alma (Billington) Padgett. He married Jean (Cissell) Padgett on April 3, 1948 and she preceded him in death on August 15, 2004. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee and was a World War II Navy veteran. He retired from National Gypsum after working for 33 years.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Leah Padgett of Loogootee; three daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Larry Dean Holt of Shoals, Sharon and Joe Allen and Darlene and Keith Ellis, all of Loogootee; one daughter-in-law, Melody Padgett of Loogootee; 13 grandchildren, Christy Daniels, Jeremy Holt, Tracie Cunningham, Collin Padgett, Lori Bledsoe, Jamie Wildman, Jodie Fuhrman, Ryan Allen, Sarah Allen, Derek Ellis and Megan Padgett, all of Loogootee, Logan Padgett of Petersburg, and Ashley Arvin of Indianapolis; and eight great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Steve Padgett; and one sister, Ruth Delaney.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at this morning, Wednesday, January 12 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Barr Township in Daviess County, with military graveside rites conducted by the American Legion and VFW.

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

MIRIAM PORTER

Miriam Rose Porter, formerly of Loogootee, passed away at 12:24 p.m. Thursday,

January 6, 2011 at Saint Mary's Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Washington, she was 57.

She was born December 15, 1953; the daughter of Charles F. and Lillian A. (Carrico) Davis. She was a member of the Loogootee Revival Center. She is survived by one daughter, Tammy Lynn Cunningham of Huntingburg; three grandchildren, Deidra, Dara, and Dena Cunningham; four brothers, Ron Davis of Shoals, Larry Davis and Richard Davis both of Washington, and Greg Davis of Loogootee; four sisters, Karen Wagler, Jackie Davis, Mary Davis, and Barbara Spurgeon all of Loogootee; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers, Marty, Scott, Ed, Dwight, and Harry Dale.

Private funeral services were held.

NEDRA KAY (HANSEN) KETCHEM

Nedra Kay (Hansen) Ketchem, formerly of Loogootee, died January 1, 2011 in Bend, Oregon after being ill for a week. A resident of Redmond, Oregon, she was 44.



NEDRA KAY KETCHEM

She was born on February 17, 1966 in Ohio; the daughter of Fred S. and Cordia (Hunter) Hansen. She graduated from Loogootee High School in 1984. She had lived in Redmond, Oregon for several years and was a hairdresser.

She is survived by her husband, Jordan Verley; two sons, Jon S. Ketchem and Josh Ketchem both of Redmond, Oregon; four grandchildren, Christian Ketchem, Natalie Ketchem, Colton Ketchem, and Taylor Ketchem; one sister, Lillie Marie (Hansen) Greenhalgh, of Loogootee; and two brothers, Danny Joe Hansen, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Edward Hansen, of Indianapolis.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Graveside services were held on Thursday, January 6 in Redmond.

Arrangements were made by Autumn Fu-

nerals in Redmond. Condolences can be left for the family online at www.autumnfunerals.net.

RICHARD SMITH

Richard Stanley Smith passed away peacefully at 11:01 a.m. Friday, January 7, 2011 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 66.

He was born on September 28, 1944; the son of the late William Elmer and Maggie LaVerne (Blake) Smith. He married Barbara Sheetz on October 2, 1955 in Martin County, and she survives. He attended the Dover Hill United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Richard Stanley Smith Jr. and Bobby Joe Smith both of Shoals; one daughter, Belinda Rena Smith of Elnora; four grandchildren, James R. and Levi Smith and Lakisha and Joseph Sricy; five brothers, Cassius Lee Smith of Ragsville, James Andrew Smith of Dover Hill, Paul Roy Smith of Loogootee, Mark Ray Smith and John Henry Smith both of Shoals; two sisters, Carolyn Kay Tello of Leslie, Michigan and Martha Jane Fisher of Charlotte, Michigan

He was preceded in death by brothers, George Ronald and Amos Joseph, and sisters, Anna Faye and Hattie Lous Smith.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has two very nice puppies up for adoption. They are both females and are around eight weeks old.

If interested in one of these pups, call Don at 812-296-0952. The humane society is taking donations for building a new animal shelter in Martin County. If you would like to donate to this cause, send your donation to: Martin County Humane Society P.O. Box 357 Shoals, IN 47581. All donations are tax deductible.

County council holds brief first meeting of the year

The Martin County Council met briefly Monday, January 10. Councilman Randy Winger was unable to attend. This was also the first meeting for new council member Keith Gibson who replaced Larry Shaw in district two.

Council member Richard Summers was voted to be retained as President of the council and Randy Winger was voted to be kept as the Vice President.

Summers was also appointed to the Solid Waste District Board. Council member Lynn Gee was appointed to the Samaritan Advisory Board for a two-year term.

A letter from Judge Lynne Ellis was distributed to the council concerning computer problems.

A revised wage ordinance for the Prosecutor IV-D Incentive fund was approved with signatures.

The council also officially rescinded the one percent raise originally in the budget for county employees for 2011.

Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder updated the council on the Foreign Trade Zone along with other business his office has been working on.

Calendar of Events

Loogootee Post Prom Committee meeting

The Loogootee Post Prom Committee will meet tonight Wednesday, January 12 at 6 p.m. at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Anyone interested in helping out with this year's post prom is encouraged to attend the meeting. For more information contact Beth Wittmer or LeAnn Love

Walking for fitness at LUMC

Walking for fitness is held each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Loogootee United Methodist Church in the Family Center. The program will follow school weather closings. If there is a school delay, or during the week before Christmas, there will not be organized walking. You may still come and walk individually without music. Starting January 5, there will be devotion discussions every Wednesday at 8:30. All ages are invited, and it is free. Call Sandy Haseman at 295-9822 with any questions.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Loogootee Municipal Building, at 7 p.m. To become a member, contact Martin County Humane Society, P. O. Box 537, Shoals, Indiana 47581, call Don at 296-0952.

Recovery support group

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



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Sandwich menu always available; Friday & Saturday dinner menu available after 4 p.m.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, January 4

8:25 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen license plate.

8:34 a.m. - Received a report of a missing vehicle. It was quickly determined the vehicle had been repossessed.

11:00 a.m. - Received a call about Harper Hill Road being damaged by a semi.

3:02 p.m. - Received a report of a semi traveling at a high rate of speed on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

3:48 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, westbound from the state forest.

3:54 p.m. - The Martin County Ambulance Service advised that they were transporting a patient from Dr. Sutton's office to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231, approximately one mile north of Haysville.

4:53 p.m. - Received a call about problems with the water system in the area of Beard Road.

7:42 p.m. - A female caller requested assistance retrieving personal property.

Wednesday, January 5

12:50 a.m. - A female subject came on station to report problems with a male while attempting to get her personal property.

8:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Dover Hill. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:26 p.m. - Received a call about a line down on U.S. 150, approximately eight miles west of Prospect.

4:07 p.m. - A male caller reported that his dog had been cut and he was taking him to the veterinarian tomorrow and will call back after that.

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Deep Cut Lake Road.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle being keyed in Shoals.

8:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Scenic Hill Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:11 p.m. - Received an anonymous call about possible drug activity.

Thursday, January 6

1:36 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist at Hickory Ridge Church.

1:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on S.R. 450. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:52 a.m. - Received a report of a con-

trolled burn north of Haysville.

10:45 a.m. - Received a residential alarm on Butler Bridge Road.

12:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Webb Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:44 p.m. - Received a report of a break in at a residence on Graded Road.

9:38 p.m. - Received a complaint of a possible trespasser on private property in Shoals.

10:35 p.m. - Received a request for an officer at Loogootee Nursing Center for an unknown subject in the building.

Friday, January 7

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231, across from Lakeview Restaurant.

6:12 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off on Brooks Bridge Road.

6:39 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off just inside Daviess County and they were contacted.

6:47 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Dubois County and they were contacted.

10:00 a.m. - A male caller reported harassment.

10:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Dr. Kerr's office. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:38 p.m. - Martin Co. Ambulance Service advised that they were transporting a subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:23 p.m. - Received a report of possible child neglect.

4:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:59 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident.

5:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Webb Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:25 p.m. - A male caller in Shoals reported that his car had been spray painted.

6:54 p.m. - Received a report of something on fire behind a patrol car in the parking lot of the security center. Two juveniles were subsequently arrested.

6:56 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to the Mt. Union Church.

7:04 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance Service advised they were transporting a subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:15 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off on U.S. 231 south of Loogootee.

Saturday, January 8

3:54 a.m. - Received a report of a house fire on Dover Hill Road.

9:03 a.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm on Gun Shop Road.

9:25 a.m. - Received a request for traffic assistance with a funeral procession.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident with slight damage.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of two males walking down Windom Road jumping in front of vehicles.

7:52 p.m. - Received a call from a male regarding a family dispute.

8:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals.

9:08 p.m. - Received a call for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:36 p.m. - Received a call about possible drug activity.

9:40 p.m. - Received a parking complaint in Shoals.

9:58 p.m. - Received a report of a fight on Boyd Hollow Road.

Sunday, January 9

1:30 a.m. - A male caller reported that his teenage son had not returned home.

8:55 a.m. - Received a call about a horse in the roadway on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, near the water tower.

11:25 a.m. - Received a call from a subject that advised that due to ice on the roadway she had hit wooden poles on Gun Shop Road.

1:50 p.m. - Received a call about a domestic disturbance on McBride's Bluff Road.

5:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of two speeding vehicles on U.S. 50, near the state highway garage.

8:15 p.m. - Received a call about an unusual odor in Shoals.

8:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was trans-

ported to Bloomington Hospital of Orange County.

9:19 p.m. - Received a call from a parent that was concerned about her daughter in Monroe County that may have been involved in a domestic dispute. Monroe County was contacted.

Monday, January 10

1:07 p.m. - Received a report of doors open on an abandoned vehicle.

3:13 p.m. - Received a call from a subject that advised he was following a vehicle occupied by two subjects that had burglarized his residence.

6:57 p.m. - A female called about her neighbor's child being on her property.

7:23 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 50, near the 4-H building.

9:09 p.m. - A female caller in Crane advised that there was someone shooting a gun near her residence.

11:05 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50 at Buffalo Bottoms.

Tuesday, January 11

5:53 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off on U.S. 450.

Jail booking

Monday, January 3

9:49 a.m. - Alan C. Moorhead, 54 of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with battery. He was transported to the Martin County Security Center. Chief Rayhill was the arresting officer.

Tuesday, January 4

1:15 p.m. - Dustin Mills, 31, of Bedford, was arrested and charged with resisting law enforcement.

Thursday, January 6

10:38 p.m. - Juanita Grayson, 37, of Bloomington was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

11:55 p.m. - Betty Edmondson, 33, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Sullivan County warrant.

Saturday, January 8

10:25 p.m. - Michael L. Hellums, 38, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with battery.

Monday, January 10

4:45 p.m. - Ashley Schutte, 18, of Loogootee, and Dustin Perry, 19, of Crane, were charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamines and resisting law enforcement.

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Loogootee Police log

Monday, January 3

4:00 p.m. - Male caller advised he could not locate his father, and when he went to the residence someone else answered the door. It was later learned that the person had been evicted.

5:10 p.m. - First responders requested at Shady Estates for a female with a sprained ankle.

8:47 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to Pleasant View Lane in reference to smelling of smoke from the attic area.

Tuesday, January 4

4:00 a.m. - First responders requested at Shady Estates for a possible overdose.

Wednesday, January 5

7:09 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised of a reckless vehicle on US 231.

12:31 p.m. - Male caller advised his daughter had been assaulted at school. Chief Rayhill spoke with the father.

8:50 p.m. - Caller advised of a suspicious vehicle driving around storage barns. Officer Branham checked the area and spoke with the driver.

Thursday, January 6

10:47 p.m. - A male juvenile requested to speak to an officer in regards to problems with his mother. Officer Nolan spoke with the juvenile.

Friday, January 7

6:13 a.m. - A slide off was reported on Brooks Bridge Road. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

3:19 p.m. - Female caller advised of a child custody issue. Capt. Akles spoke with the female.

3:20 p.m. - Male caller reported a vehicle broken down on Butcher Boulevard.

3:39 p.m. - First responders requested on North Line Street for an unknown medical problem.

Saturday, January 8

1:02 a.m. - Female caller reported her ex-husband was harassing her. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the female.

3:57 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to Dover Hill Road reference a structure fire. They were on scene for approximately 5 hours.

7:05 a.m. - Female caller advised her medication was stolen.

4:42 p.m. - Caller reported dogs running loose on Queen Street.

6:26 p.m. - Female caller reported her underage son was out of control. Sgt. Norris responded.

6:50 p.m. - A female employee at Family Dollar requested an officer to escort a male out of the store. Sgt. Norris responded.

9:51 p.m. - A report of a business alarm activated on Broadway Street. Sgt. Norris responded.

End of Year Report for 2010

256 Traffic Arrests

140 Criminal Arrests

321 Cases

124 Property Damage Accidents

33,911 Miles driven

Martin County court news

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New charges filed

January 4

John J. Greenwell, failure to stop after an accident resulting in damage to an unattended vehicle, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Brian E. Tow, resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony.

Tanner S. Bough, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Alan C. Moorhead, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

December 29

Capital One Bank vs. Warren Atkison, civil collection.

January 4

Discover Bank vs. Clara Smith, civil collection.

State of Indiana vs. Carl Sweany and Wabash Valley Transport, civil collection.

John S. Covell vs. Betty F. Covell, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Lauren Bough vs. Joshua Lane, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

December 20

Ronald W. Greenhalgh to Portfolio Recovery Associations, LLC in the amount of \$2,036.39.

Robert Horn to Midland Funding in the

amount of \$4,536.93.

Jimmie Shawver to Midland Credit in the amount of \$1,140.85.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suit Filed

January 4

John Covell vs. Jerry and Julia Sanders, complaint.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

December 28 - January 4

Christopher Stone, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

William Fields, Loogootee, driving without proof of financial responsibilities, \$139.

Technology helps police properly identify man

A Huntingburg man is behind bars after a routine fingerprint scan determines that he had active arrest warrants issued for him in Daviess County.

On Sunday, Indiana State Police Trooper Brock Werne arrested Francisco Damian Rodriguez-Rivera, 22, of Huntingburg for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

After transporting Rodriguez-Rivera to the Dubois County Security Center, the jail staff began their routine booking process and part of this process is obtaining the arrested person's fingerprints. The jail staff utilized the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System or IAFIS which is an electronic finger print system that is maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Since the system is linked electronically to law enforcement databases, when the jail staff scanned Mr. Rodriguez-Rivera's fingerprints, it determined that he had active warrants issued for his arrest out of Daviess County under the name Gabriel L. Gonzales.

The Dubois County jail staff contacted Daviess County Jail and confirmed that Rodriguez-Rivera and Gonzales was indeed the same person.

It was also determined that he was wanted on warrants in Daviess County on the charges of identity theft, a Class D Felony; false informing, a Class C Misdemeanor; never receiving a valid license, a Class C Misdemeanor; and disorderly conduct a Class B Misdemeanor.

"Prior to this technology, unless the arresting officer physically knew the person, it would have taken along time to catch someone doing this type of crime, but now it is almost instantaneous," said Trooper Werne.

Martin County real estate transfers

Richard L. Britton and Linda L. Britton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Karl S. Britton**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 30 in Walker Addition to the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

Kenneth R. Jones II, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sarba A. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the North half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 8.40 acres, more or less. Except therefrom that portion of the Northeast and Northwest quarters of the Northeast quarter of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 3 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 5 acres, more or less. Containing after said exception 3.40 acres, more or less.

Brian Scott Truelove, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian Scott Truelove**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the east half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 31.35 acres, more or less.

Brian Scott Truelove, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian Scott Truelove**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the east half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 9.34 acres more or less.

Raymond D. Boyd, of Martin County, Indiana to **Monty J. Holt**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 47 and 14.34 feet east side of Lot 46 in McCormick's Subdivision 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Timothy A. Cherry, of Marion County, Florida to **Roberta A. Cherry**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 13 in the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, 1.5 feet of even width off of the west side of Lot 14 in the original plat of the

Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Michael G. Burris and Helen M. Burris, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Jarrod M. Burris and Amy L. Burris**, of Daviess County, Indiana, 10 acres off of the south side of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 4 West. Also, 17 acres off of the north side of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 4 West. Also, a lot of land commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 4 West. Also, 10 acres off of the north side of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, excepting therefrom a 1.2 acre tract described as beginning at the southwest corner of the 10 acres off of the north side of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 4 West with the remaining

tract of 8 acres, more or less.

Stephen T. Jenkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **John T. Hickman and Elizabeth A. Hickman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 2.34 acres, more or less.

Westgate @ Crane Development Company, LLC to Westgate Five, LLC, part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, situated in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 2.54 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 27582 Westgate Circle, Crane, Indiana.

Westgate @ Crane Development Company, LLC to Westgate Six, LLC, part of the south half of the west half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, and containing 2.864 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 27548 N. 1400 E. Crane, Indiana.

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Martin County accident reports

Wednesday, January 5

6:05 a.m. - Received a call from an Alysia M. Potts, 21, of Shoals, who advised that she had struck a deer while traveling on S.R. 550, near the Houghton Bridge. The deer caused slight damage to the passenger side fender and door of her 1999 Volkswagen Passat. The investigating officer was Corporal John Fischer.

Friday, January 7

6:15 a.m. - Bryan Burris, of Loogootee, was operating a 1993 Jeep on North Line

Street and due to slick roads lost control of the vehicle and collided with a tree. No injuries were reported. Capt. Akles was the investigating officer.

8:10 a.m. - Casey Davis, 18, of Shoals, was northbound on Spout Springs Road in a black 2005 Toyota. Her vehicle began to slide and ended up sideways in the roadway. Megan Sanders, 17, of Shoals, who was driving a beige 2006 Jeep, saw the Davis vehicle in the roadway. She swerved and attempted to miss the vehicle, but struck it, causing slight damage to both vehicles. The investigating officer was Deputy Keith Keller.

Saturday, January 8

11:54 a.m. - Ryan D. Bell, of Loogootee, was operating a 1995 GMC in the American Legion parking lot when he backed into a 1997 Dodge Ram owned by Philip O'Connor, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Capt. Akles was the investigating officer.

Tuesday, January 11

5:57 a.m. - Nicholas Snider, 23, of West Baden, was driving on U.S. 150, east of Fairview Lane, when he lost control of his 2008 Ford Focus and struck the end of a guard rail. The accident caused significant damage to the back passenger side of his vehicle and damaged the guard rail. The vehicle was driven from the scene. The investigating officer was Corporal John Fischer.

ISP Jasper Post welcomes new trooper, Troy Fischer



TROOPER FISCHER

Indiana State Police Superintendent Paul Whitesell, Ph.D., recently announced the reclassification of Trooper Troy Fischer to the position of detective.

Detective Fischer is a seven-year veteran of the Indiana State Police. He earned his assignment into the Criminal Investigation Division through written testing and a competitive interview process.

Detective Fischer will work from the Indiana State Police Jasper Post which is responsible for Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer counties.

Fischer is a native of Spencer County, and a 1989 graduate from Heritage Hills High School. After high school, Fischer enlisted in the US Army.

After completing his commitment to the US Army, Fischer returned home and became a loan officer and branch manager of a local bank.

Fischer attended the 63rd Indiana State Police Recruit Academy where he graduated on April 13, 2003 and was assigned to the Lafayette District. Then in January of 2005 he transferred to the Jasper Post where he primarily patrolled Perry and Spencer counties.

Trooper Detective Fischer and his wife Molly, reside near St. Meinrad with their two boys.



Me and Josh, after he won me over with his humor

My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett
Owner, Martin County Journal

One of my most favorite things to do is laugh. Most would say I am a very non-emotional person – and surprisingly, I have been told that I act stuck up which just befuddles me because, well, I like everybody. No, really, I can count on one hand how many people I dislike in this world. Hang on, one, two, three, four, five, oh wait, six, okay, a little more than one hand.

My favorite personality trait in others is humor. If you can make me laugh you might as well count on the fact that I will never leave you alone. And I have one of those strange sense of humors that many wouldn't share, so making me do one of those silent, ugly laughs is pretty much limited to a few – I could probably count those people on two hands – three of them being my sisters but my husband ranks up there too.

I remember when I first met my husband, Josh, 15 years ago. My family had just moved to Brown County the year before and I was working as a manager at a restaurant in Nashville that my mother was running. I met a guy named Matt who invited me to a Euchre party at his house and I agreed. Soon, it was a regular thing for me to go to Matt's after work to play Euchre with "the guys". That's where I met Chris who, along with his buddy Brent, constantly cheated at Euchre and despite playing against them a hundred times, Matt and I couldn't overcome the cheating and pull off one single win.

One night I decided to win at all costs so I solicited one of my sister's friends who is good at Euchre to come over and we practiced cheating with hand signals and head nods and then headed over to Matt's. When I walked in, a girl on a mission, I went straight into the other room where Chris and Brent were sure to be pummeled by the win I was getting ready to dish out. Instead, after the game got started, I was distracted the whole time by a guy I had never met before shouting to me from the next room. My friend had told him my name and he kept saying it over and over telling me to go get things for him out of his truck or asking how tall I was, or just bugging me period. It was not a good first impression for sure and my only thought was "What is wrong

with that guy?" He was interrupting my futile attempt to cheat at Euchre. We didn't win, I went home. The next day Josh showed up at my work and hung around for what seemed like hours with the rest of the "Euchre gang". He bugged me and bugged me about going on a date with him but I kept refusing. He was relentless and stayed after closing time to help me mop and do the books so I finally agreed to just one date with the condition that we must travel to my friend's house in Loogootee. (Remember that Jonna?)

Prior to our first date though he drove me home from work one night using the excuse that he wanted me to teach him how to play Rummy. So we sat on the floor in my mother's living room and I attempted to show him how to play.

My mother was giving me cheesy grins and knowing looks the next morning and told me that I was going to marry the boy I brought over the night before. To this I replied with a roll of my eyes, no, that was never going to happen because he wasn't my type. She told me to wait and see and when I asked why she said it was because he made me laugh and few people can do that. Needless to say Josh's sense of humor did play a large role in what warmed me up to him. He's really funny and, well, he's been my husband for almost 13 years now.

I think laughter is one of the greatest stressors in a marriage and in life. People don't laugh enough in my opinion.

My sisters and I are notorious for getting into the silent, ugly laughing fits. When we are on the phone and one of those fits takes hold all you hear is the occasional snort but other than that complete silence until that sudden intake of breath. We usually then spend the rest of the conversation starting the fit all over again until we have runny noses, tears, and our ribs hurt.

Now that I have bored you to death with the story of how I met my husband, take this snow day to have a good laugh with your sister, your husband or your best friend – maybe even your kids (mine are pretty darn funny too.) Forget about those bills piling up or the housework piling up and go have an ugly laugh. You'll thank me later.

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'Join us also in praying for guidance for our elected officials'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

The 112th Congress that TEA Patriots across the Eighth District, as well as the whole United States, helped to elect is finally in session! Our Eighth District United States Representative is Larry Bucshon. And of course in the Senate is newly elected Dan Coats with Richard Lugar continuing to represent us. We just want to publically remind our legislators of the tasks we elected them to do:

1. Repeal/ De-fund Obamacare
2. Cut Spending
3. Tax Reform
4. Entitlement Reform
5. Devolve Power to the State and Local Governments
6. Greater Transparency and Accountability
7. Abide by the United States Constitution

8. No bill comes to a vote unless it is READ.

On the first day of the 112th Congress a reading of the United States Constitution was performed with each member reading a part of it. That in itself was a FIRST...and was encouraging to note that elected officials were reaching out to us, THE PEOPLE, by recognizing we are a nation of laws governed by the Constitution.

Then of all horrors, an assassination attempt on Congresswoman Giffords was made in Tucson while she was meeting with her constituents and exercising her First Amendment Right to assemble. Please join us in praying for Gabrielle Giffords' recovery, for her family, and for all the victims and families of the heinous violence that transpired over this last weekend. Please join us also in praying for guidance for our elected officials as they attempt to heal our nation.

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State health officials warn public to not consume sprouts

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a press release advising consumers not to eat Alfalfa Sprouts and Spicy Sprouts (which contain alfalfa sprouts mixed with radish and clover sprouts) from Tiny Greens Organic Farm of Urbana, Illinois.

According to the FDA, preliminary results of the investigation of a multistate outbreak of Salmonella infections indicate a link to eating Tiny Greens' Alfalfa Sprouts at Jimmy John's restaurant outlets. Indiana has 10 confirmed Salmonella cases associated with this outbreak.

The sprouts were distributed in 4 oz. and 5 lb. containers to various customers, including farmers' markets, restaurants and groceries, in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and possibly other Midwestern states.

"Consumers should not eat Tiny Greens brand Alfalfa Sprouts or Spicy Sprouts," said enteric epidemiologist Amie May. "Restaurant and food service operators should not serve them. Consumers, retailers and others who have Tiny Greens Alfalfa Sprouts or Spicy Sprouts should throw them away in a sealed container so people and animals, including wild animals, cannot eat them."

According to May, most persons infected with Salmonella develop diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts four to seven days, and most persons recover without treatment. However, some individuals may require hospitalization from severe diarrhea.

"Anyone who thinks they may have become ill from eating contaminated sprouts

should consult their health care provider," said May. "Salmonella infection may spread from the intestines to the blood stream and then to other body sites. It can cause death unless the person is treated promptly with antibiotics."

May says the elderly, infants and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to become severely ill from Salmonella infection.

The FDA is investigating the problem in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Indiana State Department of Health, and other states and is working with Tiny Greens. Jimmy John's restaurants have voluntarily suspended serving sprouts at their Indiana franchise locations.

Sprouts are a known source of food-borne illness. Since 1996, there have been at least 30 reported outbreaks of food-borne illness associated with different types of raw and lightly cooked sprouts. Most of these outbreaks were caused by Salmonella and E. coli.

The FDA advises children, the elderly, pregnant women, and persons with weakened immune systems should avoid eating raw sprouts of any kind (including alfalfa, clover, radish and mung bean sprouts). To reduce the chance of food-borne illness, FDA advises consumers to cook sprouts thoroughly and to request raw sprouts not be added to your food.

For updates on this and other public health issues, follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/INPublicHealth, or go online for more info at: www.statehealth.IN.gov.

Panel to consider proposal providing municipalities option to manage debt

Indiana's Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet today, Wednesday, to consider State Sen. Ed Charbonneau's proposal designed to help insolvent communities better manage their debts.

Senate Bill 105 - offering financially

stressed communities options including the appointment of a financial manager and ability to declare bankruptcy - will be heard at 9 a.m. in Room 130 of the Statehouse. Visit www.in.gov/senator.charbonneau and click on "watch and listen" to view proceedings online.

"This bill creates a procedure that cities can follow if they find themselves struggling financially," said Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso). "Much like families who consult professionals to help them achieve their financial goals, we want to give municipalities the option of appointing a manager to bring spending in line with revenue. If justifiable, the city could file bankruptcy."

Under Charbonneau's measure, local governments in the red could request the state to appoint a financial manager. This manager would work to make governments solvent again by addressing community affairs and helping to restructure debt and financial obligations.

If merited, the appointed manager could seek bankruptcy on behalf of a municipality. Under the proposal, a municipality would be allowed to declare bankruptcy if they met a number of strict requirements, including an inability to pay principal or interest on municipal bonds, or make payroll payments for a given length of time.

Charbonneau said more than 27 states allow local governments to file for bankruptcy, but it is rarely used.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Rep.

Mark Messmer



Setting the tone

Last Wednesday, January 5, the 117th Indiana General Assembly convened at the Statehouse. Speaker of the House Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) had announced on Organizational Day, in November when we were sworn in, that we would be willing to work together in a spirit of bipartisanship. He demonstrated that by appointing two Democrat members as Committee Chairmen, a historic first in Indiana government.

On the first day of the legislative session there was a protest by the Democrats to change a 40-year precedent of not voting on a bill until it's in the hands of the elected officials. This also allows the public and the media to have time to read over the bills before they are sent to committee to be discussed.

Speaker Bosma has pledged to allow all members to speak their peace on all issues. And it is our intent to work with our colleagues on both sides of the aisle that are willing to. In an interview after Wednesday's session Speaker Bosma stated that, "Ironically, Representative Bauer, in his six years as speaker, handled the bill lists precisely in the same manner as they were protesting." It would have forced legislators to vote on bills before anyone but the author and Speaker Bosma had a chance to read them.

We encountered a few floor antics, but despite that, we are still willing to reach out to those who are interested in working in a bipartisan spirit, and work around the obstructionists. We will continue to move forward in a professional and respectful manner and I look forward to seeing what the months ahead bring.

One of the major issues we will be dis-

cussing this year is the budget.

The December Revenue Forecast was recently released. It is put together by a committee that includes fiscal analysts from all four legislative caucuses: the House and Senate Democrats, and the House and Senate Republicans.

The new forecast projects modest growth over the next 2.5 fiscal years, but the expected growth rates are much lower than in the periods following most recessions. While we won't be at the same level of revenue as we were in 2008 until 2012, we are heading in the right direction.

We will have to make further reductions in the upcoming budget, but there are still reasons to be optimistic. We are working together to make appropriate spending reductions so that Indiana can weather the recession.

Our plans will allow us to strengthen Indiana without jeopardizing the long-term health of the state, and also to avoid a tax increase that would be counterproductive to the state's economic recovery. We want to create a balanced budget and a climate that encourages companies to grow and expand in Indiana.

I hope our rocky start on Wednesday is not an indication of how the entire session will proceed. As Vice Chairman, I expect to work well with the Democrat Chairman of the Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development Committee to get positive things done for the state of Indiana. I have invited several Democrats to co-author legislation that I am working on. It's too bad Minority Leader Bauer, and some his party's House members, continue to be interested in playing political games rather than serving the people of Indiana well.



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New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL
Pastor's wife

Romans 7:13 to 8:4

Our God loves us more than we can imagine! He loves us to the point of death. Our God forgives us when we fail, loves the unlovable, gives us a way through temptations and promises great joy and peace. Our God wants us to have an abundant life. He gives us great gifts to empower and enable us to do great things. He gives us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading by His power.

What stops us from receiving all God has for us? Sin! Sin blocks the abundant life and great promises. We are in a war, a battle! Something has to change and it is us. We are all aware of a raging conflict that never existed before we came to Christ and has never ceased since. All Christians are in the battle, you are not alone. The most magnificent and inspired articulation of this battle, of this struggle is given in Romans Chapter 7 in the words of the Apostle Paul.

These are desperate times, which call for desperate measures. At times like these God is calling us to return. We need to be strong in the Lord. God's people are being called to go beyond the normal, beyond our own selfish nature. The healing of our land is waiting on repentance of God's people.

If we are going to renew our commitment to Christ we need to sound the alarm. We need to prepare to go to battle. It's not the other guy, it's not the world around us, it's not what he does or she does, it's what you

do.

The battle begins with sin, why do we struggle with sin? Our walk with God is not based on feelings as Paul shows us the flesh will get us into trouble. The laws that are written in the word of God show us what we are required to do to line up with His standards. The law describes God's holy character. Not hearing or knowing would be like going to the doctor and saying you can't diagnose me or tell what I should do to get better? The law shows us what needs to be fixed.

Romans, 7:14-15, "For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand, for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate." Why, if the desire is in us to follow God, do we fail so much?

We live trapped somewhere between our highs and our lows, our profound joys of spiritual heights and sinful depths. There are two births, one physical which made us sinners, our second birth - spiritual which makes us righteous and fit for the world to come. We are then the product of these two births. We live two lives, welded into one. That is the source of our conflict, all the faculties that come out of that first birth wage war against all the faculties that come out of the second birth. We may not understand the theological elements going on, but we really do understand the conflict. We understand the effects, the relentless power, and influence of our righteous longings and desires and we also understand the relentless power and influence of our sin.

It is crucial you understand your righteousness. Understand your newness of life, the divine nature that is in you, understand you have been regenerated, that you have died and come to life. Walk as a new creation, you are now made fit for the presence of God.

Paul knew the answer; it is through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit that we walk not in the flesh but in the spirit. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. God offers you heart purification, soul pu-

rification, having regeneration within and a newness. Washed, cleansed, and purified; given a new life created by God in true righteousness and holiness. God by His word creates that life.

Our Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. with praise and worship. January 23, at 6 p.m. we will have a guest speaker from the International Missions Board. Please join us for this Solemn Assembly prayer. If you have any questions call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.



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Vincennes University Dean's List for Fall Semester 2010

The Vincennes University Dean's List for Fall 2010 includes students from the Vincennes campus, Jasper campus, Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis, military bases, and other extended sites.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete at least 12 credit hours and achieve a grade point index of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

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Adam E Tedrow, Education/Special Ed, Mild Intervention

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Shannon R Wagoner, Education/Special Ed, Mild Intervention

Susan J Young, Nursing, Associate of Science

Classes, programs at the learning center

Proctoring services

Are you taking online classes this semester that require a proctor? Take your tests close to home at the learning center. Contact Kathy ahead of time to fill out paperwork and schedule testing dates.

Résumé writing and career planning

Need help with your résumé? Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting will offer Résumé Assistance-Level One on January 18 and again on January 27. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and cost is \$25. This is a basic course designed for an applicant needing help with the application process for government civilian and/or government contractor positions, specifically for NSWC Crane. Contact Kathy at the learning center at 812-295-2674 to register.

Sign language class

An exciting, beautiful way to communicate, Intro to Sign Language by instructor Karen Mattingly will be offered at the center on Mondays, February 7 through February 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$65 and includes textbook. Call today to sign up! The deadline to sign up and provide payment is January 28.

Overcomers' group

Indiana Drug Education and Awareness Solutions is conducting an ongoing Overcomers' Recovery Support Group at the center. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and newcomers are invited. There is no cost for participation. For further information, contact Jason Underhill at 812-653-1908.

Adult literacy and education

Do you know someone who could use some help with his or her reading skills? Anyone interested is encouraged to contact SOAR! at 812-709-1618 for further information. For GED-Adult Basic Education, call Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881 or 812-606-2056.

Meeting rooms

The learning center is a great place to host meetings and is free of charge for non-profit organizations. There are a variety of rooms and technologies available. Call to schedule a convenient date.

Contact

Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email kkerr8@ivytech.edu

Office hours

Monday through Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Lions, Lady Lions to play Pike Central in doubleheader

For the second time, snow has wreaked havoc with Loogootee's scheduled game at Pike Central. The boys were postponed in December, and now the girls have also been pushed back a few weeks.

Pike Central has agreed to host the Lady Lions in a varsity-only contest beginning at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25.

Lion Sixth Graders get three-point win over Bloomfield

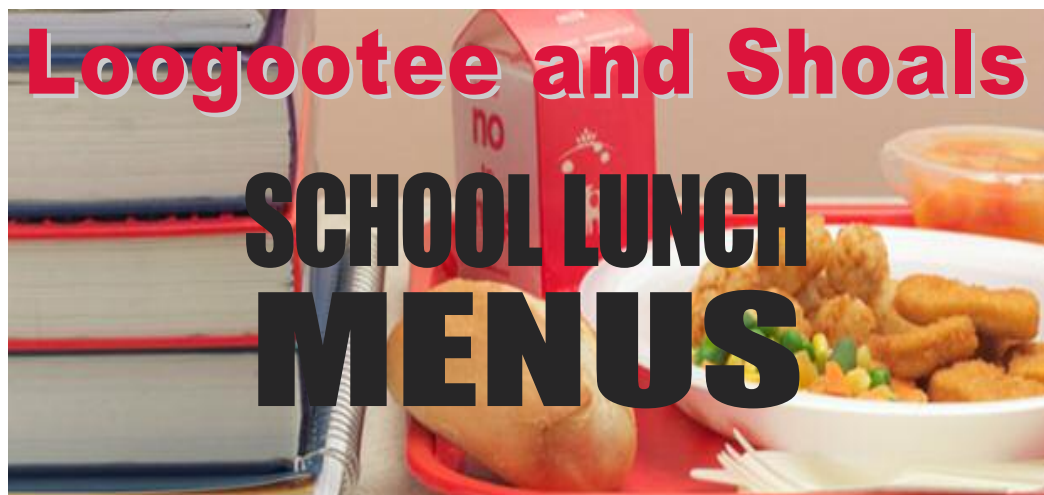
The Loogootee Sixth Grade Boy's Basketball team travelled to Bloomfield last Thursday and finished with a three-point win, 28-25.

Landon Bell led the team in scoring with nine points. Jordan Clark finished with six points, Tokala Richardson, Cole Gillick, and Tye Collins had four each, and Blake

Ziegler finished with one point.

Richardson and Collins led in rebounds with three each. Bell had a game-high five steals and four assists. Tye Collins also had two assists.

The team will travel to Pike Central on Monday, January 17. The game begins at 6 p.m.



LOGOOTE ELEMENTARY WEST

Breakfast

Thursday, January 13

Cereal, sausage, muffin

Friday, January 14

Ham and egg biscuit, fruit

Monday, January 17

French toast, sausage, fruit

Tuesday, January 18

Breakfast pizza, hash browns, fruit

Wednesday, January 19

Biscuit and gravy, sausage, fruit

Lunch

Thursday, January 13

Macaroni and cheese, peas, applesauce, peanut butter sandwich

Friday, January 14

Sausage pizza, salad, pears

Monday, January 17

Corn dogs, baked beans, mixed fruit, bread

Tuesday, January 18

Fish sticks, scalloped potatoes, peaches, bread

Wednesday, January 19

Chicken noodle soup, sweet roll, celery, cheese and crackers

LOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, January 13

Chili or pizza, cheese and crackers, fruit, roll, salad plate, milk

Friday, January 14

Grilled chicken or pizza, baked potatoes, broccoli and cheese, fruit, salad plate, milk

Loogootee Sixth Grade Girls defeated by Chargers, 23-21

The Loogootee Sixth Grade Lady Lions went up against the Pike Central Lady Chargers Saturday, January 8. Pike Central took the A game 23-21. The Lady Chargers took advantage of several unforced Loogootee turnovers to erase a 17-12 third quarter deficit. Meghan Mathies led in scoring with nine. Mya Hedrick, Mayson Riley, and Kylie Hall had four points each.

The girls held on to win the B game 14-13. Mayson Riley finished with a game high five points followed by Emily Brookshire with three and Kylie Hall, Matty Jones, and Megan Lampert with two points each.

Monday, January 17

Breaded tenderloin or pizza, scalloped potatoes, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, January 18

Chicken fajita or pizza, rice, corn, fruit, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, January 19

Country fried steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, January 13

Eggs with biscuit and jelly, juice, milk

Friday, January 14

Cereal, sweet rolls, juice, milk

Monday, January 17

Cereal, cinnamon biscuit, juice, milk

Tuesday, January 18

French toast with syrup, ham, juice, milk

Wednesday, January 19

Colby omelet, biscuit and jelly, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, January 13

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, roll, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza

Friday, January 14

Fajita chicken over steamed rice, green beans, fruit cobbler, milk; choice 4-12: burrito

Monday, January 17

Turkey steak sandwich, French fries, fruit, cake, milk

Tuesday, January 18

BBQ chicken breast, corn, applesauce, roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

Wednesday, January 19

Country fried beef steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

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Shoals Varsity Boys suffer tough losses to WC and Wood Memorial

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Shoals Jug Rox Varsity Boys' Basketball team faced off against the 5-5 Wood Memorial Trojans last Saturday. Despite a close game throughout, the Rox were defeated 41-45.

In the first half both teams had fairly even scoring with Wood Memorial hitting seven of their 11 two-point shots and Shoals hitting six of their 12 attempts. Tyler Price led in scoring in the first half dropping a trey and a deuce for a total of five points. Garrett Bateman and Mike Shartzter were close behind with four points from two field goals each.

Shoals didn't make it to the free throw line at all in the first half and only twice in the second half, both times by Bateman. The Rox went into the locker room at halftime

only down by one point. In the third quarter Shoals was outscored 15-12 by the Trojans and in the fourth quarter Shoals sent Wood Memorial to the charity stripe six times with the Trojans hitting six of the freebies which proved to be fatal for the Rox. Bateman led second half scoring with 11 followed by Seth McCrary with 9.

Bateman finished with a total of 15 points and was only 3-9 from field goal range and 2-5 from three-point range. McCrary and Tyler Price both ended with 11 points apiece with nine of Price's points coming from the arch. Mike Shartzter also contributed two buckets.

Wood Memorial was led in scoring by Bajzath with 15 followed by Ewin with 14. The Trojans were 11-21 from two-point range and 5-12 from three point range.

Shoals finished with only three turnovers

to Wood Memorial's nine. The loss puts the Jug Rox at 4-5 on the season while Wood Memorial moved to 6-5.

The Jug Rox fell to Washington Catholic last Friday, January 7, by only three points. The final score was Shoals 51, WC 54.

In the first half Shoals outscored the Cardinals 32-27 and shot 11-19 from field goal range.

Jug Rox star Garrett Bateman scored close to half of the first half points and made five of seven attempts from two point range and nailed one three pointer.

The Cardinals shot 42 percent from two-point range in the first half and were 1-5 from three-point range.

Shoals only put up six shots in the third quarter with Bateman hitting a three-pointer and Jondavide Hopkins a deuce. The Cardinals were only up by two points at the start

of the fourth quarter but frequent trips to the foul line clinched the victory for the team.

Bateman finished with 25 points shooting 8-13 from two-point range and 2-6 from three-point range. Tyler Price finished with seven points followed by Seth McCrary with six, Cole Kimmel with five, Mike Shartzter with four, and Waylon Bradley and Jondavide Hopkins both contributing a bucket.

Shoals finished overall with a 52 percent field goal percentage, 28 percent from three-point range, and a 50 percent free throw percentage.

Washington Catholic ended with a 42 percent field goal percentage, 33 percent from three-point range, and had a 76 percent free throw percentage.

Shoals had nine turnovers in the game, WC had 11.

The win moved the Cardinals to 3-7 on the season.

Lady Rox fall to Northeast Dubois

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Shoals Lady Rox suffered a tough loss against Northeast Dubois last Thursday, January 6. The final score was Northeast Dubois 55, Shoals 27.

The ladies had a rough first half only scoring two points in free throws. 12 two-pointers were attempted and six 3-pointers but Shoals was unable to get anything to fall.

Shoals tried for a comeback in the third quarter outscoring the Lady Jeeps 20-12 but had another dry spell in the fourth quarter only scoring five points in free throws.

Nicole Harder led the team in scoring with 14 points landing three 3-pointers, a

field goal, and three free throws. Lezlie Hart finished with five points including two 2-pointers and a free throw. Megan Sanders had four points, Kaitlyn Sanders finished with three, and Jaylenn Hilderbrand contributed a point.

The Lady Rox made only four of 22 shots from two-point range and 3-17 from three-point range. They were 41 percent from the charity stripe.

Northeast Dubois shot 49 percent from two-point range. Only two 3-pointers were attempted by the Lady Jeeps with neither one successful and the ladies only took four free throw shots making one.

Dubois had eight turnovers, Shoals had 13.

Scholarships available for Haas Technical Education Center teachers

Secondary and post-secondary teachers seeking high-technology training will receive a major boost from \$20,250 in scholarship funding from the Gene Haas Foundation.

Scholarships will be awarded to the first 30 teachers who enroll in the new Computer Numeric Control (CNC) training courses at Vincennes University's HTEC, located in the Indiana Center for Applied Technology.

"The Gene Haas Foundation is pleased to assist in this new program to train and update the skills of CNC educators. The program incorporates state-of-the-art projects that can be then taken back to classrooms around the country," said Bob Skodzinsky, manager of the North American HTEC Network Program. Skordzinsky serves as a member of the VU HTEC Advisory Committee.

To qualify for the half-tuition scholarship, teachers need to be employed as an educator at a member HTEC school. The training courses are open to anyone from industry or to teachers from any school or training center; but this particular scholarship is only for educators from HTEC member schools.

"The Gene Haas Foundation is a life preserver, making funds available to programs and students when they need it most. Along with the Haas Technical Education Centers, the Gene Haas Foundation supports American Education and Manufacturing," said Dave Tucker, president of Midwest Manufacturing

Resources, Inc., Haas Factory Outlet.

The HTEC opened at VU on October 27 with more than 250 educators, manufacturers, partners, students, and state and local officials participating. Classes began in January for HTEC teachers and for business and industry participants. Instruction includes a combination of on-line and on-site courses on Haas CNC mill and lathe programming, setup, and operations. Training for NIMS CNC credentials along with Haas and Mastercam University certifications is offered. Training also includes probing, workholding, tooling, and many related skills.

"The Gene Haas Foundation scholarship for CNC educators is the most recent example of the tremendous ongoing support that Gene Haas and everyone at Haas Automation provide to better educate the American manufacturing workforce. These scholarships will go a long way to help many teachers to advance their HTEC programs to the next level. This is definitely a win-win situation for everyone, and we are very grateful to the Gene Haas Foundation," said Doug Bowman, director of the VU HTEC.

For more information about the training courses offered at the VU HTEC CNC Training Center, or to register for classes, go to www.vuhtec.org or contact Doug Bowman at dbowman@vinu.edu, or call 812-888-4159.

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Economists: Farmland values soaring, for now

BY STEVE LEER
Purdue University News Service

Much of the U.S. economy has been slow to recover from the recession. That hasn't been true of farmland markets, which have continued to climb, a group of Purdue University agricultural economists says.

Strong crop returns, very low interest rates, and a growing expectation that both might continue have had a positive influence on farmland values, said Mike Boehlje, Chris Hurt and Brent Gloy.

"Even while some residential and commercial real estate values have been falling, that has not been the case for farm real estate," Boehlje said. "Instead, we've seen some high prices for farmland in recent months, even exceeding \$10,000 an acre in some extreme cases."

Boehlje, Hurt, Gloy, and fellow Purdue agricultural economist Craig Dobbins examine farmland value dynamics in their paper "Farmland Values: Current and Future Prospects." The paper can be viewed online by going to www.agecon.purdue.edu/commercialag/progevents/landvalueswebinar.html and then clicking on the link.

The four economists and Bruce Erickson, Purdue's director of cropping systems management, will discuss farmland values during a free webinar 1-2 p.m. EST Monday, January 10. To register for the online event, visit the website above.

Farmland values have risen steadily since 1987 but have shot up in recent years. Between 2000 and 2010 the average price per acre of average-quality Indiana farmland - land capable of producing an average corn yield of 155 bushels - rose from about \$2,300 to just over \$4,400 this past June, the economists said. Land values continued to increase even more dramatically during the last half of 2010.

"These higher prices aren't for development purposes," Boehlje said. "Many of the land sales in the Midwest are to farmers rather than outside investors, so it's farmers bidding against farmers. Not only is land demand strong but also supply is low as few families are willing to sell. Strong demand with limited supply makes farmland a hot commodity, both for its asset value and the income it can generate."

"In addition, low interest rates are making farmland attractive, and farmland is seen as a hedge against inflation. Farmland and real assets, whether they be land or commodities, are perceived by many to have more inflation hedge potential than financial assets."

Higher crop prices play a major role in farmland values as they increase returns,

Hurt said. Global demand for grain is growing, brought on by higher world incomes and the increased use of crops for biofuels.

Two huge growth markets have been corn for ethanol and soybean exports to China, Hurt said. In 2005 those two markets required 16 million acres of production. By 2010 it took 41 million acres of the two crops to meet those market demands, he said.

"That's a startling 25 million-acre increase in the demand for land," Hurt said. "It represents about 10 percent of the U.S. crop base planted to major crops. That says we've had a very large increase in demand for land and is thus one of the primary contributors to surging land values on the demand side."

Crop prices also are getting an indirect boost from Federal Reserve monetary policy. Hurt said the second round of the Fed's buying of Treasury securities through so-called "quantitative easing" is conducive to weakening the U.S. dollar and creating inflation.

"The act of creating more money tends to depress the value of the dollar. That generally results in stronger commodity prices, which would then push up returns to farmland and be an added stimulant to land values," he said.

High crop returns also affect the rental rates landowners charge farmers to use their land.

"Cash rents are higher as a result of the greater returns to the land on which crops are grown, but farmland prices have been rising more rapidly than cash rents in recent years," Gloy said.

A 2010 Indiana farmland value survey conducted by Purdue indicated that average-quality Hoosier farmland was worth \$4,419 per acre in mid-June. Cash rents on that land averaged \$161 per acre, meaning buyers were willing to pay a price for land that was about 27 times the annual rent. By contrast, this "value-to-rent multiple" was 20 in 2000 and just 12 in 1986.

"The increased value-to-rent multiples suggest that both rising crop incomes and falling interest rates have been leading contributors to today's land values," Gloy said. "Future land values will largely be determined by the economic returns to farmland ownership, the level of interest rates and by expectations, including inflationary expectations, of both land buyers and sellers."

The webinar is sponsored by Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture. Those unable to view the program online can listen by phone by contacting Aissa Good at 765-496-3884. The presentation also will be archived online for later viewing.

2010 state park deer hunt report available

Volunteer hunters took 1,689 deer during special controlled hunts at 16 state parks in November, according to Mike Mycroft, chief of natural resources for the DNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs. A full report is available at www.in.gov/dnr/park-lake/files/sp-DeerRMRR.pdf.

The controlled hunts were November 15-16 and November 29-30, at Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, Versailles, and Whitewater Memorial state parks.

Indiana state parks were among the first in the eastern United States to use hunting to manage the impacts of deer in protected natural areas that traditionally prohibited hunting. Many additional agencies, such as Georgia state parks and other groups, have since adopted similar programs based on Indiana's model.

"We began our reduction program 18 years ago, and all those years provide a powerful

data set that illustrates habitat recovery as well as healthier, sustained deer populations throughout the parks," Mycroft said.

The state parks are home to many unique natural communities and rare plants no longer represented throughout Indiana. The controlled hunts help reduce browsing by deer to a level that helps ecosystems and associated vegetation recover.

Individual parks are evaluated annually to determine which require a reduction. Decisions are based on the recovery of vegetation that deer eat and previous harvest information at each park. Approximately one-third of the parks have achieved maintenance status since the program began and regularly take a year off from reductions.

Individual hunters could take up to three deer, which do not count against statewide bag limits and have no tag fees. Participants were drawn from a pool of eligible applicants in September. Look for details regarding 2011 state park deer reductions and applications starting in July at www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5834.htm.



We've got the white stuff

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Another round of snow hit Martin County canceling both Shoals and Loogootee Schools yesterday and today. The photo above shows the condition of Jack Butcher Boulevard around 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon. Temperatures are not expected to get above freezing until Saturday which will cause the snow on the roads, like in the photo above to stay frozen and very slick.

February Canada goose season continuing

Indiana DNR has passed a temporary rule continuing the February Canada goose hunting season for February 1-15, 2011.

The season will be open in selected counties to control the population of breeding Canada geese around urban areas.

Counties where geese can be hunted during this season include: Adams, Allen, Boone, Clay, DeKalb, Elkhart, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Huntington, Johnson, Kosciusko, LaGrange, La Porte, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Noble, Parke, Shelby, Starke, Steuben, St. Joseph, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo, Wells and Whitley.

Adam Phelps, DNR wildlife biologist, estimates that 5,400 Canada geese were harvested during the February 2010 season, about 900 fewer than in February 2009. He estimated the total late-season harvest across all three years to be 15,800 geese.

To meet guidelines from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at least 80 percent of the geese harvested during the three-year experimental period needed to be the giant Canada goose. This is the goose that commonly breeds in Indiana and surrounding states.

"Most of the hunt zone was well over the 80 percent mark," Phelps said, "but the counties around Terre Haute did not meet that criterion."

The "experimental" status of the season ended in 2010, so most of the late goose counties will no longer need to check in geese; however, because the Terre Haute area didn't meet the 80 percent criterion, geese harvested in those counties—Clay, Greene, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo—still need to be checked.

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave us the option of continuing the experiment in the Terre Haute area to see if it will come into compliance with additional data collection," Phelps said.

When checked, geese must have the head, a fully feathered wing, and reproductive parts still attached. Check station staff age and sex each bird, and remove and keep the

head of all adult birds checked.

Data collected from these heads are used to determine whether the late season will continue in future years. Even if Indiana's season meets federal guidelines, the season may be closed in the future if local Canada goose populations are sufficiently reduced.

The bag limit for the February season is five Canada geese per day, with a possession limit of 10, same as for the September season. Shooting hours are from a half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

The same regulations and restrictions that apply during the September season apply during the February season. In addition to a valid hunting license, Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege, signed federal duck stamp, and a HIP (Harvest Information Program) number, a free permit is also required.

The free permit is available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/4523.htm>, by phone (317) 232-4200, or at any state reservoir or fish and wildlife field office during regular office hours in January.

Hunters are encouraged to get their permits online. That is the easiest and fastest way to get a permit, since it prints out immediately. Hunters are encouraged not to wait until the last minute to obtain a permit.

This temporary rule also establishes a one-year season for snow and Ross's geese. In most of the state, the light goose conservation order, as it's called, is open Feb. 1-March 31, 2011.

However, federal regulations prevent the late Canada goose season and the light goose conservation order from being open at the same time, so if you hunt in one of the counties listed in the third paragraph, the snow and Ross's geese season doesn't open until Feb. 16. It then runs through March 31. The HIP number and federal duck stamp are not required to take snow or Ross's geese.

The DNR director has exclusive authority to adopt temporary rules regarding such issues. Such rules are valid for a maximum of one year and can be renewed by the director for an additional period not to exceed one year.