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Shoals High School hires math teacher

James Johnson was hired to fill the position of High School Mathematics Teacher retro-active to January 3, 2011 at the Shoals School Board meeting last Thursday, January 13.

Regina Lanham was approved as girls' varsity track coach, Allyson Thompson as girls' varsity track assistant, and Chris Jones as boys' junior high track coach.

Susan Young addressed the board concerning her request for permission to hold fundraisers at school events in order to raise money for her daughter to travel to Europe this summer as a People to People Student Ambassador.

The board agreed by consensus, that they could not approve holding fundraisers at the school since it does not fit under the fundraising guidelines as a school sponsored team or organization.

The board approved the following field trip requests:

-High school band and cheerleaders to travel to Orleans High School on Saturday, January 15 for Pep Band Invitational.

-English 9 students to travel to Indianapolis Repertory Theatre on Thursday, February 24

The board approved Vincennes University to use the high school media center to hold evening lifetime fitness classes January – July of 2011.

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Shoals Homecoming candidates

-Photo provided

The Shoals High School Boys' Basketball Homecoming game will take place Saturday, January 22 against Bloomfield. The game begins at 6 p.m. The homecoming dance for high school students will be held immediately following the boys game until 11 p.m. The theme this year is "Grease Lightening in the 1950s." Shown above are the candidates for homecoming queen, king, prince and princess. In the front row, from left to right, are princess candidates Hannah Land, freshman; Kayla Butler, sophomore; and Denise Cornett, junior; and queen candidates Jess Jenkins, Hillary Jones, and Shaelin Adams, all seniors. In the back row, from left to right, are prince candidates Brandon Melvin, freshman; Ethan Jones, sophomore; and Dillon Norman, junior and king candidates Dillon Cornett, Garrett Bateman, John Harder, all seniors.

Commissioners hear issues with judge's computers, jail

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 11.

Paul George was retained as President of the board and Dan Gregory as Vice President.

New judge, Lynne Ellis, along with Probation Officer Lisa Brittain, presented information on the downstairs computer system and the current issues with it. She updated the commissioners on the changes already completed and some she would like to yet accomplish. Judge Ellis explained the blocks of time provided by RTC, the cost, and what would be involved. All present agreed an off-site back-up should be implemented. An in-house person will be performing small tasks for the courthouse computers.

The commissioners voted to approve the change in the combination lock on the vault.

The judge explained the re-establishment of a Probation Administrative Assistant. This person will help Brittain on the financial side and free her to be able to do more with probation programs. This position will not require more financial support from the council or commissioners.

A problem with the sprinklers will be addressed again following another inspection by the courthouse custodian, John Jones, and the inspecting company, if necessary.

Sheriff Rob Street presented the need of outside lighting to be replaced. He explained that there are four or five lights of

the six out.

The water bill was discussed and how to correct the situation. The sheriff will monitor the usage for a while and try to stop the leaking sinks and stools.

He would also like to replace out-dated cameras and add more to the facility. Juveniles started a fire near the police car that is not currently being used causing damage to the rubber bumper cover.

The housing of Department of Correction inmates was discussed. The current jail population is about 42.

EMS/Civil Defense Director Monte Wolfe came before the commissioners with information on a Reversed 911. Since Martin County is so hilly, sirens don't work very well. This program would automatically call residents warning of storms, etc.

He also informed the commissioners of the upcoming meetings for the FEMA Risk MAP for the flood hazard mapping. Auditor Nancy Steiner will be attending them. His department helped last week with a fire in Loogootee. District 10 has provided training props for his department and explained many of them.

Highway Superintendent Williams presented his two-week work schedule. He was asked at a meeting he attended for ideas for grant monies and suggested chain saws for the volunteer fire departments. Many times they are out on the road cutting trees out of (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page two)



The future of healthcare

-Photo provided

Shown learning to do blood typing in the photo above are Baileigh Baker, junior at North Daviess High School, and Ashley Haburne, junior at Loogootee High School. Both students are currently enrolled in Twin Rivers Health Careers, a program for high school juniors and seniors who are interested in learning about career opportunities in healthcare. Classes are taught by Theresa Weitkamp, RN, in three-hour morning or afternoon sessions. Assisting her is Krystal Chestnut, RN. Throughout the school year, students learn about human anatomy and physiology, common diseases and disorders, medical terminology, and patient care and communication skills. During the second semester, students train at hospitals, pharmacies, physician's clinics, dental clinics, optometry offices, ambulance services, and veterinary offices. Qualifying students can also earn college credit from Vincennes University and Ivy Tech.

Offices available for the 2011 primary election, filing deadline Feb. 18 at noon

City of Loogootee

Mayor
 Clerk-Treasurer
 City Council Member District 1
 City Council Member District 2
 City Council Member District 3
 City Council Member District 4
 City Council Member At Large
 An individual must file a declaration of candidacy with the Martin County Clerk's Office beginning January 19, 2011 and the deadline for filing is noon, February 18th
 Hours for voting absentee in the Martin County Clerk's Office for the Loogootee primary pursuant to IC 3-11-10-26.5
 Monday, April 4, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Monday, April 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Monday, April 18 through Friday, April 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Closed Friday, April 22 for Good Friday
 Saturday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 30 9 a.m. to noon
 Monday, May 2, 8 a.m. to noon



Town Of Shoals

Clerk Treasurer
 Town Council three (3) position available

Town Of Crane

Clerk-Treasurer
 Town Council three (3) position available
 An individual must file a declaration of candidacy with the Martin County Clerk's Office beginning January 3, 2011 and the deadline for filing is noon August 1st.
 There will not be a primary election for the towns of Shoals or Crane.

Messmer announces Loogootee town display headed to the Statehouse

State Representative Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) is encouraging residents in his district to visit the Statehouse later this month to see a piece of local history. The Statehouse will be displaying a 9-foot by 5-foot town model of Loogootee beginning next Friday, January 28 through February 11.

The model, hand-built by Loogootee native Tom Strange, depicts Loogootee's downtown square as it was in 1953, just as the town was celebrating its centennial.

"This display highlights a significant moment in Loogootee's history," said Rep. Messmer. "But it's also great to see

how much the town has grown and flourished structurally and in population in the last almost 60 years."

What started out as a train set turned into a full-blown historical model when Strange ran across an aerial picture of Loogootee's town square in a 1953 school yearbook.

The model has been displayed in Loogootee as well as the Indiana State Library, where it will be partially disassembled for the move to the Statehouse.

For more information, please contact the Statehouse Tour Office at (317) 233-5293.

SHOALS SCHOOL

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Dr. Nonte provided the board with a draft version of field trip guidelines. He asked that any changes or corrections be brought to his attention. A second reading will be held at the February 10, 2011 school board meeting.

Dr. Nonte also provided the board with information concerning Compass Point Behavioral Health Services which provides individual, family, and group counseling services for children and adults. The board asked Dr. Nonte to invite a representative from Compass Point to the next board meeting to provide additional information regarding the services available.

Dr. Nonte asked the board if they were interested in further exploring the possibility of working with an outside agency to provide part of the cafeteria management. He explained that some other schools in the area are working with a company called

Chartwell's Cafeteria Service. The board asked Dr. Nonte to invite a representative from that company to the next board meeting to provide additional information regarding the services available.

Mary Lou Billings asked that it be stated for the record that from June 19, 2010 to December 31, 2010, the cost of overtime for the school corporation was \$10,838.11.

Dr. Nonte recommended that all board members serve as members of the Board of Finance with Tony Cundiff serving as the President and Denise Garrett serving as the Secretary.

Dr. Nonte reported to the board that encumbered money in the amount of \$240,505.53 from the Retirement/Severance Bond Fund needed to be carried over from 2010 to 2011. This amount was reported by the Corporation Treasurer

The board approved the year-end transfers of appropriation balances.

COMMISSIONERS

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the way before the highway department. The commissioners gave permission for him to send out specs for bids for a four-wheel-drive hydrostatic tractor with a boom mower and end loader. When asked on the status of the department's small trucks, he replied they will be next on his list.

The commissioners are to appoint a person to be on the Samaritan Advisory Board. They would like to ask the public for persons interested in fulfilling this vacancy. If interested, contact the auditor for more information.

Bill Shaw was appointed by the commissioners to the Alcohol Beverage Commission and the commissioners approved themselves to sit on the redevelopment commission.

Sick hours and the use and holding them over until the next year was discussed.

Auditor Steiner presented a Release of Conditional Lien and a Covered Bridge Certification for the commissioners to approved and sign.

Department compensated hours were reviewed.

County Attorney Lett informed the commissioners the Animal Control Ordinance is just about completed.

The leases with the 4-H Council for the two offices being rented by the county will be signed at the next meeting.

The commissioners expressed their appreciation of the highway's inclement weather policy.

Calendar of Events

Loogootee Post Prom Committee

The Loogootee Post Prom Committee will meet Wednesday, February 2 at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. The committee is currently selling chances for pre-made baskets. The cost is \$1 a chance or six for \$5. See Bobbi Nonte or Sherri Wagoner for tickets. Also, the committee will be holding a road block Saturday, February 5 in Loogootee from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to raise money for the post prom.

Loogootee School Board

The Loogootee School Board will meet Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. in the meeting chambers of the superintendent's office at the high school.

Martin County Commissioners

The Martin County Commissioners will meet Tuesday, January 25 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

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.

Crane Federal Credit Union, Old National Bank and Springs Valley Bank & Trust will be given away at the end of the evening.

Tickets will be \$5 in advance and are available from any supervisor or at the SWCD office located at the Martin County Learning Center.

Reservations must be made by noon January 24, 2011. Please contact the SWCD office for more information at 812-295-3149.

Soil and Water Annual Meeting set for Feb. 1

The 66th Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District's Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held on February 1, 2011 at the St. Martin Hall in Whitfield. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meal catered by Carla's Catering followed by election of supervisor, conservation awards, review of annual report and entertainment by August Bauer.

Door prizes donated by Pizza Junction, White River Co-Op, Hopf Equipment,

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

JAMES (BOB) CANNON

James R. (Bob) Cannon died at 8:55 a.m. Saturday, January 15, 2011 at Northwood Retirement Community. A resident of Jasper, he was 78.



He was born May 28, 1932 in Loogootee; the son of to Paris and Marguerite (Livers) Cannon. He married Norma Mundy on September 15, 1979 in St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland; she survives. He

BOB CANNON retired from Crane Navel Depot where he worked from 1950 until his retirement in 1990. The family moved from Loogootee to Jasper in 1994. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He is also survived by one daughter, Kristi L. Cannon of Evansville; two sons,

John R. Cannon of Jasper and Michael E. Cannon of Evansville; two granddaughters, Trinity Nicole and Kylie Hope Cannon; five sisters, Lucille Mramor of Euclid, Ohio, Margie Flinn of Elnora, Eva Mae Babrick of Washington, Mary Sue Sterling of Loogootee, and Nancy Hayes of Mooresville.

He is preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and John R. Cannon who died in infancy; and four sisters, Eleanor Haller, Doris Reising, Dorothy Taylor, and Virginia Strange.

A funeral service was held this morning at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church with burial to following in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

Becher & Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

JOHN BURCH

John Burch died at 11:10 p.m. Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Eastgate Nursing Center. A resident of Odon, he was 88.

He was born March 4, 1922, in Daviess County; the son of Emo and Jennie (Ketchem) Burch.

A WWII Army veteran, he served in central Europe and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He received a Bronze Star and later was a member of the 13th Airborne Division Association. He worked at Bechtel Ford for 28 years and then at Woodruff Auto for 10 years. A member of the White River Valley Antique Association, he was also a member of Odon United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Bill Burch of Loogootee and Ray (Carol) Burch of Washington; three daughters, Lori (Kevin) Byrer of Odon, Kay (Jim) Holladay of Derby and Anita (Terry) Trosper of Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and two brothers, Kenny Burch of Bruceville and Marvin

"Bud" Burch of Evansville.

The funeral was held Tuesday, January 18 at Poindexter-Hall and McClure Funeral Home, Odon Chapel, the Rev. Cindy Keck officiating. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery.

MARTIN TOW

Martin Tow went to be with his Lord at 7:12 a.m. on January 14, 2011 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 77.

He was born on January 7, 1934 in Martin County; the son of Merton and Letha (Earl) Tow. He married Rosemary Hoene in 1974 in Martinsville, Indiana and she survives. He was employed for thirty-one years by RCA, and was in the ministry. Other surviving relatives include one son, Rodney Tow of Shoals; two grandchildren, Clayton and Keylee Tow; and his twin brother Merton Tow of Shoals.

There was no visitation. Graveside rites were held Monday, January 17 at Springhill Cemetery.

MARY LAVERNE EICHMILLER WAKE

Mary LaVerne Eichmiller Wake died at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, January 15, 2011 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 84.

She was born May 2, 1926, in Martin County; the daughter of James Arthur and Mary Isabella (Carrico) Greene. She married Rev. Clyde D. Wake on July 5, 1997, and he survives. A graduate of St. John High School, she was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee and an associate member of the United Methodist Church. LaVerne was a homemaker, artist, and had formerly worked for Dr. Ben Asdell in Loogootee and RestCare in Loogootee. She was the longest living cancer survivor in Martin County. She vacationed in Ireland (part of her heritage). Among her hobbies were sewing, cooking, gardening, designed Hindostan Trail Patch for the Boy Scouts, hospice volunteer and 4-H leader. She enjoyed reading and doing crossword puzzles. In addition, she created banners for the Wesley United Methodist Church and won many awards at 4-H fairs for sewing and art. Some of her artwork has been displayed at the Martin County Museum Art Gallery Show.

She is also survived by two daughters, Susan Flinn, Elinne and husband Mark Wathen; one son, Mark and wife Dana Eichmiller; one stepdaughter, Cathie and husband Gerald Jones; one stepson, Robert and wife Mary Wake; one brother, Bill Greene; one sister, Sharon Smith; grandchildren, Christine and husband Matthew Moody, Dr. Kimberly and husband Robert Foster, Jason and wife Tina Wathen, Jacob Wathen, Ryan Eichmiller and Jared Eichmiller; great-grandchildren, Lisa Zellers,

William, Brandon, Nathan, Andrew and Samuel Foster, Ashlynn, Macey and Ruger Wathen; step-grandchildren, Jonathon and wife Kristy Wake, Erin and husband Kevin Jensen, James and wife Kyla Jones, Jesse and wife Amanda Jones; step-great-grandchildren, Austin and Michael Jones; and the family pet, Timmy Tool Cat.

Her first husband, Hartwig Conrad Eichmiller, whom she married November 3, 1945, is deceased. One sister, Dorothy Lentz; two brothers, Bob and Tom Greene; and one son-in-law, Don Flinn, are also deceased.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated this morning at 10 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial was to follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

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

MARY "CATHI" RANEY

Mary C. "Cathi" Raney died at 5 p.m. Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Methodist

Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Loogootee, she was 70.

She was born on November 2, 1940, in Columbus; the daughter of John and Margaret (Henin) Phillips. She married James L. Raney on May 29, 1976 and he survives.

A graduate of Loogootee High School, she was a retired waitress.

Others survivors include a son, Lyle VanLew Jr. of South Bend; four daughters, Sherri Ward of McPherson, Kansas, Lila Yates of Hayward, California, Donna Asbell of Huntingburg, and Jamie Raney of Loogootee; a granddaughter, Johni Raney of Huntingburg; and two brothers, Joseph A. Phillips of Rochester and Lee Wolf of Indianapolis.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Chester Kenneth Phillips.

The funeral was held Monday, January 17 at Brocksmith Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Union Cemetery.

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

'Do Not Call My Cell' law crosses first legislative hurdle

Indiana residential telephone numbers are one step closer to receiving fuller protection from unwanted solicitations today as the Judiciary Committee voted unanimously 9-0 to approve House Bill 1273 for a second reading. Under the proposed law, Indiana's Attorney General will have greater enforcement authority over telemarketers who make unwanted solicitation calls to Indiana phone numbers, whether they be to landlines, cell phones or internet-based VOIP lines, that are registered on the state's Do Not Call list. Additionally, the law prohibits the practice of sending text or picture based solicitations to cell phones, which are often costly to recipients.

Attorney General Greg Zoeller sought the update to the current law by clearly defining a "residential phone number" to include any Indiana cell phone number used by an Indiana resident at home.

"We have worked hard over the years to ensure that Indiana has the strongest telephone privacy laws in the country and now we want to guarantee those protections to the many Hoosiers who use their cell phones at home to limit disruptive telemarketing calls," Zoeller said. "The Do Not Call list has the added benefit of acting as a warning sign to Hoosiers who are on the list. If you get a sales call on a number you know is registered, that's a red flag the person on the other end is ignoring Indiana laws and it's probably a scam. And the same goes for text message solicitations."

Zoeller thanked Representatives Eric Koch, R - Bedford; Ralph Foley, R - Martinsville and Cherish Pryor, D - Indianapolis

for their sponsorship and support of House Bill 1273.

"Cell phone users deserve the same level of privacy protection afforded to landlines," Koch said. "This bill aligns the law with technology."

Over the next several days, Zoeller will be visiting college campuses to talk with students about the importance of the Do Not Call list and why they will want to register their Indiana cell phone numbers should HB 1273 be passed into law. College students, most of whom opt out of paying for an additional landline in their apartments or dorms, are no strangers to loans and credit card debt and may be accustomed to receiving interest rate reduction calls or credit repair offers, many of which are scams or illegal in Indiana. Having the ability to register an Indiana cell phone number on the Do Not Call list will make it easier for students to identify a legitimate call from a fraud.

The legislative proposal would not affect the way the Do Not Call list functions. Hoosiers can sign up or confirm registration by visiting the Attorney General's website - www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2445.htm or by calling 1-888-834-9969. A phone number will never fall off the list or "expire" however it is recommended that in the event of a move or other information change to update the registration. In order to provide telemarketers with the most current Do Not Call list, updates are provided quarterly on this schedule: February 15, March 1, April 1, May 17, June 1, July 1, August 16, September 1, October 1, November 15, December 1, January 1, 2012

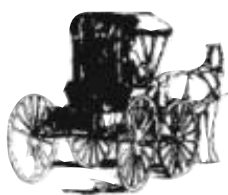
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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, January 11

7:22 a.m. - A female caller advised she had slid off the road on S.R. 450, one mile north of Low Gap Road and hit a tree.

10:34 a.m. - Received a call from White River Co-Op advising that one of their trucks has been involved in an accident on Reinhart Hill.

12:09 p.m. - A female caller reported threatening text messages.

1:00 p.m. - A male called about a firearm that has been found that may have belonged to him and been stolen.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off on S.R. 450 at Low Gap Road.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Dover Hill Road in Loogootee.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of Beard Road and Old School Road.

Wednesday, January 12

9:27 a.m. - A male called in reference to a sick coyote on a friend's property.

9:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Bedford Regional Hospital.

4:04 p.m. - A male caller in Shoals reported that his RV had been broken into. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

5:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Martin County Healthcare Center. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

Thursday, January 13

5:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at a residence on U.S. 50. No transport was necessary.

6:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:19 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle on Turkey Hill Lane.

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Church Street in Loogootee, across from the White River Co-Op.

1:48 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic semi driver on U.S. 231, just south of Loogootee.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Mt. Pleasant Road.

Unknown time - Received a report of a possible impaired driver, southbound on U.S. 231 from Alfordsville.

4:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:35 p.m. - Received a report of cows out on U.S. 231, just north of Burns City.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a speed contest on U.S. 50 eastbound from Cannelburg.

10:07 p.m. - A female called about her ex-husband being in violation of a protective order.

Friday, January 14

1:23 a.m. - Received a call from a male on Misty Road regarding a domestic dispute.

2:16 a.m. - Received a call about a domestic dispute in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported a subject to Daviess Community Hospital for injuries.

6:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was trans-

ported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:40 a.m. - Received a call about a possible suicidal subject.

10:06 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, in front of National Gypsum.

10:30 a.m. - Received a welfare check request on a subject in Shoals.

2:10 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock on Nolley Lane.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 231, southbound from Whitfield.

5:24 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle off the roadway with substantial damage on Dover Hill Road.

6:52 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, just south of Whitfield.

6:53 p.m. - Received a complaint from a bus driver about an irate individual blocking the roadway on Scenic Hill.

6:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

7:32 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

8:09 p.m. - Received a report of a shoplifter at IGA store in Loogootee.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Poplar Grove Road.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of subjects in Crane possibly stealing items from vehicles.

Saturday, January 15

2:00 a.m. - Received a report of BB guns being shot in Crane Village.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50, near the National Gypsum.

11:01 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, eastbound from Buffalo Bottoms.

11:01 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50 at Max Warren's Curve.

5:37 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on Spout Springs Road.

11:25 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver in Loogootee.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231 near the junction of Highway 645.

11:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

Sunday, January 16

11:28 a.m. - A female caller reported threatening text messages.

12:52 p.m. - A female caller reported harassing phone calls.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a vehicle on Red School Road.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism.

6:44 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 50, near the Martin State Forest.

Monday, January 17

3:32 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a male subject lying on the ground in Shoals.

3:34 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on a boat trailer.

4:39 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn on Hickory Ridge Road.

9:55 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, east of Shoals.

Tuesday, January 18

12:13 a.m. - Received a report of trespassers on a neighbor's property.

3:27 a.m. - Received a report that a tree has fallen on a car on U.S. 150, near Natchez.

4:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:37 a.m. - Received a report of a deer

Vincennes woman arrested in Martin County Tuesday

On Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at approximately 12:04 a.m. Indiana State Police Trooper Jarrod Lents was patrolling US 50 in Martin County when he observed a vehicle westbound on US 50 west of Stiles Road.

The vehicle was stopped for exceeding the posted speed limit. A license check showed that the driver of the vehicle, Yvonne K. Borden, 39, of Vincennes, was wanted by the Indiana Department of Corrections for a parole revocation on the charge of dealing in methamphetamine. Borden was arrested and transported to the Martin County Jail.

Martin County Deputy Josh Greene assisted at the scene.

Martin County real estate transfers

Samuel Kevin Brett, of Martin County, Indiana to **Samuel Kevin Brett and Mary B. Brett**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the described real estate lying east of the center line of the Dover Hill and Owensburg Road, to wit: the south half of the Southeast Quarter; the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter except 18 rods off the north side thereof; also, 10 acres of even width off the south side of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, all of said land is situated in Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 80 acres. Except 26.773 acres and 2.334 acres in part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Nancy Elizabeth Gerkin a/k/a Elizabeth Gerkin, of Martin County, Indiana to **Trustees of the Loogootee United Methodist Church**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 9 in Ackerman's Addition, City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Alan D. Allbright and Ruth Ann Allbright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rachel A. Terry**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 1.08 acre.

Alan D. Allbright, Angela Sanders, and Ronald L. Allbright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rachel A. Terry**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of the west half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 3

North, Range 3 West, containing 10 acres, more or less, except a 2.5 acre tract in the form of a strip of even width off of the east side of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

Rachel A. (Mains) Terry, of Martin County, Indiana to **Alan Dale Allbright and Ruth Ann Allbright**, a part of the west half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, and containing approximately one acre, more or less.

Melvin M. Ogg, of Martin County, Indiana to **Northern Property Development, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, and containing 16.5 acres, more or less.

Waldo W. Harshaw and Hildred E. Harshaw, of Martin County, Indiana to **SHWS Development, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 152 according to the original plat of the Town of Memphis, now the town of Shoals, Indiana.

Carl L. Asbell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cary L. Asbell and Tammie K. Asbell**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, which lies west of the middle of Lost River, containing 36 acres, more or less, except 1.4 acres. Also, a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 1.8 acres.

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Accident reports

Wednesday, January 12

5:40 a.m. - Bryan Burris, of Loogootee, advised that his vehicle had slid off the road. Damage was less than \$1,000. No accident report was required.

5:18 p.m. - Matthew A. Johnson, 28, of Shoals, was traveling south on DH Gate Road in a white 1994 Ford truck when the vehicle slid on the snow and ice, slid off of the roadway, and struck a utility pole. Damage was sustained to the passenger door and mirror. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan.

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Martin County court news

Persons listed on criminal 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 accident resulting in damage to an attended vehicle, a Class C Misdemeanor.

January 6

Ashley M. Schutte, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to chemical tests, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Abraham Wittmer, operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Class D Felony.

Nathan K. Baker, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor; using private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor; hunting wild animals without a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

January 9

Michael L. Hellums, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED December 29

Juan Arroyo, operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Monica S. Bateman, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Travis S. Bauernfiend, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of battery, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jessica D. Benefiel, three counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; eight counts of theft, Class D Felonies, dismissed; check fraud, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

David M. Bigelow, Jr., possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Shannon L. Billiter, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Johnnie L. Blount, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Shawn Campbell, intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Donnie G. Cato, purchase of more than three grams of precursor in a week, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

David H. Clark, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Cary L. Clifton, theft, a Class D Felony, dismissed; receiving stolen property, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Ronald G. Cooper, Jr., failure to stop after an accident resulting in damage to an attended vehicle, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Lana E. Crecelius, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Richard G. Enerson, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor,

dismissed; refusal to submit to chemical tests, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Alberto C. Esquibel, operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Rita K. Fraley, fraud on a financial institution, a Class C Felony, dismissed.

Patrick J. Fuhs, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

William A. Ghormley, driving while operator's license suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Kevin H. Gillick, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal recklessness, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Dusty L. Good, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Brandon C. Graham, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Heather L. Guinard, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Charles E. Hammond, casting spotlight while in possession of a firearm, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; refusal to submit to chemical tests, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; carrying a handgun without a license, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of contributing to a delinquency of a minor, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Delles P. Hert, knowingly and intentionally digging for yellowroot without the consent of the landowner, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Darren K. Holt, escape, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

David E. Hovis, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Joyce E. Jones, four counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class D Felonies, dismissed.

Nathan R. Jones, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Summer D. Jones, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Timothy L. Jones, dealing in a narcotic drug, a Class B Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Brian A. Keller, two counts of theft, Class D Felonies, dismissed.

Christopher Kelly, failure to stop after an accident resulting in damage to an attended vehicle, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Kevin E. Kidwell, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of cocaine, a Class B Felony, dismissed; two possession of methamphetamine, Class B Felonies, dismissed.

Whitney R. Mehringer, possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Samuel E. Milbourne, public intoxication,

a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Tammie L. Milbourne, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Rodolfa Morales (Velasques), public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Carolyn R. (O'Conner) Brett, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Russell Joe Padgett, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; fraud on a financial institution, a Class C Felony, dismissed.

Kevin David Parker, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Joseph W. Pendley, escape, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Shannon H. Poole, driving while suspended, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Ronald Roach, criminal recklessness, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Beatrice A. McKeown Running, reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Linda K. Sanders, nonsupport of a dependent child, a Class C Felony, dismissed.

Teresa A. Shinn, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jathan K. Slinkard, reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Gregory S. Steele, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Terri Swartzentruber, four counts of burglary, Class B Felonies, dismissed; residential entry, a Class D Felony, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Patsy A. Taylor, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

David J. Tinkle, failure to stop after accident resulting in injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Vincent E. Toy, two counts of forgery, Class C Felonies, dismissed.

Larry A. Tressel, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Christopher S. Trivett, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Dorothy J. Troutman, disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Thomas A. Truelove, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Emiliano Velazquez, operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Philip B. Weaks, reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

William Welker, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

James A. West, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; 14 counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

William D. Westhafer, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Keith E. Williams, failure to restrain dog, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Ryan M. Wiscaver, illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Carl E. Wiscaver, Jr., three driving while suspended with prior convictions, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed January 10

Rab Performance Recoveries, LLC vs. Timothy May, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS January 5

Douglas Cannon to Deaconess Hospital in the amount of \$2,936.50.

January 6

Ashley L. Brocksmith to Capital One Bank in the amount of \$5,487.21.

Deanna Holt to Capital One Bank in the amount of \$1,442.48.

Betrice A. Lents to Riverwalk Holdings LTD in the amount of \$1,891.01.

James Poirier to Equable Ascent Financial in the amount of \$11,193.54.

Patricia L. Sander to Beneficial Financial, Inc. in the amount of \$10,197.43.

Greg Sanders to Cavalry Portfolio Services, LLC in the amount of \$3,165.06.

Tina Shaw to Advantage Assets in the amount of \$1,621.03

January 13

N. Strange to German American Bank for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$335,728.76.

Timothy May to Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC in the amount of \$4,014.94.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED January 7

M&M Electric vs. Crane Development Corp, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suit Filed January 11

Heather L. Kidwell vs. Jason L. Moffitt, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS December 7

Dorothy and Timothy Troutman to Hoosier Accounts Service in the amount of \$808.12.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED December 22

All Terrain Motorsports vs. Tony Ivey, complaint, dismissed.

All Terrain Motorsports vs. Timothy Jones, complaint, dismissed.

Joseph Padgett vs. Audra Lyon, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID January 5 – January 11

Thomas Atkinson, Nineveh, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Randall Hill, Festus, Missouri, speeding 71 in a 50, \$124.

Rebecca Holt, Shoals, speeding 65 in a 50, \$119.

Usnijuusuf Idrizi, Bainbridge, seatbelt violation.

Tyson Luallen, Bloomington, speeding 66 in a 50, \$124.

Gayle McDaniel, Jasper, speeding 65 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

James Strain, Terre Haute, two counts of violation of 70-hour rule, \$124.

Ricky Turner, Edinburg, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

MARRIAGE LICENSES January 12

Matthew Loland Haulk of Shoals and Jessie Joann Tate of Shoals.



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Loogootee Police log

Sunday, January 9

2:51 p.m. - Caller stated a green Mustang was driving recklessly in Shaded Estates.

Monday, January 10

11:28 a.m. - Caller from the school stated a pair of basketball shoes had been stolen. Chief Rayhill spoke with the caller.

6:00 p.m. - Caller stated she has been receiving harassing phone calls from her ex-husband.

6:11 p.m. - Caller stated a semi was all over the road westbound on Hwy 50 from Loogootee. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

Tuesday, January 11

10:15 a.m. - Caller stated his neighbor was out of town and not taking care of her pets. Chief Rayhill spoke with the animal owner.

11:23 a.m. - Caller stated an ATV was being operated in Shaded Estates. Caller was advised this was private property.

11:32 a.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer in regards to some Social Security checks. Chief Rayhill spoke with the complainant.

8:14 p.m. - Caller stated a silver Grand Am had stuck a mailbox and left the scene. Sgt. Hennette was notified.

9:40 p.m. - Female caller stated she was receiving harassing text and phone messages from her ex-husband.

Wednesday, January 12

12:01 a.m. - Female caller stated she was receiving harassing phone calls from her ex. Sgt. Norris spoke with the female.

11:16 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a business alarm.

Thursday, January 13

Unknown time - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to South Oak Street for a burnt rubber odor.

8:07 p.m. - Male caller stated another male had struck his vehicle while in the high school parking lot. Sgt. Hennette responded.

Friday, January 14

12:23 a.m. - Caller advised a large dead

turkey was in the middle of the road. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

8:35 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 3rd Street. Captain Akles responded.

10:42 p.m. - Caller reported possible underage drinking in Redwing Trailer Court. Sgt. Hennette and Deputy Greene responded.

Saturday, January 15

8:50 a.m. - An employee at the American Legion called to report a break-in. Captain Akles responded.

10:42 a.m. - Caller reported two large hay rolls on US 231.

1:43 p.m. - Betty Covel called to report an accident. Captain Akles arrived no find no damage.

3:01 p.m. - Male caller reported a dog in Shaded Estates was not being fed. Captain Akles responded.

4:59 a.m. - Extra patrol was requested at a local business.

Sunday, January 16

2:11 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

12:01 p.m. - A female came on station with a civil complaint.

12:14 a.m. - JD Flynn, of Loogootee, reported that items were stolen out of his vehicle. Captain Akles will file a case report.

12:50 p.m. - Richard Colvin, of Loogootee, reported his vehicle had been broken into. Captain Akles responded.

6:32 p.m. - Caller on N. Kentucky reported a pit bull running loose. Sgt. Norris responded.

Monday, January 17

8:22 a.m. - Male called stating he was out of town and his wife called him and advised she had taken a large amount of pills. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified. Chief Rayhill responded.

9:30 a.m. - Female caller reported suspicious person walking near Sunset Trailer Court. Chief Rayhill responded and was unable to locate anyone.



My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett, Owner, MCJ

Another election will be held this year – this time in cities and towns. There are several seats up for grabs and so far, only a few have expressed interest in filling them. While the deadline for filing is still several weeks away, I truly hope that more people throw their hat into the ring and give it a go.

Anyone who has read my columns over the past several years knows that I love politics. The reason I do is because I like to help people and I think our elected officials can do great things. I also feel that voting is one of the few rights we still have and that is important to me.

While many in politics are labeled as crooked or habitual liars – I refuse to believe that all of them are this way. Locally, especially, you don't really see corruption. I have been watching the elected officials in Martin County for almost four years now – and although I don't really want to play favorites, there are a few who I have the utmost respect for. They deserve to be where they are and we are lucky to have them. They truly do their job for the love of their community and not for the pay or benefits that go along with it.

One thing that sort of bugs me about Martin County – well, and most anywhere I suppose – is the fact that a lot of people seem to be unhappy with this elected official or that elected official but those same officials continually get re-elected. What gives? I understand in a lot of cases races go unopposed, but in my opinion, if I were that unhappy, I would find someone to run against the person I dislike or, better yet, run myself. Nothing will ever change if the same people are running the show.

I have always wanted to be involved in politics – but in my position as a journalist,

it makes that difficult. I have to choose between my two loves and so far, journalism has won out. I would have liked to sit on the Loogootee City Council some day but since I live 200 feet outside of city limits, I can't. I will have to move or my area will have to be annexed to be a part of the city. It's frustrating, because I have no desire to move but I have an itch to someday go into a different kind of public service.

The deadline to file for candidacy for Loogootee Mayor, City Council, or Clerk-Treasurer is February 18. There isn't a primary election for Shoals or Crane so that deadline isn't until August. We need more residents to get involved, run for office . . . make a difference. Give the voters a choice! I hate picking up a ballot with an unopposed candidate that I am not happy with. Even if I don't vote for that person I know they will make it into office anyway.

To run for Loogootee Mayor for instance, the only requirements are that you have lived in the city of Loogootee for one year, are registered to vote in the district, and have not been convicted of a felony. Pretty much the same rules apply for the other seats as well. You don't have to be a part of a "circle" or "exclusive group" to run for office – as a matter of fact, most would probably prefer to vote for someone who wasn't apart of the usual circle.

I receive a whole lot of feedback from Martin County residents, and I mean ALOT! I average about 100 emails and phone calls every day of the week and quite a few on the weekends. Without exaggeration, pretty much everyone I talk to is ready for a change in certain areas of our community.

I sure hope to see more of you take a risk, get involved, and go for it!

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'The National Deficit of 1.4 trillion is growing by the day'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*:

Do the American people realize that our National Debt as of the first of the year was \$14,014,049,043,294.00? That is \$14 Trillion. The debt ceiling is \$14,294 Trillion that was signed into law in February 2010.

The National Deficit of 1.4 trillion is growing by the day because the government is spending more than it is receiving. How much longer can this go on?

If people do not understand past history

and the mistakes that were made, these mistakes will be repeated. One of the best examples is the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire.

Why are the American people letting our country and our freedoms be destroyed by a small minority? It is time for the voices of the majority to be heard to stop what is happening.

President Reagan once remarked, "If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

Wanda Harding

Shoals

Martin County jail bookings

Thursday, January 13

11:45 p.m. - Frankie Higgins, 48, of Bloomfield, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Friday, January 14

8:08p.m. - Rebecca A. Rush, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police after a report of shoplifting at IGA. Rush was charged with theft and transported to the Martin County Security Center.

Saturday, January 15

12:15 a.m. - Stephen R. Jacobs, 58, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

1:35 p.m. - Nicholas Dosch, 29, of Shoals, was arrested on a Martin County warrant.

Sunday, January 16

11:51 a.m. - William Kidwell, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested on a petition to revoke warrant.

Tuesday, January 18

12:45 a.m. - Yvonne Borden, 38, of Vincennes, was arrested on a parole violation.

10:45 p.m. - Jacob Jones, 23, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with intimidation.

11:30 p.m. - Daniel Moffett, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with battery.

Up to \$14,000 in assistance available to promote health

The Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, Inc. is accepting applications for the 2011 Precision Health Network Cycle.

The Precision Health Network Fund cycle, designed to develop and enhance community health education and outcomes through programs that include the promotion of health and healthy lifestyles, prevention of disease, or self-management of chronic disease, has up to \$14,000 in grant dollars available.

Precision Health Network grants are available to applicants serving Monroe, Lawrence, Brown, Greene, Morgan, Orange, Owen, Martin, and Daviess counties. Proposals for this grant program are due to the Community Foundation office (101 West Kirkwood, Suite 321 – third floor of Fountain Square Mall) by February 28. Grant applications are available on the Community Foundation's website, www.cfbmc.org/grants. Recipients will be announced by June 30.



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Governor asks feds to extend HIP

Governor Mitch Daniels has asked Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius not to force termination of the state's Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), the health insurance program for low-income uninsured Hoosiers, and to allow its use for newly-eligible Medicaid clients in 2014 when provisions of the new federal health care law become effective.

For the third time over in the last nine months, the governor has reached out to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for answers about the future of HIP. If the federal government does not grant permission, HIP will terminate at the end of 2012.

Early results from HIP show that participants are highly satisfied, with 99 percent planning to renew their coverage. They make required contributions consistently, have lower emergency room use, higher use of preventive services and generic drug use as compared with other Medicaid populations and in some cases, those with private insurance. As a group they have accumulated millions of dollars of savings in their personal POWER (Personal Wellness Responsibility) account.

The state has sent several letters to Health and Human Services representatives requesting answers to questions about utilizing HIP as the program to serve Indiana's newly-eligible Medicaid recipients beginning 2014. So far, there has been no guidance.

Here is a link to the governor's letter: www.in.gov/gov/files/Press/011411letter.pdf

Previous correspondence may be found at this link: www.in.gov/aca/2330.htm
Executive Order authorizes establish-

ment of state healthcare exchange

The governor also has signed an executive order authorizing the Family and Social Services Administration to work with other state agencies to conditionally establish and operate a state-based healthcare benefit exchange.

The steps taken will be preparatory only and do not connote a decision to put a state-run exchange in place.

According to Affordable Care Act (ACA), states are required to establish a health benefit exchange by January 1, 2014. The federal government will establish exchanges for states that have not made adequate progress by January 1, 2013.

The governor said it is in Hoosiers' best interest to begin to put a framework in place. There has been little information or guidance from the White House about how a federally-based exchange would operate.

"The nation will be best served by the repeal of this expensive and unworkable law, or by its judicial overturn. But for now, there seems no alternative but to prepare for the possibility that Indiana will try to operate an exchange of some kind," said Daniels.

Individuals and small businesses will use health exchanges to find, compare and enroll in health insurance plans and to obtain federal tax credits for premium expenses. It is estimated that at least 1.4 million Hoosiers will use the exchange; however, the numbers are likely to increase as businesses and individuals drop their existing health insurance to receive tax credits.

Here is a link to the executive order: www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20orders/EO_11-01.pdf

Messmer encourages new business growth

State Rep. Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) has authored House Bill 1007 that would provide additional economic development tools to local governments in order to help attract new businesses to Indiana and promote job growth. In September, House Republicans introduced their "Strengthen Indiana Plan", which included the legislative plan to provide communities the tools they need to promote job creation. In summary, the bill would:

-Allow individual counties the option to exempt personal property from the property tax.

-Allow individual counties the option to exempt new investment in personal property.

-Allow municipalities to pay hiring incentives for new employment.

-Allow municipalities to utilize a point system to enhance abatement schedules for both new and existing businesses.

-Reduce the age limit for the property tax deduction for rehabilitated property from 50 years to 25 years.

-Enhance abatement schedules to allow up to three years of 100 percent abatement if the business meets one point on a list of criteria.

-Remove sunset date on the ability of municipalities to exempt enterprise information technology.

"The governor gave his support to this bill in his State of the State address because it would specifically help promote Hoosier job creation," said Rep. Messmer. "HB 1007 would help attract new businesses to Indiana by giving local governments the ability to offer incentives and quickly authorize tax abatements. We must give local governments the necessary tools to encourage economic development in their communities so that we can continue

to lead the way out of this recession and get Hoosiers back to work."

HB 1007 was written to help to reform personal property taxes, which is cited as a major impediment to investment by the business community, Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) and local government officials. Personal property taxes are closely looked at by companies looking to do business in Indiana, and neither Ohio nor Illinois have a personal property tax.

"Our job is to create the right atmosphere and environment for creation of private sector jobs," said Speaker Bosma (R-Indianapolis).

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Rep.
Mark Messmer



A golden opportunity
In the House chamber last Tuesday evening the governor delivered his State of the State address to the General Assembly and all Hoosiers. I believe he was right on point on many issues, including the need for us to continue to be fiscally responsible and to approve a balanced budget this year that stays within the people's means and does not raise taxes.

We plan to adopt a balanced budget without raising taxes, our neighbors in Illinois have just announced a major tax increase. It is important for us to promote Hoosier jobs and give communities the tools they need to attract new business, and encourage entrepreneurship and small business growth so we can grow our economy and jobs.

Our 2011 legislative agenda, the Strengthen Indiana Plan, was put into action last week when six bills were handed down to committees that would specifically help fulfill those goals. The bills go through a 'first reading' in committee, if approved, they go to the House for a 'second reading' where all members have a chance to offer amendments. And then receive a 'third reading' for final voting. If approved it is then sent to the Senate to go through the same process before it can be passed into law.

One of the six bills that were handed down last week was House Bill 1007, which I authored to encourage new and existing business growth. The governor gave his full support to this bill in his State of the State address because it would allow local governments to quickly adopt tax abatements and offer incentives to new and existing companies wanting to do business in Indiana. Personal property taxes are closely looked at by companies looking to do business in Indiana, and one of the many reasons mentioned by the business community as an obstacle to

new investment or businesses starting in Indiana.

HB 1007 would allow local governments to exempt personal property and new investments from the personal property tax, provide hiring incentives for new employment, and also enhance abatement schedules for new and existing businesses.

Another major focus the governor had in his address was education. HB 1002 was also handed down this week which is the first bill we will hear that will touch on education. Speaker Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) and Chairman of the Education Committee, Bob Behning (R - Indianapolis) authored this bill. Education will certainly be a main focus this session and will continue to be discussed by the members of the House and Senate because all children deserve to receive the best education possible.

We want to give more parents more options and choice in their child's education. The governor has suggested increasing the number of charter schools, he'd also like to identify and reward great teachers and principals, and give school leaders the flexibility to promote excellence. We are open to his proposals and to suggestions from all Hoosiers.

Finally, the governor urged us to maintain being fiscally responsible so that Indiana will continue to lead the nation out of this recession. He stated that he believes we have had great success in promoting job creation for Hoosiers and we must continue to find ways to get everyone back to work. If we can improve the education system and encourage higher education for all Hoosiers then we can also improve the job market, as well.

We have a great opportunity to improve the lives of Hoosiers over the next two years and we plan to take the necessary actions to do so.

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Governor Daniels State of the State Address

Mr. Speaker, members of the Assembly, Hoosier friends and neighbors, thank you yet again for the privilege of this platform.

For most of us, one of the strongest memories of our youth is that great school teacher, that magical man or woman who somehow reached us, and stretched us, and in the process left indelible recollections. For me, one of those was Bob Watson—still, today, Mr. Watson to me—who introduced us to the mysteries of the periodic table in high school chemistry. In addition to mixing potions that suddenly turned purple, and terrifying pop quizzes, Mr. Watson was famous for his aphorisms, little sayings so often repeated that his students still smile and recite them to each other decades later. And the most frequently applied of all Watson's wisdom was: "Good things come to those who wait. Patience is the essence of life."

Patience does not come easily to a teenager; or to adults, for that matter. At the grocery store, the airport scanner, or the BMV, none of us likes to wait. Like all Americans, Hoosiers are waiting tonight for a national economic recovery. Far too many are without work and, even worse than their number, is how long many have been waiting, waiting for that next job, waiting for the basic human fulfillment of knowing you are standing on your own feet, providing for yourself and your family.

The deep frustration of unemployed Hoosiers is shared by those of us charged with public duties in these times. The best efforts of our state, or any one state, to break free of recession's suffocating clutch, are never adequate, and we can't wait for better times.

Building one of the best job climates in the country isn't enough. Breaking the all-time record for new job commitments isn't enough. Adding new jobs at twice the national average isn't enough. We did all those things in 2010, but it couldn't offset the terrible drag of a national economic ebb tide that continues to leave too many boats stuck in the muck.

We Hoosiers don't like to wait, when we can act. If we cannot overcome a nationwide job hemorrhage, we can fight back better than others. Again in 2010, we broke all records for road building and bridge building, for the fourth year in a row, and put thousands to work doing so.

As the final installment of our 2008 property tax cuts took effect, hard-pressed Hoosier home and business owners found an additional \$600 million still in their bank accounts. Tonight, because of our action, Indiana's property taxes are the lowest anywhere in America. And thanks to a ringing 72 percent verdict by our fellow citizens, who voted in referendum to protect those cuts in our constitution, they're going to stay that way.

And in the clearest example of Hoosier resolve, we handled a two billion dollar drop in state revenues as any family would, as any small business would. We decided what is most important, separated the "must do's" from the "nice to do's," and matched spending to income.

Across the country, state spending, despite the recession, is still up sharply the last six years. But here, it is virtually flat, one-third the rate of inflation. Elsewhere, state government payrolls have grown, but here, we have the nation's fewest state employees per capita, fewer than we did in 1978. During this terrible recession, at least 35 states raised taxes, but Indiana cut them. Since '04, the other 49 states added to their debt, by 40 percent; we paid ours down, by 40 percent. Many states exhausted any reserves they may have had, and plunged into the red, but our savings account remains strong, and our credit AAA.

What we did in 2008, and 2009, and 2010, we will do again this year. We will take the actions necessary to limit state spending to the funds available. We will protect struggling taxpayers against the additional burden of higher taxes. We will continue improving our jobs climate by holding the line on taxes as our competitors take the easy way and let theirs rise. We say tonight, whatever course



others may choose, here in Indiana we live within our means, we put the private sector ahead of government, the taxpayer ahead of everyone, and we will stay in the black, whatever it takes.

In two days, I will send to this Assembly a proposed budget for the next biennium. As always, I know that our final product will be a mutual one, and I welcome your amendments and improvements, so long as they live up to the following principles:

One, I just mentioned; no tax increases. Can I get an "amen" to that?

Two, we must stay in the black at all times, with positive reserves at a prudent level throughout the time period.

Three, the budget must come into structural balance, meaning that no later than its second year, annual revenues must exceed annual spending, with no need for any use of our savings account.

Four, no gimmicks. We put an end to practices like raiding teacher pension funds, and shifting state deficits to our schools and universities by making them wait until the state had the cash to pay them. That's a form of waiting we should never impose again.

And, to hasten the return of an even stronger fiscal position, I again ask you to vote for lasting spending discipline by enacting an automatic taxpayer refund. When the day comes again when state reserves exceed 10 percent of annual needs, it will be time to stop collecting taxes and leave them with the people they belong to. Remember what the Hoosier philosopher said: "It's tainted money. 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine." Beyond some point, it is far better to leave dollars in the pockets of those who earned them than to let them burn a hole, as they always do, in the pockets of government.

Doing the people's business while living within the people's means is our fundamental duty in public service. Redrawing our legislative lines without gerrymandering, and adjusting an out of balance Unemployment Insurance system, are other examples of duties we must meet this year. I know you'll do so, head on.

So we had a little election last November. It changed a few things, like the seating arrangement in this chamber. One thing it didn't change at all: our common duty to take every action possible to make this a better state, a more progressive state, a standout and special and distinctive state. That election, like all elections, was not a victory for one side, it was an instruction to us all. It was not an endorsement of a political party, it was an assignment to everyone present. By itself, it accomplished nothing, but it threw open the door to great accomplishment. Starting tonight, we must step through that door, together.

One opportunity lies in reform of our criminal justice system. Helped by the nation's most respected experts, a bipartisan task force of police, judges, prosecutors, and others fashioned a package of changes to see that lawbreakers are incarcerated in a smarter way, one that matches their place of punish-

ment to their true danger to society. We can be tougher on the worst offenders, and protect Hoosiers more securely, while saving a billion dollars the next few years. Let's seize this opportunity, without waiting.

Two years ago, the bipartisan commission led by two of Indiana's most admired leaders presented to us a blueprint to bring Indiana local government out of the pioneer days in which it was created and into the modern age. Of their 27 proposals, seven have been enacted in some form. That leaves a lot of work to do. Indiana is waiting.

Some of the changes are so obvious that our failure to make them is a daily embarrassment. The conflict of interest when double-dipping government workers simultaneously sit on city or county councils, interrogating their own supervisors and deciding their own salaries, must end. The same goes for the nepotism that leads to one in four township employees sharing a last name with the politician who hired them.

Township government, which does not exist in most states, made some sense on the Indiana frontier. Many township lines were laid out to accommodate the round-trip distance a horse could travel in a day. We've come a little ways since then.

Today, over 4,000 politicians, few of them known to the voters they represent, run over a thousand different township governments. They are sitting on hundreds of millions of dollars in reserves. Some have eight years of spending needs stashed in the bank, yet they keep collecting taxes. Some townships are awash in money, while the township next door does not have enough to provide poor relief to its needy citizens. Adjacent townships each buy expensive new fire trucks when one would suffice to cover them both.

Those serving in township government are good people, and well motivated. We thank them for their service. Our problem lies not with those holding all these offices, but with the antique system that keeps them there. I support the clear and simple recommendation of the Kernan-Shepard Commission that we remove this venerable but obsolete layer of government, and assign what little remains of its duty to elected city and county officials.

Likewise, our strange arrangement of a three-headed county executive should change. No business has three CEOs; no football team has three head coaches; no military unit would think of having three co-equal commanding officers. We should join the rest of America in moving to a single, elected county commissioner, working with a strengthened legislative branch, the County Council, to make decision making accountable and implementation swift and efficient.

As in the last two sessions, I look forward to constructive cooperation with the Assembly in bringing reform about. The only outcome that is unacceptable is no action at all. Hoosiers have waited for decades for our governmental design to catch up to society. Let's not keep them waiting any longer.

In no realm is our opportunity larger than

in the critical task of educating our children. The need for major improvement, and the chance for achieving it, is so enormous tonight that opportunity rises to the level of duty.

Advocates of change in education become accustomed to being misrepresented. If you challenge the fact that forty-two cents of the education dollar are somehow spent outside the classroom, you must not respect school boards. If you wonder why doubling spending didn't produce any gains in student achievement, you must be criticizing teachers. If your heart breaks at the parade of young lives permanently handicapped by a school experience that leaves them unprepared for the world of work, you must be "anti-public schools."

So let's start by affirming once again that our call for major change in our system of education, like that of President Obama, his education secretary and so many others, is rooted in a love for our schools, those who run them and those who teach in them. But it is rooted most deeply in a love for the children whose very lives and futures depend on the quality of the learning they either do or do not acquire while in our schools. Nothing matters more than that. Nothing compares to that.

Some seek change in education on economic grounds, and they are right. To win and hold a family-supporting job, our kids will need to know much more than their parents did. I have seen the future competition, every time I go abroad in search of new jobs for our state, in the young people of Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China. Let me tell you—those kids are good. They ought to be. They are in school, not 180 days a year like here, but 210, 220, 230 days a year. By the end of high school, they have benefited from two or three years more education than Hoosier students. Along the way, they have taken harder classes. It won't be easy to win jobs away from them.

It's not just tomorrow's jobs that are at stake. The quality of Indiana education matters right now. When we are courting a new business, right behind taxes, the cost of energy, reasonable regulation, and transportation facilities comes schools. "What kind of school will my children, and our workers' children attend?" is a question we're always asked. Sometimes, in some places, it costs us jobs today. There is no time to wait.

In 1999, Indiana passed a law that said schools must either improve their results or be taken over by new management. The little ones who entered first grade then, full of hope and promise, are eighteen now. In the worst of our districts, half of them will not be graduating. God bless and keep them, wherever they are and whatever life now holds for them. For those children, we waited too long.

And it's not just about the most failing of our schools. The last couple years have seen some encouraging advances, after years of stagnation. But the brute facts persist: only one in three of our children can pass the national math or reading exam. We trail far behind most states and even more foreign countries on measures like excellence in math: at the recent rate of improvement, it would take twenty-one years for us to catch Slovenia, and that's if Slovenia stands still. That's too long to wait. That's too many futures to lose.

In every discussion, someone says "This is very complicated." Then someone says, "These changes won't be perfect," and then you hear "The devil is in the details." All true. But we can no longer let complexity be an excuse for inaction, nor imperfection the enemy of the good. When it comes to our children's future, the real devil is not in the details, he's in the delay, and 2011 is the year the delay must end.

We know what works. It starts with teacher quality. Teacher quality has been found to be twenty times more important than any other factor, including poverty, in determining which kids succeed. Class size, by comparison, is virtually meaningless. Put a great teacher in front of a large class, and you can (See 'STATE OF THE STATE' on page nine)

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expect good results. Put a poor teacher in front of a small class, do not expect the kids to learn. In those Asian countries I mentioned, classrooms of thirty-five students are common, and they're beating our socks off.

We won't have done our duty here until every single Indiana youngster has a good teacher every single year. Today, 99 percent of Indiana teachers are rated "effective." If that were true, 99 percent, not one-third, of our students would be passing those national tests.

Today's teachers make more money not because their students learned more but just by living longer and putting another certificate on the wall. Their jobs are protected not by any record of great teaching but simply by seniority. We have seen "teachers of the year" laid off, just because they weren't old enough. This must change. We have waited long enough.

Teachers should have tenure, but they should earn it by proving their ability to help kids learn. Our best teachers should be paid more, much more, and ineffective teachers should be helped to improve or asked to move. Today, the outstanding teacher, the Mr. Watson whose kids are pushed and led to do their best, is treated no better than the worst teacher in the school. That is wrong; for the sake of fairness and the sake of our children, it simply has to end. We have waited long enough.

We are beginning to hold our school leaders accountable for the only thing that really matters: Did the children grow? Did the children learn? Starting this year, schools will get their own grades, in a form we can all understand: 'A' to 'F.' There will be no more hiding behind jargon and gibberish.

But, in this new world of accountability, it is only fair to give our school leadership full flexibility to deliver the results we now expect. Already, I have ordered our Board of Education to peel away unnecessary requirements that consume time and money without really contributing to learning. We are asking this Assembly to repeal other mandates that, whatever their good intentions, ought to be left to local control. I am a supporter of organ donation, and cancer awareness, and preventing mosquito-borne disease, but if a local superintendent or school board thinks time spent on these mandated courses interferes with the teaching of math, or English, or science, it should be their right to eliminate them from a crowded school day.

And, while unions and collective bargaining are the right of those teachers who wish to engage in them, they go too far when they dictate the color of the teachers' lounge, who can monitor recess, or on what days the principal is allowed to hold a staff meeting. We must free our school leaders from all the handcuffs that reduce their ability to meet the higher expectations we now have for student achievement.

Lastly, we must begin to honor the parents of Indiana. We must trust them, and respect them enough, to decide when, where, and how their children can receive the best education, and therefore the best chance in life.

Visiting with high school seniors, I discovered one new option we should be offering. A significant fraction of our students complete, or could complete, their graduation requirements in well under twelve years. We should say to these diligent young people, and their families, if you choose to finish in eleven years instead of twelve, we will give you the money we were going to spend while you cruised through twelfth grade, as long as you spend that money on some form of further education. In this year's survey of high school students, three out of four said they would like to have that option. Let's empower our kids to defray the high cost of education through their own hard work, by entrusting them with this new and innovative choice.

Another new kind of choice has come to Indiana parents the last couple years, as a byproduct of our property tax reductions. Families are now able to choose public schools outside the districts they reside in, tuition-free. Schools have begun advertising campaigns, touting their graduation rates and higher test scores. This competition is a

highly positive development, as long as it is fair. I ask you to protect our families against any possibility of discrimination by requiring that any school with more applicants than room fill it through a lottery or other blind selection process.

Indiana has lagged sadly behind other states in providing the option of charter schools. We must have more of them, and they must no longer be unjustly penalized. They should receive their funding exactly when other public schools do. If they need space, and the local district owns vacant buildings it has no prospect of using, they should turn them over.

Widening parents' options in these ways will enable the vast majority of children to attend the school of their choice. But one more step is necessary: For families who cannot find the right traditional public school, or the right charter public school for their child, and are not wealthy enough to move near one, justice requires that we help. We should let these families apply dollars that the state spends on their child to the non-government school of their choice.

In that gallery and outside sit the most important guests of the evening. They are children, and parents of children, who are waiting for a spot in a charter or private school. They believe their futures will be brighter if they can make that choice. Look at those faces. Will you be the one to tell the parents "tough luck"? Are you prepared to say to them "We know better than you do"? We won't tell you where to buy your groceries or where to get your tires rotated, but we will tell you, no matter what you think, your child will attend that school, and only that school. We have the money to send our children where we think best, but if you don't, well, too bad for you.

These children, and their parents, have waited long enough, for a better chance in life. And Indiana has waited long enough for the kind of educational results that a great state must achieve. I have spoken of the economic implications. But, at bottom, this is not about material matters. It is about the civil right, the human right, of every Indiana family to make decisions for its children. It's about the right of all Hoosier children to realize their full potential in life. Will you join me in saying, the waiting is over, change has come, and Indiana intends to lead it?

For us sports fans, recent times have brought a frustrating string of "almosts". At 60, Tom Watson almost won the British Open. The Colts almost won the Super Bowl. Little Butler almost won a national basketball championship. Besides the disappointment of coming so close, the bad thing about "almosts" is knowing that you may never get that close to victory, and history, again.

This cannot be the "almost" General Assembly. We are on the 18th hole, in the red zone, on the final possession of a chance for historic greatness. Indiana has waited long enough for local government that fits the realities of the 21st Century. We have waited long enough for an education system known for excellence in teaching, and accountable schools that deliver the results our kids deserve. Our parents have waited long enough for the freedom to decide which school is best for their children. We cannot "almost" end the waiting.

One thing is certain. The rest of the world will not wait on us. Other nations, and other states, are forging ahead with the kind of reforms I have proposed here. Indiana is now a leader in business climate, fiscal integrity, transportation, property taxes, and so many other respects. Now comes the chance to lead in ways that, long term, may matter more than all of those.

Wishing won't make it so. Waiting won't make it so. But those of you in this Assembly have a priceless and unprecedented opportunity to make it so. It's more than a proposal, it's an assignment. It's more than an opportunity, it's a duty.

Our children are waiting. Our fellow citizens are waiting. History is waiting. It's going to be a session to remember. You're going to do great things. I can't wait.

God bless this Assembly and this great state.

Martin County Chamber of Commerce elects new officers

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday, January 12 at Pizza Junction. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: M.C. Special-Tees Candy Store, Farm Bureau Insurance, Old National Bank-Loogootee, American Tree Experts, Overlook Cabin Rentals, Highland House B&B, Saltbox Lodge Vacation Rental, Generations, and Martin County Alliance.

Those in attendance were given ballots to vote for seven board members to serve in 2011. Ballots were collected at the end of the meeting. The results were: Nancy Steiner, Marie Hawkins, Deanna Bauernfiend, Jim Stoughton, TJ McAtee, Tim Kinder, and Karen Mattingly. Rodney Wright motioned to approve the voting results, Jim Stoughton seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Only one person from each office accepted the nomination to serve as 2011 chamber officers. They were: Nancy Steiner - President; Marie Hawkins - Vice President; Susan Arthur - Treasurer. Jim Stoughton motioned to approve the results; TJ McAtee seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Newly-elected board members and officers will be introduced at the 2011 annual dinner in January at which time their service will begin. Until then, Marie Hawkins, 2010 president, will lead the current meeting and continue in the position.

Discussion was brought up as to whether the position of chamber president should be financially compensated. Jim Henry voiced disapproval stating it is a community service and Jim Stoughton questioned whether the chamber would have enough funds.

Plans continue to unfold for the 2011 Annual Dinner. A set-up crew and clean-up crew is needed. Volunteers for the set-up crew are Marie Hawkins, Tina Holder, Joy Gibson, Susan Arthur, Karen Mattingly, and Mindy Henrichsen. Volunteers for the clean-up crew are Jim and Donna Stoughton, TJ McAtee, Rodney Wright and Marie Hawkins. Deanna Bauernfiend volunteered to assist at the membership plaque table. Karen Mattingly volunteered to work at the check-in table. Jim Stoughton said the pastor at Shoals Methodist Church, Pastor Delbert Stoll, is

willing to say the opening prayer.

One request for application was received for a loan from the chamber's USDA Grant. Jim Henry is contacting the individual and will pursue his interest in the loan. The written request did not include any contact information. Mr. Henry is sending information to the return address listed on the original envelope.

Jim Stoughton provided the treasurer's report. Susan Arthur motioned to approve the report; Karen Mattingly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jim Stoughton also gave a tourism report. Information to renew the distribution of county maps/brochures was received in the mail. Stoughton stated that any tracking information obtained indicated that the cost outweighed the outcome and motioned to discontinue the distribution. Donna Stoughton seconded the motion and all were in favor. Stoughton also mentioned that in a previous meeting he had suggested discontinuing the county's listing on the SIRMAC website. However, because Martin County does not have a bed tax, the listing is only \$200 as opposed to the normal \$2400 and may be worth the expense. It would be one more way to get the Martin County name out there.

Also, signs were made to hang in businesses that distributed county information. Stoughton motioned that the chamber purchase the domain name "Lodging in Martin County" for two years and then link it to the county website. Jane Henry motioned to approve Stoughton's suggestion, Jim Henry seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Marie Hawkins informed the board that the Ho-Down, originally scheduled to take place in a barn on the 4-H grounds this coming spring, is on hold. The 4-H Committee is hesitant to rent out a barn because there are no restroom facilities and because no standard operating procedures have been developed for such a request. In its place, Hawkins suggested following an idea from the Evansville area where people would purchase tickets to a chocolate expo. It would include vendors, caterers and etc. Chocolate in all forms would be the theme and all money collected would go to the chamber as a fundraiser. Marie and Karen Mattingly will pursue the idea.

With no further comments the meeting was adjourned.

Benefit Bank of Indiana offers free tax-filing help

BY KEITH ROBINSON
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The Purdue University Extension Service is offering a new and free online service to help low- and moderate-income Indiana residents file their income tax returns.

The Benefit Bank helps Hoosiers complete and electronically file their federal and state income tax returns, which is necessary to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit and other tax credits. The service also helps individuals and families complete paperwork to apply for government services such as food stamps and college financial aid.

"The goals of The Benefit Bank of Indiana are to move more Indiana residents out of unemployment, poverty or welfare and into self-sufficiency and to boost the economic prosperity of local communities," said Angie Abbott, director of The Benefit Bank of Indiana.

Individuals making \$60,000 or less per year can go to the website www.thebenefitbank.com to file their federal and state income tax returns and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For help in completing paperwork to apply for benefits such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps), they need to meet with a Benefit Bank counselor at a site sponsored by a community-based organization. The website includes a locator for Benefit Bank sites across the state. Counselors

also can help with preparation of tax returns.

Each year more than \$1.1 billion in federal assistance for tax credits, food assistance, student financial aid and other services go unclaimed by eligible Hoosiers who do not apply. The Benefit Bank of Indiana connects low- and moderate-income families with the support for which they are eligible. The website includes a tool that helps them estimate potential eligibility for various programs.

The Benefit Bank is seeking host organizations in each county to sponsor sites and counselors to reach out to low- and moderate-income families who might need assistance in completing and filing forms, such as income tax returns. Host organizations, which can include faith-based organizations, food pantries and other community-based groups, need a computer with high-speed Internet connection, a printer, and Adobe Reader software (available for free) to view completed forms and applications.

Organizations can sign up to be host sites and to receive free training at www.tbbin.org

"We look forward to working with faith-based and community organizations to support economic opportunity and security in communities," said Hannah Martin, affiliate administrator of The Benefit Bank of Indiana.

New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL
Pastor's wife

Abiding in Christ 1 John 2:24-29
We all fall short so many times in our attempts to be like Jesus. One of the greatest problems today is consistently following the Lord in everything. Following God's commandments and being like Jesus, being an over comer and being a follower of Christ as we say we are. There is an answer to consistently walking with God, constantly overcoming sin and to live in the peace and joy Christ promised.

It is what the Bible talks about many times in the New Testament, abiding in Christ. The most important factor in our walk with Jesus Christ is to abide in Him. The more we abide in Christ, the more we will have peace, victory over sin, and be in His steps.

Abide? To wait for, to endure without yielding, to bear patiently, to accept objection, to remain stable or fixed, to continue in a place. Enduring, continuing. To abide has to do with the concept of being instead of doing. To abide in Christ is to be in the being mode. We still are doing the things that God has called us to do but are doing it in His strength. Abiding in Christ is about having an intimate relationship with Him. The relationship is more important than the things we do or don't do. The more we are abiding in Him the more we will be faithful. We will hear His voice clearer, not be works oriented, and have more peace in our life. To abide is to experience His presence.

Abiding begins with what we first heard; there was a spiritual transformation that

began when we first heard the great message of grace. The moment we ask Jesus into our heart He came to abide in us. You would have never done that on your own if He had not called you. What you first experienced was truth, promises fulfilled, blessings, joyful love, and His love, precious and sweet, were so strong they made you full and free. As time goes on your love and joy of your first meeting with your savior, instead of deepening, have become faint and feeble. The reason is simply you have wandered from Him. When we abide in Christ and remain in what we first heard, that Jesus is the vine that we get all our life juices from, that we have this great promise He made for us, Eternal Life. Eternal, now and forever. John 10:10, I have come so that you may have life and have it abundantly.

The Bible is clear - we must become more like Jesus. Look at the history of Israel. We discover that when the king had an intimate relationship with God, the nation prospered, but when the king neglected his relationship with God, the nation suffered. The same can be said today of our relationship. Keep your focus on knowing and becoming like Jesus in all your relationships, marriage, family, friends, church, work, community and society. Encourage them to become more like Christ. He is the truth the way and the source of life. The Devil wants us to be deceived. He cringes at the thought of believers becoming like Jesus. When we fall into deceptions man created and Satan unmercifully ties to convince us of, we get our life juice from somewhere else other than the true source of life, Jesus Christ.

Be careful of being prideful or inflexible. Know your savior Jesus Christ. Proverbs, 16:20, He who gives attention to the word will find good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.

There must be a hunger within us to be in touch with God every minute of every day just as Jesus was. People with genuine faith will remain, they won't defect; they won't deny Christ or abandon His truth. Jesus reiterated the importance of abiding as a sign of real faith when He said, "If you abide in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine." John 8:31.

We have an unlimited capacity to grow spiritually in our relationship with God, Through the power of the Holy Spirit.

If we come to the place in our life in our walk with God that we say, "I am not satisfied I know God wants more from me." We need to begin to line up our actions with the will of God so that eventually every moment of every day we will ask God - what do you desire of me this minute? God uses everyday circumstances of life. By trusting and obeying God in the midst of struggles, trying circumstances become a garden for heart changing miracles. God also uses spiritual exercises to develop growth. Bible study, prayer, fasting worship are important for abiding in Christ.

If we stay connected to Jesus in everything we will find a great truth in our journey, we will learn that we have an unlimited capacity to grow spiritually in our relationship with God. We will through the power of the Holy Spirit we can be like Jesus, honor God with our life and by doing so point others to Jesus.

We have hung some posters around town about a special service on, January 23 at 6 p.m. We have a guest speaker coming, from the Southern Baptist's, North American Mission Board. You do not have to be a member or attend our church on a regular basis to attend this calling of God's people back to Him. We invite everyone! Our Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. with praise and worship. If you have any questions call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

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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

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Loogootee junior high girls face Valley and North Knox

On Monday, January 10, the Loogootee 7th and 8th Grade Girls hosted Springs Valley. Both teams suffered a loss that night. The 7th grade ended with a score of 10-28. Scoring for the 7th grade Lady Lions was Bailey Davis with four points, and Macey Baxter and Emily Bateman with three points each.

The 8th grade finished with a score of 35-40. Scoring points for that evening were Allie Walker with 16, Waylee Wagoner with 15, Ariel Jones with two points, and Kaelyn Nonte and Malorie Weisheit each with one point.

On Thursday, January 13 the 7th and 8th grade girls hosted North Knox. Both teams

again suffered a loss that night. The 7th grade ended with a score of 27 - 38. Leading scorer for the evening was Macey Baxter with 13 points, followed by Emily Bateman with eight points, Bailey Davis with four points, and Mariah Bridgewater with two points. This brings their season to 3 wins and 11 losses.

The 8th grade ladies finished with a score 18-27 for the evening.

Scoring points for the game were Allie Walker and Waylee Wagoner each with nine. This brings the girls season to 5 wins and 9 losses. This week the girls will face off against Barr-Reeve, Orleans, and Bloomfield.

Loogootee 6th Grade falls to Jasper, South Knox

The Loogootee Sixth Grade Girls' Basketball team hosted the Bloomfield Lady Cardinals last night, Tuesday, January 18 at East Gym. The Lady Lions jumped out to a 12-0 first quarter lead that took them through the game and they finished with a hefty win 37-16.

Meghan Mathies led in scoring with 11 followed by Mya Hedrick with 10, Kylie Hall and Mayson Riley with seven each, and Sydney Blankenbaker with a bucket.

"It is nice to get back on the winning track, and to have a more balance scoring attack," said Coach Tim Sanders.

The girls will travel to Holy Family tomorrow, Thursday, January 20.

The girls traveled to Jasper Cabby O'Neill Gym Monday night, January 17 to go up against Jasper Middle School.

Jasper took the win in the "A" game defeating the Lady Lions 30-15. Meghan Mathies was high scorer with nine. Emily Brookshire, Mya Hedrick, and Kylie Hall each contributed a bucket.

Jasper also took the "B" game with the final score being 15-12. Megan Lampert finished with a game-high eight points with Kylie Hall adding four points.

The sixth grade girls hosted South Knox at Loogootee East gym on Saturday, January 15.

The "A" game final score was South Knox

32, Loogootee 14. Kylie Hall, Mya Hedrick, and Meghan Mathies led in scoring with four each and Emily Brookshire contributed two points.

South Knox also took the "B" game with a final score of 28-18. Emily Brookshire was the game high scorer with eight followed by Kylie Hall with four, Mya Hedrick, Sydney Blankenbaker, and Megan Lampert with two each. Coach Tim Sanders said after the game, "The Lady Lions kept it close for a half, but ran out of gas against the tall, talented Lady Warriors."

Dean's list . . .

Jason Daniel Hornby, former Loogootee resident, was recently named to the dean's list at Oakland City University. Jason is the son of Larry and Theresa Weitkamp of Loogootee and is majoring in music education. Jason's is a junior at OCU and this is his second time on the dean's list.

Honors . . .

Tyler J. Stewart, of Loogootee, received academic honors for the Fall 2010 semester at Purdue University. To earn honors, students must have had at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative grade point average on a four-point scale. Tyler is the son of Misty and Steve Stewart.



LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY WEST

Breakfast

Thursday, January 20

Cereal, sausage, applesauce

Friday, January 21

Sausage and egg biscuit, juice

Monday, January 24

Pancakes, sausage, fruit

Tuesday, January 25

Breakfast pizza, sausage, fruit

Wednesday, January 26

Biscuit and gravy, sausage, fruit

Lunch

Thursday, January 20

Sloppy Joe, corn, pineapple, cottage cheese

Friday, January 21

Grilled chicken sandwich, French fries, pears

Monday, January 24

Bologna and cheese, baked beans

Tuesday, January 25

Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, applesauce, bread

Wednesday, January 26

Taco salad, corn

LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, January 20

Potato soup or pizza, grilled cheese, cheese and crackers, applesauce, salad plate, milk

Friday, January 21

Hamburgers or pizza, French fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, January 24

BBQ sandwich or pizza, baked beans, fruit, chips, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, January 25

Taco salad or pizza, corn, fruit, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, January 26

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

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, January 20

Cereal, muffins, string cheese, milk

Friday, January 21

Egg wrap, hash browns, milk

Monday, January 24

Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Tuesday, January 25

Pancakes with syrup, sausage, juice, milk

Wednesday, January 26

Cereal, sweet rolls, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, January 20

Macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit juice, roll, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza

Friday, January 21

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, roll, milk

Monday, January 24

Chicken sandwich, French fries, fruit, cookies, milk

Tuesday, January 25

Corn dog nuggets, green beans, creamy slaw, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

Wednesday, January 26

Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

Art exhibition open at Shircliff Gallery

An exhibition of the works of artist Frances Cadora opened yesterday January 18 at Vincennes University's Shircliff Gallery of Art. The exhibition will continue through February 27 with a reception for the artist scheduled January 27 at 11:30 a.m. (EST).

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Cadora currently is an adjunct instructor of metalworking and printmaking at the University of Evansville. A graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design, her work is inspired by traditional metalsmithing techniques, simple lines and objects she finds in nature.

Cadora sells work through Topaz Gallery in Atlanta and also creates many commissioned pieces.

She works in sterling silver, copper and high karat gold. She hand fabricates, hand forges and uses organic casting methods to create all of her one-of-a-kind fine art jewelry.

"I like my work to exist in the moment. If something is not working, I change my design on the spot and try to go with the flow. Sometimes the metal dictates what it wants to be and I try to just listen. I find that running and metalsmithing are similar in that way. I use them to listen to myself and to have a constant conversation with God. I like the technique of hand forging because those conversations seem very evident, as you can clearly see their mark in my jewelry," Cadora said in her artist statement.

Shircliff Gallery of Art is located at the corner of First and Harrison streets on VU's Vincennes campus. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (EDT), Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, 12 to 3 p.m. on Sundays, or by arrangement.

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Rox get back-to-back wins over Valley and North Knox



-Photo by Cindy Sorrells

Shoals' Seth McCrary drove the ball around the defender during the game against Oakland City on January 8.



-Photo by Cindy Sorrells

Garrett Bateman, for Shoals, scored 15 points in the match up against the Trojans at home.



-Photo by Cindy Sorrells

Mike Shartzter casually brings the ball around the top of the key while Rox fans look on.



-Photo by Cindy Sorrells

Garrett Bateman easily goes over the top of the Oakland City defender to fire a three-pointer.

The Shoals Boy's Varsity team took a win over Springs Valley Saturday, January 15, 47-39.

Shoals didn't come out very strong in the first quarter missing over 50 percent of their field goal attempts and going 0 for three from the three-point line. Valley outscored the Rox 11-5.

Shoals' senior Garrett Bateman added 10 points in the second quarter hitting four of six two-point shots and both free throws attempted. Shoals went to the locker room with a one point lead at halftime.

Both teams stuck close together in the third quarter with Bateman adding another two buckets along with Seth McCrary for the Rox. Weddle for Springs Valley landed two threes putting the score at the end of the third quarter 29-28 with Valley up by one.

Thanks to several trips to the charity stripe in the fourth quarter, Shoals outscored Valley 18-11 to pull off the win.

Shoals finished hitting 16-29 from two-point range and 0-7 from three-point range. They also had a 59 percent free throw percentage.

Valley was 9-21 from two point range and 5-14 from three-point range. They were six for nine in free throws.

Shoals was led in scoring by Garrett Bateman with 27 including 10 two-pointers. Mike Shartzter finished with seven, Seth McCrary with six, Darek Turpin with five, and Cole Kimmel with two.

The Jug Rox had five turnovers, Springs Valley had eight.

Shoals went to 6-5 on the season with this win.

On Friday night, January 14, Shoals also defeated North Knox 59-50.

Shoals finished hitting 18 of 30 two-point shots, five of 12 three-pointers, and were 73 percent in free throws.

North Knox was 16 for 23 from two-point range, 5 for 20 from three-point range, and 75 percent from the free throw line.

Garrett Bateman led Shoals in scoring with 26 points followed by Jondavie Hopkins and Mike Shartzter with ten each, Tyler Price with nine points, and Seth McCrary and Darek Turpin with two apiece.

North Knox finished with eight turnovers, the Rox had 10.

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 Martin County Learning Center. Contact Kathy ahead of time to fill out paperwork and schedule testing dates.

New Fathers Forever class
Are you a father or soon-to-be-father who would like to meet with other men and discuss what it takes to be a great dad? "24/7 Dads" is an innovative fatherhood mentoring program that focuses on identifying and developing the personal characteristics that every father needs. The program hones fathering skills as the individual learns about himself and the important roles he has with his children and what makes a positive home environment. The class will meet on Wednesdays, February 2 through March 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Call the learning center for more information!

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.

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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, 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 are 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.




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Loogootee Intermediate's last fundraiser of the year

The Loogootee Intermediate Parents Advisory Committee is organizing their final fundraiser for this school year.

The council has decided to participate in the Elder Beerman Community Day Event on February 26.

This is an optional fundraiser for parents and students to participate in. What this means is that unless you and your child agree to participate in this, you will receive no more information or flyers regarding the event.

However, if you do choose to help in the committee's efforts to fund the AR (Accelerated Reading) program with incentives and prizes, you will need to complete a permission slip and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible to receive further information and coupon booklets.

Permission slips have been sent home with students in grades five and six.

Twice every year Elder Beerman hosts a Community Day Event at their store. Area clubs and organizations are invited to sell coupon booklets for \$5 each.

The entire amount is donated to the group by Elder Beerman at no cost to the group/club. Each booklet contains several

discounts such as: a \$10 off a single purchase of \$10 or more; a 30 percent early bird coupon (good from 7-10 a.m. on sale day); 20/15/10 percent tiered shopping pass; \$20 off Easy Spirit shoes; \$50 off Sketchers Shape-up shoes; 50 percent off men's and women's spring outerwear; \$19.99 microfiber comforters, any size; \$14.99 Izod fine gauge sweaters; \$34.99 Sure Fit furniture sofa cover; \$19.99 Leisure Lakeview luggage, any size; and Web-exclusive offers of: \$349.99 Toshiba TV; 50 percent off toning shoes from Avia, Ryka, and Dr. Scholls; and a 30 percent off tiered online coupon.

Incentives/prizes will be given to the students who participate in this fundraiser. It will again be a tiered prize system as follows:

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Top Seller - \$50 in cash, 2nd place - \$30 in cash, and 3rd-\$20 in cash

A separate incentive is also in place that will reward your child regardless of the number of coupon booklets sold.

Elder Beerman offers two-hour time slots, available by signing up only through group coordinator, to sell booklets at the store.

This would involve sitting at a table at the front entrance of the store for two hours and offering these booklets for \$5 to customers as they enter during this time.

This can be done individually or with a group of classmates.

Each student or group (i.e. basketball team, cheer squad, dance team, etc.) must be accompanied by an adult at all times during this event.

If your child is interested in one of these slots, you must also be available to attend the entire time that they are in the store, no exceptions.

If your child signs up for one of these slots and completes the task of selling for two hours at the store (sign-in is required at store and will be verified), they will receive a \$5 Dairy Master gift certificate in addition to the above prizes based on their sales.

Shoals Jr./Sr. High 3rd grading period, semester honor roll

2010-2011 Term 1 - Grading Period 3

Seventh grade

All A's: Allison Albright, Britney Cooper, Logan Harker, Megan Hawkins, Corbyn Sipes, and Reva Troutman,

Distinguished Honor Roll: Christina Hovis and Ashley Phillips

Honor Roll: Tyrell Brett, Julie Dorsey, Jasmine Gates, Cassidee Harker, Damion Hart, Victoria Mills, Michael Sorrells, Danielle Whaley, and Dawn Wright

Eighth grade

All A's: Logan Albright, Brittany Bauernfiend, Ashley Montgomery, and Holly Self

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Honor Roll: Audrey Bowers, Kylee Hardwick, Michael Hawkins, Austin Jones, Kelsey Sellers, Donald Stoner, and Alexis Young

Ninth grade

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Tenth grade

Distinguished Honor Roll: Whitney Albright and Emily Richardson

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Honor Roll: Amberly Albright, Waylon Bradley, Jonathan Butcher, Kayla Butler, Lezlie Hart, Ethan Jones, Austin Kimmel, Jennifer Montgomery, Courtney Overfield, and Clayton Tow

Eleventh grade

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Twelfth grade

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Honor Roll: Garrett Bateman, Jill Bradley, Dillon Cornett, Casey Davis, Justin Franklin, John Harder, Ashley Hawkins, Kayla Kidwell, Eric McDonald, Kaylea Mulder, Rachel Parsons, Shannon Price, Amber Royston, and Amanda Stewart

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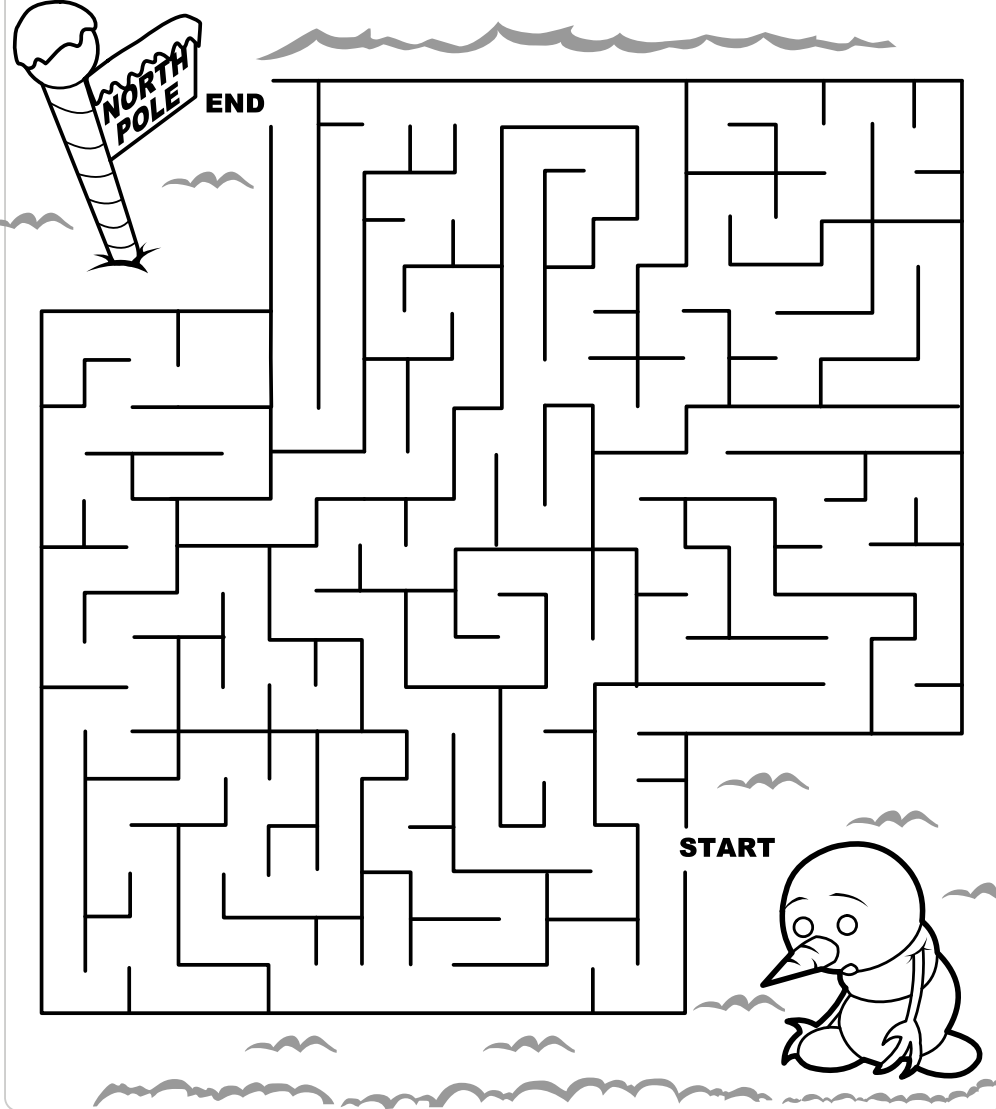
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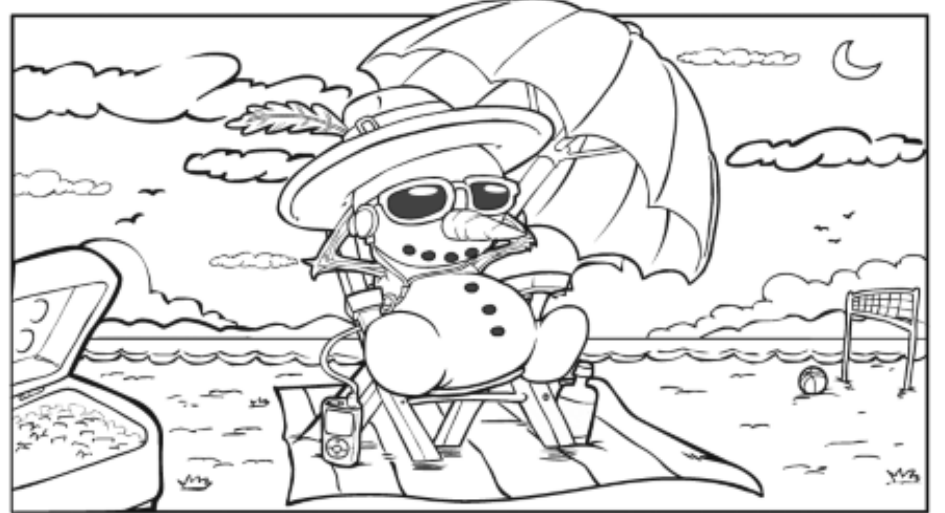
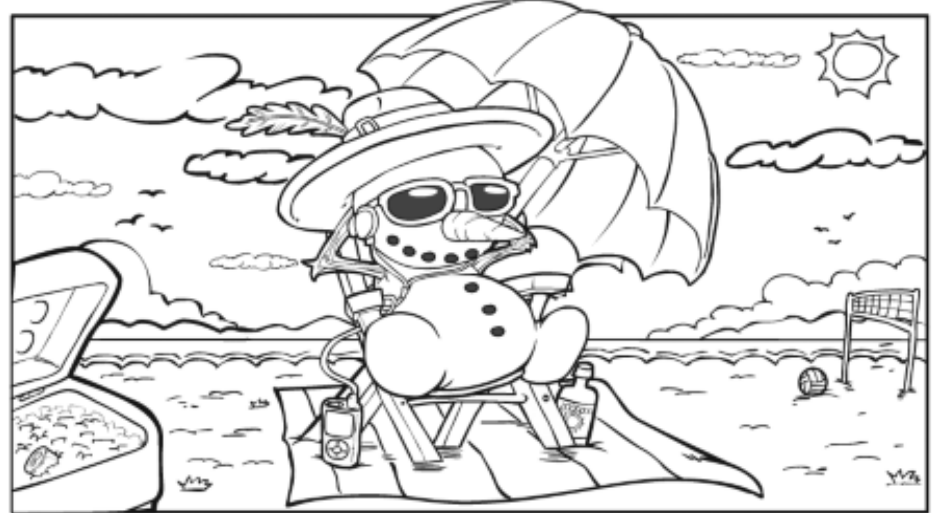
FROSTY IS COLD OUTSIDE!

Help the snowman make his way home to the North Pole!



What's the Difference?

Spot 7 differences between these two pictures.



Snow Sports Word Search

BASE	L H K O V O C S C I M X
BOOTS	T S N O W B O A R D A U
COAT	C A R J A I G K O P I N
CROSS COUNTRY	R H E Q G F G I S F W S
DOWNHILL	S A W P L B C P S J Y T
GLOVES	X T I F O L O G C U J M
HAT	D R N O V L I E O M A B
JUMP	M O T D E I S H U P G N
LIFT	O S E S S A L G N U S E
MAP	I E R K B R Y H T W N C
POLES	G R L I F T Y H R B O W
RESORT	G I Y H G V M D Y A W D
SKI	Z U Q X L Y U M T N Y I
SLOPE	U D S N F Q B C I G Y O
SNOWY	
SNOWBOARD	
SUNGLASSES	
TRAIL	
WINTER	



WINTER WONDERLAND PICTURE HUNT

- Go on a picture hunt and help find these:
1. Girl with one mitten on, missing the other.
 2. Boy with skis missing poles.
 3. Girl missing a skate.
 4. Snowman missing an arm.

