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## **Shoals School Board reorganizes** in their first meeting of the year

Meeting minutes provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, Shoals School Corporation Secretary

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, January 15.

Board President, Mary Lou Billings, opened the floor for nominations of officers. Lorna Troutman made a motion that the current officers remain in their positions for 2014 as follows: Mary Lou Billings, board president; Christy Farhar, vice president; and Lorna Troutman, secretary. The motion was seconded by Jim Bruner. Approval was given with a vote of 5-0.

Superintendent Keller recommended that all board members serve as members of the board of finance. A motion to approve the entire board as members of the board of finance was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 5-0 vote was given.

The board agreed to leave the date and time of school board meetings the same as they currently are. Regular school board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. with executive sessions at 4:15 p.m.

The board approved a resolution for board member pay at a per diem rate of \$109 for regular meetings and \$60 for special meetings or executive sessions.

The board re-appointed treasurers as follows: corporation treasurer – Lisa Elliott, corporation deputy and cafeteria treasurer -Dorothy Tredway, jr./sr. high ECA treasurer - Deborah Howell, and elementary ECA treasurer – Darla Holt

The board approved the bonding of the following employees: Lisa Elliott \$85,000, Dorothy Tredway \$85,000, Deborah Howell \$10,000, Darla Holt \$10,000, and Andrea Oualkenbush \$5,000

A motion to appoint Superintendent Keller to the Vocational and Joint Services Special Education Cooperative Board was made by Tony Cundiff, seconded by Christy Farhar, and a 5-0 vote was given.

Superintendent Keller recommended the board approve a conflict of interest disclosure statement for board member Christy Farhar. A motion to approve was made by Tony Cundiff, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0-1 vote was given with Christy Farhar abstaining.

Josh Bauer publicly thanked Elementary Principal Austin Malone for the outstanding job he has done being our principal and helping to raise the elementary school's state letter grade from a D to a B. Mr. Bauer noted that Mr. Malone has implemented several programs that have been beneficial to the kids such as the Citizenship Challenge that sets goals for the students. He noted that Mr. Malone supports the kids in many ways that helps to instill respect, selfconfidence and character.

Ann Stewart notified the board that the Angel Tree Christmas Gift Program was very successful for 2013. She was very pleased that 182 children received Christmas gifts this year.

Superintendent Keller stated that Elementary ECA Treasurer Darla Holt and Corporation Treasurer Lisa Elliott had no outstanding checks more than two years old to be voided.

The board approved cancellation of four junior/senior high ECA checks as follows: 5/10/11 Rick Smith \$65.00, 5/10/11 John Gillespie \$65.00, 6/6/11 Brian & Toni

Clifton \$13.30 and 6/6/11 Clint Jones (See 'SHOALS' cont. on page two)

## Loogootee boy one of 13 Indiana students to win statewide contest

Hoosier students—from kindergarten through high school—are being rewarded for planning to complete education beyond high school. Learn More Indiana, an outreach initiative led by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, is awarding 13 students—one in each grade from kindergarten through high school seniors—with \$529 in an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan. The students participated in a statewide "College GO! Week" contest this fall which asked them to describe how they're planning for the future.

"We are pleased that thousands of students across Indiana took part in our College GO! Week contest this year," said Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "Our student winners are taking purposeful steps to achieve their college aspirations, and we are happy to recognize them as a positive example for all Indiana students."

The College GO! Week contest required students at each grade level to complete an age-appropriate college planning activity. Younger students described necessary tools for their dream careers, while high school students researched college majors and wrote essays on the courses needed to succeed in chosen careers. The 529 plans can be used for tuition, books and other college-related expenses.

Winning students include:

Kindergarten: Jasper Bouseman from St. John the Baptist Catholic School (Whiting)

First Grade: Brock Rayhill from Loogootee Elementary West (Loogootee Community School Corporation)

Second Grade: Lauren Fiester from John H. Castle Elementary (Warrick County School Corporation)

Third Grade: Meghan Spinazze from



Loogootee first grader Brock Rayhill was one of 13 students chosen in the "College GO! Week" writing contest. Brock is the son of Kelly Rayhill and Heather Rayhill, of Loogootee, and he has a brother, Carson, who is an 8th grader at Loogootee Junior High.

Sycamore Elementary (Kokomo School Corporation)

Fourth Grade: Kaylee Prewitt from Clarks Creek Elementary (Plainfield Community School Corporation)

Fifth Grade: Zachary Simms from North Harrison Elementary (North Harrison Community Schools)

Sixth Grade: Mallory Motz from South Terrace Elementary (North Posey County Schools)

Seventh Grade: Jasmine Martin from Frankie McCullough Girls Academy (Gary Community School Corporation)

Eighth Grade: Diego Rincon from Central Middle School (Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation)

Ninth Grade: Madyson Stricker from Columbia City High School (White (See 'CONTEST' cont. on page two)

Anyone wanting to run in the 2014 Primary Election, the last day to register is Friday, February 7, by noon. Martin County offices up for election in 2014 include: prosecutor, clerk, assessor, commissioner district 2 (currently held by Paul George), county council districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 (currently held by Randy Wininger, Keith Gibson, Barb McFeaters, and Lynn Gee), sheriff,

township trustees and advisory boards, and state convention delegates. For information on registering in the Primary, contact the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651. The following are current filings to date, that pertain to Martin County:

## UNITED STATES REP. (DISTRICT 8)

Larry D. Bucshon (R) Andrew T. McNeil (R) **INDIANA SENATE (DISTRICT 39)** 

Eric Bassler (R) John M. Waterman (R) **INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 63)** 

Mike Braun (R) **CLERK** 

Gerald D. Montgomery (R)

Ann Marie Stewart (D) **ASSESSOR** 

Carolyn S. McGuire (R) **SHERIFF** 

Robert F. "Rob" Street (D) **PROSECUTING ATTORNEY** C. Michael Steiner (D)

**COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1** 

Randy Wininger (D) **COUNTY COUNCIL DIS-**TRICT 2

John Keith Gibson (R) **COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3** 

Barbara D. McFeaters

(R) **COUNTY COUNCIL** 

**DISTRICT 4** Lynn Gee (D) **CENTER TOWNSHIP** 

TRUSTEE Charles S. Hamilton (R)

**TOWNSHIP** 

TRUSTEE Exzelia Montgomery (R)

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE Ernest S. Canell (R)

Joe McAtee (D)

**HALBERT** 

Jason Hennette (D) (See 'ELECTION' cont. on page three)

## County council makes 2014 appointments

The Martin County Council met Tuesday, ments for 2014: January 14.

A motion was made by Council member Randy Wininger and seconded by Council member Lynn Gee to retain Richard Summers as president. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Council member Gee and seconded by Council member Keith Gibson to retain Randy Wininger as vice-president. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Pat King, community corrections administrative assistant, presented to the council an amended statement of salaries and wages for the department. The total salary and wages were increased \$981 from the previ-

Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the amended statement of salaries and wages for the community corrections department. Councilman Warren Albright made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The council made the following appoint-

-Regional Mental Health Advisory Board-Lynn Gee.

Alliance-Barbara -Martin County McFeaters.

-Alcoholic Beverage Board-Leroy Allbright.

-Southern Indiana Development Commission-Randy Wininger.

Solid Waste-C. Richard Summers.

-Economic Development Commission-Warren Albright.

Corrections Advisory -Community Board-Warren Albright.

-Martin County Park Board-Mitch Green. -Martin County Redevelopment Commission-Floyd L. Hawkins.

Councilman Hawkins reported that Dale Brown resigned from the Westgate Author-

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by Councilwoman Gee. All were in favor and the motion passed.



## Dr. Larry Bucshon files for re-election SHOA]

On Friday, Republican Congressman Larry Bucshon, a physician from Newburgh, officially filed to run for reelection in the 8th District of Indiana.

"I spent my career as a doctor fighting every day to improve the lives of my patients and in Congress I have fought for Hoosier families, of all walks of life, because I believe we have a fundamental duty to ensure our fellow Americans have the opportunity to build a better life," said Bucshon. "I'm running for re-election because I truly believe we are fighting for the heart and soul of what makes this country we love so great. That here in America, everyone has a fair shot to live out his or her dreams.'

Bucshon has been an opponent of the Affordable Care Act since he first ran for office and has used his experience as a physician to lead efforts in the House to promote healthcare reforms that lower costs, increase access to affordable care, and to put patients back in control of their healthcare decisions. He opposes the Administration's new EPA regulations that put coal industry jobs and affordable energy at risk. And, as a supporter of a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, Bucshon has voted over 200 times to cut \$4.2 trillion dollars in spending and joined the House to achieve four consecutive years of spending reductions – the first time since the Korean War.

"I didn't come to Congress because it was the next step on the political ladder. In fact, I had never run for any office at any level prior to running for Congress in 2010," Bucshon added. "I came to Congress to work tirelessly on your behalf and to make



**LARRY BUCSHON** 

the tough decisions necessary to put this country back on a path to prosperity.'

Legislation Bucshon had signed into law protects Americans from burdensome regulations, helps put veteran's back to work, and has improved our nation's transportation systems.

Bucshon, 51, was first elected to Congress in 2010 after practicing heart surgery for over 15 years. He lives in Newburgh with his wife Kathryn and their four kids. The 8th District of Indiana covers all or parts of Clay, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Knox, Martin, Owen, Parke, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Sullivan, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, and Warrick Counties.

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Superintendent Keller recommended the board approve a two-year contract extension for Candace Roush as jr./sr. high school principal/assistant superintendent and Austin Malone as elementary principal. The two-year extension will include the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years. A motion to approve the two year contract extension for Mrs. Roush and Mr. Malone was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Tony Cundiff, and a 5-0 vote was given.

Superintendent Keller asked for direction from the board to give notification to any appropriate employee who should be considered for contract non-renewal. A motion to give Superintendent Keller permission to notify any appropriate employee of the possibility of non-renewal was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 3-2 vote was given with Christy Farhar and Tony Cundiff opposed.

The board approved John Zeigler to work as a part-time one-on-one teaching assistant on an as needed bases through the end of the current school year.

Superintendent Keller recommended the board approve the ISTA Settlement 2013 Resolution. The resolution appropriates funds received in the amount of \$93,974.48 as a portion of a settlement with ISTA Insurance Trust in 2013. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Tony Cundiff, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 5-0 vote was

The board held a first reading of the Student Seclusion and Physical Restraint Policy. The policy outlines the corporation's policy regarding the use of isolated time outs and the physical restraint of any student. A second reading will be held at the February 13, 2014 meeting of the board.

The board approved a request for leave under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) from Deborah Asbell.

The board approved Erin Craney, Aimee Farhar, Christina Henninger, and Brittani "Nici" Land to serve as substitute teachers during the 2013-14 school year. A motion to approve was made by Tony Cundiff, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0-1 vote was given with Christy Farhar abstaining.

The board approved John Wright to serve as a boys' junior high basketball volunteer during the 2013-14 school year.

The board approved employee professional leave requests as follows:

-Shannon Wagoner - Transitioning Standards Workshop in Jasper on January 16,

-Teri Kerr – Difficult Students Seminar in Indianapolis on January 17, 2014

-Shannon Waggoner – Difficult Students Seminar in Indianapolis on January 17, 2014

-Jennifer Guinn - Difficult Students Seminar in Indianapolis on January 17, 2014

The board approved the following facility usage requests:

-Danny Roush - Open Gym in Multi-Purpose Room 7-8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday -Shoals Little League – cafeteria and/or

room 410 for sign ups and league meetings -Parents Forever Class for Martin County Judge Ellis – elementary library on January

-Shoals Summer League 8 & Under Spring Training – multi-purpose room 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoons in February

-Shoals Lions Club Boys Varsity Basketball Banquet – cafeteria on March 3, 2014

and March of 2014

The board approved Indiana All Star Driving School to provide driver education classes during the summer of 2014.

The board agreed to change grading period dates on the school calendar as a result of student days being cancelled due to

Superintendent Keller requested approval from the board to grant a high school diploma to Jennifer Wadsworth. She explained that Miss Wadsworth has completed all requirements and is now eligible to be awarded her high school diploma. The board approved. The board stated that Miss

Wadsworth as well as the high school staff should be commended for their hard work.

The board approved the Indiana Secured School Safety Grant Agreement. The agreement allows the corporation to access the funds received from the grant.

Superintendent Keller requested approval from the board to pay contracted school bus drivers their regular daily rate as outlined in the current bus contract specifications for a total of 181 days each school year. She explained that a waiver request has been submitted to the Indiana Department of Education for January 6-8, 2014 for days cancelled due to snow and cold temperatures. If a waiver is granted, the dates approved under the waiver will not be required to be made up by students. A motion to approve was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 5-0 vote was given.

The board voted to re-appoint Dr. Keller to the Regional Mental Health Center Advisory Council for 2014.

Candace Roush, jr. sr. high school principal/assistant superintendent, reported on several events including:

-Mr. Malone is not in attendance at tonight's meeting because he is at the elementary boys' basketball game

-Welcomed Jennifer Mauntel to Elementary Staff as special education teacher working with students in grades K-3

-School Improvement Plan has been submitted to the Department of Education

-Classroom observations will be completed during month of January

-ISTEP Spring Testing dates set during March, April, and May

-Jr. High Beta Club inductions scheduled for January 21, 2014

-Jim Williams anti-bullying program for 7th grade students re-scheduled for January -Homecoming basketball game Saturday, January 18, 2014

-Important financial aid meeting for senior students and parents on January 22,

-Senior night will be February 28, 2014 -Improvement on school wide letter grade for a combined score of C this year

Superintendent Keller reported on the fol--School bus inspection for buses is sched-

uled for January 29 and 30, 2014 -Second student membership enrollment

count day for current school year will be February 3, 2014 -A new technology committee has been

established to help make future decisions concerning technology The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be February 13 at 5 p.m. with an executive session scheduled prior at 4 p.m. Mary Lou Billings, Board President, re-

cessed the regular session at 5:25 p.m. and convened the meeting of the board of fi-

The board agreed by consensus to make the president and secretary of the board of finance the same as the regular officers of the Board.

The board of finance reviewed a report of investments from Lisa Elliott and approved the investments on a motion made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 5-0 vote was given.

The meeting of the board of finance was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on a motion made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 5-0 vote was given.

President Billings re-convened the regular board meeting.

## (Continued from page one) County Consolidated Schools)

CONTEST

Tenth Grade: Kayleigh Shearer from Southwood Jr-Sr High School (Metropolitan School District of Wabash County)

Eleventh Grade: Amanda Greenwood from Highland High School (School Town of Highland)

Twelfth Grade: Kathryn Hammel from Boonville High School (Warrick County School Corporation)

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# BITUARIES

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#### **DEBBY BOWERS**

Debby (Fields) Bowers died Friday, January 17, 2014 at I.U. Hospice House in Bloomington. A resident of Loogootee, she

She was born September 21, 1962 in Washington; the daughter of Forrest "Frosty" and Judy (Colvin) Fields.

She was of the Christian Faith and was a 1981 graduate of Loogootee High School and a 1986 graduate of Vincennes Univer-

She was a registered nurse for over 20 years and had a love for hospice nursing. She was also a certified palliative hospice nurse. Throughout her career she had worked at Care Tenders in Evansville, Vista Care Hospice in Bloomington and Southern Care Hospice in Evansville.

She enjoyed her family and grandchildren, reading, and working in her yard. She loved her cat Daisy and also loved watching her grandson, Hunter, play basketball.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Judy Pankey and Tick Pankey, both of Loogootee; her father and stepmother, Forrest and Marvann Fields of Washington: one daughter, Carissa (Pendley) King and husband Tim of Huntingburg; two sons, Derrick Pendley and Dustin Pendley, both of Loogootee; one sister, Karen and husband Joe Sherfick of Ellettsville; four grandchildren, Hunter, Makayla and Matthew King and Adrianne Pendley; for-

mer spouses, Ronnie Pendley of Shoals and Jeff Bowers of Indianapolis; niece and nephew, Abbie and A.J. Sherfick of Ellettsville; and her best friends, Connie Hart of Loogootee and Carolyn Strader of Indianapolis.

Per her wishes the body of Debby Bowers was cremated and there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Pancreatic Cancer Foundation or to Hospice.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

#### **JOAN JONES**

Joan Jones died at 3:10 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2014 at her home. A resident of Washington, she was 63.

She was born January 2, 1951 in Wayne, Michigan; the daughter of Harley and Mary (Pollock) Harding. She married her husband, Kenneth Jones, in May of 1980 and he preceded her in death in March of 1996.

She was a member of Trinity Gospel Tabernacle Church in Loogootee and was a seamstress, homemaker and lifelong Girl Scout leader.

She enjoyed her family, grandchildren, sewing, cooking, camping and watching the Food Network.

She is survived by daughters, Elizabeth (Foster) and husband Kevin Tinkle of

Montgomery, Amy (Foster) and husband Henry Sloan of Washington, Sandra (Jones) and husband J.R. Keith of Plainville, Angie (Jones) Cox of Sandborn, and Amy Street of Jasper; sons, Nathaniel Street of Washington, Clint Jones, Charles "Chris" Jones, Kenneth Ray Jones, and Carl Brazine, all of Shoals: sisters. Geri Fortner of Alabama and Sarah Elrod-Ausbrook and husband Bradley Ausbrook of Washington; brothers, Henry "Bud" Harding of Alabama, Harley J. and wife Cheryl Harding of Stockbridge, Michigan; John and wife Sherri Harding of Washington, William C. "Bill" and wife Dana Harding of Montgomery and Mark and wife Holly Harding of Washington; 11 grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

(Continued from page one) RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Terry J. Street (D) CENTER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY

**BOARD** (Vote for 3) Gerald Wilcoxen (R)

HALBERT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY **BOARD** (Vote for 3)

Travis Montgomery (R) Stevie J. Horton (R)

**Polling site changes** 

The Martin County Election Board met on December 16, 2013 and unanimously voted to once again combine polling sites for the

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He was preceded in death by her parents. Harley and Mary (Pollock) Harding; her husband, Kenneth Jones; one son, William "Billy" Jones; granddaughter, Kristina "Tina" Jones; sister, Sandra Petry; and brother, Paul Harding.

Funeral services were conducted this morning, Wednesday, January 22 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Trinity Gospel Tabernacle Church in Loogootee

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

2014 elections. They are as follows:

Perry 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – St. John Center, 408 Church Street, Loogootee

Perry 5 and Rutherford – St. Martin's Church Hall, 524 Whitfield Road, Loogootee Perry 7 and Crane – Bramble Conservation Center, 1024 Bramble Road, Loogootee

North Center and Mitcheltree – Dover Hill Church of Christ, 15581 N State Road 450, Shoals

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# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

11:09 a.m. - Received a report of a civil disturbance in Shoals.

4:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

10:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

12:00 a.m. - Received a report of property damage on State Road 550.

2:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

3:14 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.

3:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a theft.

## ambulance in Loogootee.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

11:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of a domes-

2:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a broken

off on Mill Road.

# Loogootee Police log

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

2:40 p.m. - Caller reported a male operating an ATV recklessly near Broadway

5:40 p.m. - A female requested a welfare check on her mother.

6:22 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol. **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15** 

4:36 p.m. - Caller reported a driver without a driver's license.

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

12:36 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a 911 hang up.

8:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a break-in at Wallace Veterinary Office.

12:40 p.m. - Caller reported her mailbox had been struck by a vehicle.

10:00 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person near Broadway Street.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

11:16 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle in the ditch by his residence.

4:07 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 231 for a broken down

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

1:54 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a

## Saturation patrol focuses on impaired drivers in Dubois County

On Saturday, January 18, the Jasper District of the Indiana State Police coordinated an effort to look for impaired drivers throughout Dubois County. Troopers, along with deputies from the Dubois County Sheriff's Department and officers from the Jasper, Huntingburg, and Ferdinand Police Departments, spent the night looking for intoxicated motorists traveling on local road-

Through their efforts during the saturation patrol, officers arrested two motorists for Operating While Intoxicated and three other individuals for different crimes. Fifteen traffic citations and 66 warnings were also issued to motorists for various traffic offenses.

Reminders so motorists do not find themselves in a drunk driving situation:

• Plan ahead and always designate a sober driver before consuming alcohol.

• Don't drive your vehicle if you've been drinking alcohol. Call a taxi or sober friend.

• Take care of your friends. Never let a friend drive while impaired.

• If you are hosting a party, always offer non-alcoholic beverages. Make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.

• Never provide alcohol to anyone under the legal drinking age of 21.

Motorists encountering another vehicle being operated erratically are encouraged to dial 911 or call the Jasper Indiana State Police Post at (812) 482-1441 or (800) 742-7475. Be prepared to give a description of the vehicle, location, and direction of travel.

11:10 a.m. - Received a request for an

12:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

tic dispute in Loogootee.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on U.S. 231.

down motorist on U.S. 231 South.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of a slide

domestic dispute.

10:00 a.m. - Female caller reported a theft of a wallet and credit card.

1:39 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Hwy 50 for a semi on fire.

5:42 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates. Officer was unable to locate the loud music.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint at the high school.

9:13 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

9:39 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm on Church Street.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates. Officers were unable to

10:24 p.m. - Caller reported reckless vehicles on Church Street.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

12:20 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm.

6:10 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on North Line Street.

7:50 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Cedar Street.

## Jail bookings

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

2:21 a.m. - Dwayne Anderson, of Mitchell, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on preliminary charges of criminal mischief, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

4:39 a.m. - Daniel Jackson, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of paraphernalia.

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

1:05 a.m. - Andy Banks, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

2:19 a.m. - Julie Lents, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Baker on preliminary charges of operating while intoxicated and disorderly conduct.

## **Accident reports**

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

11:50 a.m. - Kenneth T. Fellers, of Loogootee, was operating a 1998 Ford in the high school parking lot when he struck a 2003 Volvo owned by Richard Means, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

3:00 p.m. - Janice Bell, of Loogootee, was operating a Chevy in the elementary parking lot when she backed into a GMC operated by Jennifer Craney, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of a civil tic dispute in Shoals. dispute in Shoals.

7:05 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Loogootee.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

3:37 a.m. - Received a report of a slideoff on U.S. 231 South.

4:44 a.m. - Received a report of a slideoff on U.S. 50, east of Shoals.

11:29 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. 11:32 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in

Shoals. 12:40 p.m. – Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

1:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on 800 North.

4:33 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 450.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire in Shoals. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance Service responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

1:54 a.m. - Received a report of a domes-

4:06 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:20 a.m. - Received report of a scam.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Butler Bridge

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Spring Hill Road.

1:39 p.m. - Received a report of a brake fire on U.S. 50.

11:46 p.m. - Report of an accident on Sherfick School Road. Deputy Baker responded.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm on Bellbrook Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident on Highway 150. Deputy Baker re-

6:51 p.m. - Received a report of a cardeer accident on US 231 S. Deputy Baker responded.

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

4:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Doane Lane. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial.

## **Martin County Court News**

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED January 10

David M. Bledsoe, two counts of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, Class C Misdemeanors, dismissed; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; failure to stop after accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## **CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed**

January 9 Edward T. Kidwell vs. Mary R. Kidwell, petition for dissolution of marriage.

January 13 Velocity Investments, LLC vs. Clara Holt,

## civil collection. **CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS**

January 10 Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Ryan D. Dant in the amount of

### \$10,736.26. SMALL CLAIMS COURT **New Suits Filed** January 3

Jason Kirk vs. Audra Lyon, complaint.

January 13

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Jody Carrico, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS January 3

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Sandra L. Crosby in the amount of \$560.22.

## January 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Courtney M. Wells in the amount of \$400.90.

## January 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Loretta J. Holt in the amount of \$969.94.

## January 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Allison W. Baker in the amount of \$1,034.19.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES January 8

Jeffery Scott Walton of Loogootee and April Ann Ditton of Ellettville.

January 10 Roger L. Robinson of Loogootee and

## Veronica J. Bourassa of Loogootee. Martin County real estate transfers

to Sharon Graft and James Hunt, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 23 in Doe Run Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Dana C. Mackison and Thomas D. Mackison to Mackison Farms, LLC. Tract I: A part of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana containing 22.21 acres, more or less. A part of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana containing 17.16 acres, more or less. Tract II: All that part of the northeast quarter and all that part of the southeast quarter, lying north and west of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad property line in Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 115.54 acres, more or less, after exception. Also, the north part of the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.23 acres, more or less. Also, approximately 2 acres in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3

Thomas D. Mackison and Dana C.

James Hunt, of Martin County, Indiana Mackison to Mackison Farms, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40.4 acres, more or less. Also, a certain tract of land containing 60 acres, more or less, except a section containing 1.37 acres, more or less. Containing after said exception 99.03 acres, more or less.

Katharine (Abel) Hidey, of Martin County, Indiana to Randall Abel, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.22 acres, more or less.



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## Shoals Jr./Sr. High School honor roll

Term 1 - Grading Period 3 **SEVENTH GRADE** 

All A's: Lori Albright, Caleb Belcher, Joshua Doane, Ryan Hawkins, Nicholas MacKinnon, John Sukup, and Klayton

Distinguished Honor Roll: Angelica Hampton, Olivia Stoll, Jarod Waggoner, and Ruth Wright

Honor Roll: Aryonna Braun, Kayla Conley, Amber Fields, Jordan Fromme, Serenity Hammack, Jacob Harrison, Rose Holt, Kyle Montgomery, Tristan Peterson, Joshua Richardson, Katrina Sipes, Evan Wagoner, and Daniel Wright

#### **EIGHTH GRADE**

All A's: Suzanna Scott and Abigail Stoll Distinguished Honor Roll: Kaitlin Cooper, Jeffrey Crowder, Gabrielle McCarty, and Hope Self

Honor Roll: Benjamin Clymer, Amelia Cooper, Haylee Davis, Taylor George, Dylan Hembree, Colin Hoffman, Lindsey Love, Mitch McKibben, Graham Montgomery, Justin Sanders, Caleb Tanksley, Phillip Troutman, Craig Tuttle, and Macey

#### **NINTH GRADE**

All A's: Ashely Mullins and Alex Tedrow Honor Roll: Makaya Baylis, Rusty Bonham, Allison Boyd, Ashley Boyd, Aleia Couchman, Christopher Cushman, Kelsie Graves, Jessica Montgomery, Mykaela Peterson, Aulbrey Schlaegel, Eli Scott, Jonathan Sullivan, and Keylee Tow

#### **TENTH GRADE**

All A's: Logan Harker and Reva Troutman Distinguished Honor Roll: Allison Albright, Britney Cooper, Megan Hawkins, Victoria Mills, Jessica Ryan, and Dawn Wright

Honor Roll: Taylor Atkison, Tyrell Brett, Kaden Butler, Julie Dorsey, Jasmine Gates, Alaina Graves, Steven Hammack, Cassidee Harker, Christina Hovis, Ashley Phillips, Corbyn Sipes, Aundie Tinkle, and Danielle Whaley

## **ELEVENTH GRADE**

All A's: Logan Albright and Josey Wag-

Distinguished Honor Roll: Brittany Bauernfiend, Haylie Brace, Kyle Courtright, Michael Hawkins, Austin Jones, Ashley Montgomery, Dakota Newkirk, Holly Self, and Kelsey Sellers

Honor Roll: Ashton Allbright, Kirstie Bradley, Kylee Hardwick, Eilis Haviland, Jordan Haviland, Grady Key, Brandon Pendley, Audrey Sanders, Caitlin Sanders, Qiying Song, and Donald Stoner

## TWELFTH GRADE

All A's: Nicole Harder and Sistoria Nee-

Distinguished Honor Roll: Erica Bratton, Robin Hamby, Ariel Hert, Cole Hovis, Hannah Land, Ashley Payne, Katlyn Sanders, and Briana Wagler

Honor Roll: Jamie Bennington, Luke Brett, Richard Davis, Cody Hert, Jalynn Hilderbrand, Sarah Holt, Cody McKibben, Garrett Parsons, Samantha Pugh, Damon Roach, Summer Shaw, Kandi Tichenor, Adrianna Todd, Kirsten Waggoner, and

Trandon Williams

## **Term 1 - Grading Period FINAL** SEVENTH GRADE

All A's: Lori Albright, Caleb Belcher, Joshua Doane, Nicholas MacKinnon, Olivia Stoll, Klayton Tichenor, Jarod Waggoner, and Ruth Wright

Distinguished Honor Roll: Amber Fields, Angelica Hampton, Ryan Hawkins, Tristan Peterson, John Sukup, and Daniel Wright

Honor Roll: Aryonna Braun, Kayla Conley, Jordan Fromme, Jacob Harrison, Melanie Hawkins, Alyssa Hernandez, Rose Holt, Kendra Howard, Kyle Montgomery, Joshua Richardson, Katrina Sipes, Kenyon Sorrells, Gabriel Spurgeon, and Evan Wag-

## **EIGHTH GRADE**

Distinguished Honor Roll: Suzanna Scott, Hope Self and Abigail Stoll

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All A's: Ashely Mullins and Alex Tedrow Distinguished Honor Roll: Eli Scott

Honor Roll: Makaya Baylis, Rusty Bonham, Allison Boyd, Aleia Couchman, Christopher Cushman, Kelsie Graves, Jessica Montgomery, Mykaela Peterson, Aulbrey Schlaegel, Jonathan Sullivan, and Keylee Tow

## TENTH GRADE

All A's: Allison Albright, Logan Harker, and Reva Troutman

Distinguished Honor Roll: Christina Hovis, Victoria Mills, Ashley Phillips, Jessica Ryan, Corbyn Sipes, and Dawn Wright

Honor Roll: Taylor Atkison, Tyrell Brett, Kaden Butler, Britney Cooper, Steven Hammack, Cassidee Harker, Megan Hawkins, and Danielle Whaley

## **ELEVENTH GRADE**

All A's: Logan Albright and Josey Wag-

Distinguished Honor Roll: Brittany Bauernfiend, Haylie Brace, Kyle Courtright, Austin Jones, Ashley Montgomery, and Holly Self

Honor Roll: Ashton Allbright, Kylee Hardwick, Eilis Haviland, Jordan Haviland, Michael Hawkins, Grady Key, Dakota Newkirk, Brandon Pendley, Audrey Sanders, Kelsey Sellers, Qiying Song, Donald Stoner, and Akela Wells

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## Loogootee High School honor roll

## **Second Term**

## **NINTH GRADE**

High honors: Sara Bailey, Eden Jenkins, Tristan Jones, Nolan Lottes, Kaleb Lyon, Meghan Mathies, and Shania Swigler

Honor roll: Landon Bell, Mya Hedrick, Breanna Hollaway, Breigh LaMar, Wyatt Nonte, Mayson Riley, Jacob Simmons, Kirsten Spears, Clayton Thomas, Justin Wagler, Abbie Williams, and Xiao Yang **TENTH GRADE** 

High honors: Nicole Ader, Jacob Blackwell, Kendall Burch, Renee Burch, Grant Carrico, Logan Carrico, Taylor Hardwick, Jordan Mann, Kendall Riley, Paige Walton, and Renee Whitman

Honor roll: Emily Bateman, Trysten Booker, Kimberly Bough, Bailey Davis, Jurnee Davis, Jess Divine, Rielley Graber, Justin Horney, Ian Huelsman, Jonathan Krzesniak, Brandon Lindsev, Erin Nelson, Tyler Resler, Shavna Stuffle, Wyatt Wade, Emma Walters, Alexis Willis, Joey Wilson, Gavin Wittmer, Landon Wittmer, and Brittany Woody

#### **ELEVENTH GRADE**

High honors: Addyson Aiman, Conner Bailey, Faith Perry, Waylee Wagoner, and Chase Wilcoxen

Honor roll: Addy Arvin, Jordan Berry, Frank Bratton, Chassidy Bridges, Kayetlyn Carter, Julie Coleman, Travis Craney, Julie Coleman, Travis Cranev, Hunter Crays, Eli Fleace, Taylor Hayes, Ashley Lindauer, Gabe Nolley, Kailye Robbins, Anna Schuetter, Dylan Street, and Jayce Wagoner

## TWELFTH GRADE

High honors: Emma Graber and Kenedi Rohlman

Honor roll: Abby Ackerman, Cheyenne Axsom, Gabby Daniel-Cox, David Donnersberger, Jaleena Graber, Kasie Green, Gage Harder, Katie Kidwell, Nicole Knight, Adam Lark, Matt Mathies, Demi Richardson, Tyson Sanders, Kelsy Seals, Tayler Smith, Sabrina Stuffle, Ethan Wade, Hannah Walters, Matt Weitkamp, and Christina Ziegler

#### First semester final **NINTH GRADE**

High Honor Roll: Sara Bailey, Eden Jenkins, Tristan Jones, Nolan Lottes, Kaleb Lyon, Meghan Mathies, Mayson Riley and Shania Swigler

Honor roll: Landon Bell, Chase Carrico, Mya Hedrick, Breanna Hollaway, Tyler Lythgoe, Jacob Simmons, Kirsten Spears, Clayton Thomas, Justin Wagler, Abbie Williams, and Xiao Yang

#### TENTH GRADE

High honors: Nicole Ader, Jacob Blackwell, Kendall Burch, Renee Burch, Grant Carrico, Logan Carrico, Taylor Hardwick, Jonathan Krzesniak, Jordan Mann, Kendall Riley, Paige Walton, and Renee Whitman

Honor roll: Emily Bateman, Trysten Booker, Nick Bowling, Jurnee Davis, Jess Divine, Rielley Graber, Justin Hornev, Ian Huelsman, Justin Kiser, Brandon Lindsey, Tyler Resler, Shayna Stuffle, Wyatt Wade, Emma Walters, Alexis Willis, Joey Wilson, Gavin Wittmer, Landon Wittmer, and Brittany Woody

#### **ELEVENTH GRADE**

High honors: Addyson Aiman, Conner Bailey, Jordan Berry, and Waylee Wag-

Honor roll: Addy Arvin, Lauren Bowling, Frank Bratton, Kendall Bratton, Chassidy Bridges, Kayetlyn Carter, Julie Coleman, Travis Craney, Eli Fleace, Ashley Jones, Ashley Lindauer, Gabe Nolley, Faith Perry, Ashleigh Powell, Kailye Robbins, Jayce Wagoner, and Chase Wilcoxen

## TWELFTH GRADE

High honors: Emma Graber, Kasie Green, and Kenedi Rohlman

Honor roll: Abby Ackerman, Cheyenne Axsom, Jaleena Graber, Gage Harder, Taylor Hayes, Katie Kidwell, Nicole Knight, Josh Lampert, Adam Lark, Matthew Mathies, Demi Richardson, Tyson Sanders, Kelsy Seals, Tayler Smith, Sabrina Stuffle, Ethan Wade, Hannah Walters, Matt Weitkamp, and Christina Ziegler

## LHS 1st Semester Perfect Attendance

## **SEVENTH GRADE**

Kirk Bratton, Jessica Browder, Collin Dant, Hope Fischer, Daniel Gingerich, Leonna Hedrick, and Alex Wagler

## EIGHTH GRADE

Candice Clark, Josh Cook, Josh Daniels, Adam Green, Kayla Taylor, Cade Wilcoxen, Chris Wilson, and Austin Woody

## **NINTH GRADE**

Jonathan Jones, Nolan Lottes, Katlyn Rogers, and Kaitlyn Wagoner

## **TENTH GRADE**

Corey Jacobs, Elizabeth Minton, Tyler Resler, Katlyn Rogers, and Renee Whitman **ELEVENTH GRADE** 

Kendall Bratton, Eli Fleace, Ryan How-

## VU Dean's List for fall semester 2013

The Vincennes University Dean's List for Fall 2013 includes students from the Vincennes campus, Jasper campus, Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis, military bases, and other extended sites. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete at least 12 credit hours and achieve a grade point index of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

The following are Dean's List students from Martin County.

Loogootee - Carla D. Carpenter, Erin A. Craney, Paul C. Crew, Scott R. Duzan, Cody A. Greene, Jesse L. Horney, Barbara J. Moffatt, Jonathon D. Myers, Tyler O. Potts, Caitlin C. Ryan, Richard M. Sergent, Reva D. Smith, Matthew C. Stice, Marissa L. Wagler, and Jennifer R. Yoder

Shoals - Bailey N. Anderson, Dillon K. Cornett, and Sheryl B. Moore

ell, Taylor Kaiser, and Janson Sherer TWELFTH GRADE Kyle Craney



Real Estate



## Good deed

-Photo by Josh Hughett

Elizabeth Truelove, of Loogootee, chose the Martin County Humane Society as her charity to help this year and delivered a trunk load of supplies to the animal shelter this week.

## Loogootee Intermediate honor roll

FIFTH GRADE

High honors: Shealyn Arthur, Delani Bateman, Austin Brittain, Maria Chestnut, Asia Crim, Zane Cropp, Aaron Dant, Bryant Eckerle, Emily Gingerich, Macy McAtee, Maddelyn Miller, Adleen Nolley, Matthew Poole, Sara Street, Karoline Tedrow, Jasye Thompson, Kallin Trambaugh, Isabelle Wagoner, Philip Wagler, Brittany Walker, Jaelyn Walker, and Conner Wilcoxen

Honor roll: Seth Blackwell, Cody Carrico, Caden Chandler, Trenton Clark, Ashlyn Holt, Karissa Hunt, Abigail Lindsey, Mattie Milligan, Daniel Park, Emily Petit, Aspen Salmon, Trevor Schroeder, Wyatt Sheetz, Jared Sullivan, Tristan Tinkle, Stanley Wagler, Jace Walton, Jalen Wildman, Jordan Wildman, and Anna Wilson

Perfect attendance: Shealyn Arthur, Austin Brittain, Maria Chestnut, Zane Cropp, Bryant Eckerle, Emily Gingerich, Karissa Hunt, Jatelin Nicholson, Matthew Poole, Tristan Tinkle, Philip Wagler, Tyler Wagoner, Brittany Walker, Jace Walton, and Jordan Wildman

**SIXTH GRADE** 

High honors: Danielle Abel, Breah Bai-

ley, Alex C. Bowling, Liz Burch, Cassidy Esch, Jack Fellers, Tyler Harbison, Christopher Jones, Logan Keller, Jayden Leatherman, Wyatt Street, Chelsie Sutton, Melaina Tippery, Sebastian Toy, Emily Wade, Elly Wagler, Sarah Wagler, Madison Wagoner, Makenzie Wagoner, and Garrett Williams

Honor roll: Jarrett Arvin, Hannah Bailey, Max Blackwell, Kaitlyn Bruner, Aspyn Carrico, Katherine Gilbert, Maura Gregory, Landon Harder, Nathaniel Hart, Conner Hedrick, Trinity Howell, Logan Jacobs, Lauren Kain, Kendra Lythgoe, Lawson Mc-Closkey, Sean Page, Brittany Potts, Lindsey Robinson, Rachel Robinson, Nathan Seals, Jayden Sheetz, Emily Thomas, Jessie Stoll, Bethany Welker, and McKenzie White

Perfect attendance: Chris Ashby, Adam Blakenbaker, Alex C. Bowling, Kaitlyn Bruner, Jamie Cronin, Cassidy Esch, Katherine Gilbert, Trevor Guy, Tyler Harbison, Landon Harder, Logan Jacobs, Christopher Jones, Logan Keller, Kendra Lythgoe, Sean Page, Brittany Potts, Jayden Sheetz, Wyatt Street, Melaina Tippery, Sebastian Toy, Emily Wade, Madison Wagoner, and Bethany Welker

## Kathleen M. Tempel Nursing Scholarship available

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center is offering the Kathleen M. Tempel Nursing Scholarship to a student who has been admitted or plans to enroll in a nursing program leading to an associate or bachelor's degree in nursing. The scholarship was created in memory of the late Kathy Tempel, former Vice President of Patient Services at Memorial Hospital. The desired outcome is that the recipient returns to the southern Indiana area to work in nursing following graduation. Past recipients may apply annually if they wish. The scholarship is a one-time grant of up to \$1,500.

A scholarship application must be completed and returned to the Memorial Hospital Foundation office by March 1, 2014. Applications are available at the Memorial Hospital Foundation office and online at www.mhhcc.org. The winner of the scholarship will be announced by May 1, 2014, publicized in the news media, and have his/her name engraved on a permanent plaque displayed in the hospital.

In addition to the scholarship's main criterion of pursuing a ASN or BSN, registered nurse designation, the following criteria will also be taken into consideration: the applicant's desire to practice in the southern Indiana area, financial need, academic records (achievements and honors, grades, SAT scores, and attendance), and community involvement that indicates care and concern for people and the community.

For more information about Memorial Hospital's Kathleen M. Tempel Nursing Scholarship, please contact Mike Jones, Executive Director, Memorial Hospital Foundation, at mjones@mhhcc.org, or by phone at 812-996-8426.

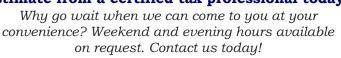
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## LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY **Breakfast**

Thursday, January 23

Scrambled eggs, ham patty, toast, fruit

Friday, January 24

Breakfast pizza, egg patty, fruit

Monday, January 27

Egg patty, ham patty, toast, fruit Tuesday, January 28

Biscuit and gravy, sausage, fruit

Wednesday, January 19 Cereal, string cheese, fruit

Lunch

Thursday, January 23

Chef salad, pretzel with cheese, peaches

Friday, January 24 Pizza, French fries, carrots, pears

Monday, January 27

BBQ rib, French fries, carrots, peaches

Tuesday, January 28

Grilled chicken, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, pears

Wednesday, January 29

Chicken fajita, rice, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, tropical fruit

## LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, January 23

Chef salad or pizza, pretzel with cheese, peaches, green beans, salad plate, milk

Friday, January 24

Chef salad or pizza, French fries, carrots, pears, milk

Monday, January 27

BBQ rib or pizza, French fries, carrots, peaches, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, January 28

Grilled chicken or pizza, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, pears, salad plate,

Wednesday, January 29

Chicken fajita or pizza, rice, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, tropical fruit, salad plate, milk

### **SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast**

Thursday, January 23

Cereal, graham crackers, fruit, juice, milk Friday, January 24

English muffin, sausage patty, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, January 27

Donut, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, January 28

Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, January 29

Pop Tart, string cheese, fruit, juice, milk Lunch

Thursday, January 23

Chicken taco, cooked carrots, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: beef and bean burrito or chef salad

Friday, January 24

Whole grain cheesy breadsticks with marinara sauce, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, juice cup, milk

Monday, January 27

Cheeseburger with whole grain bun, baked potato, salad boat, fresh apple, milk Tuesday, January 28

Whole grain spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, pears, whole grain garlic bread, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: sausage pizza or chef salad

Wednesday, January 29

Chicken strips, fresh broccoli and grape tomatoes with ranch dip, mandarin oranges, whole grain roll, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: corn dog or chef salad

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## **Calendar of Events**

## Food pantry applicants

The River at 125 Water Street in Shoals will be having open appointments on February 4 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. to pick up paperwork to fill out to qualify for the food

#### **SWCD Annual Meeting & Banquet**

The 69th Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held on January 27, 2014 at the Martin County Community Building. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the meal, catered by Schnitzelbank Catering, being served at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the night will be local historian, Bill Greene. Also on the agenda will be election of supervisors and presentation of awards. Tickets for the event will be \$5 each (adult and children) and must be purchased in advance. Please contact the SWCD office at

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The silent majority – my take

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

Who is "The Silent Majority"? I believe that you are "The Silent Majority". You go to work, you pay your bills, you take care of and protect your families, you respect the rights of others, you don't kill your unborn babies, you go to church, you don't accept government handouts, you vote, you do NOT want to "fundamentally transform America", etc. Does that description seem to fit you? I think that it does. I have a great respect for you, the people of Martin County. You make the "system" work.

The term "The Silent Majority" originated in the 1920's. It referred to the followers of President Calvin Coolidge, who, as President, fought for smaller government, lower taxes, fewer government regulations, more personally responsible citizens, governing within the bounds of the Constitution, and fewer wars. He was referred to as "Silent Cal". He thought problems through carefully. He rarely spoke, but when he did, it was worth listening to. I think that we need a President like Calvin Coolidge now. He wasn't trying to buy votes with taxpayer funds. How refreshing!

God bless you, the people of Martin County, the lifeblood of this great nation.

> Dennis Jones Shoals, Indiana

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#### **GED** exam fees

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

## **SOAR Tutoring**

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812.709.1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

#### Solid waste board

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

### **Humane society meetings**

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

## **Tourism meetings**

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

## Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd. com or call at 295-3149.

## Free tax preparation assistance

Vincennes University students majoring in accounting will be preparing tax returns for people in the Vincennes community and students at VU.

The students are under the direction of Lisa Nash, associate professor of accounting, and are certified by testing through the IRS. The service is free to the community as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program sponsored by the Internal Revenue

Tax preparation starts February 4 and ends March 6. The service will also be offered two Saturdays, February 8 and 15. Individuals must make an appointment. For more information or an appointment call 812-888-5585. The students prepare 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 with schedules A, B, C-EZ, D, child and dependent care credit, and education credits. The returns are filed electronically with direct deposit available if desired.

"The service is good for the students and enables them to feel more comfortable dealing with clients, engaging in conversation, performing as a professional, and providing tax preparation for the public," Nash said.



-Photos provided Shown above are Adam Lark, Voice of Democracy Winner, Ashleigh Powell, Tyson Sanders, and VFW Commander Bob Prather. Shown to the left are Luke Gregory, second place Patriot's Pen contest and Mary

Burch, first place Patriot's Pen contest and VFW Commander Bob Prather.

## VFW Post 9395 award winners announced

VFW Post 9395 recognized and awarded prizes to this year's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Winners. Each year the Loogootee sixth graders are involved in the Patriot's Pen Contest. This is an essay contest promoting Patriotism in local schools. This year's theme was, "What Patriotism Means to Me". Fifty eight students submitted essays. First place was awarded to Mary E. Burch; she received a check for \$100. Second place was awarded to Luke Gregory and he received \$50. Thank you to teachers, Nicole Wade, Nikki Wagoner and Tim Sanders for their time and assistance with

Also recognized were the entrants in the Voice of Democracy Contest. This contest is for high school students and is an audio essay competition. This year's theme was, "Why I'm Optimistic About Our Nation's Future". This year's winner is Ashleigh Powell. Ashleigh received a \$300 check, and a backpack. All entrants received a backpack for their effort. Special thanks to teacher Brian Whitney for sponsoring and promoting the contest.

Local winners will advance to district competition. State and national competition will follow with a national winner receiving a possible \$10,000.00 in scholarships.

## Announcing the new Indiana **High School Equivalency Diploma**

Beginning in January of 2014, the Indiana High School Equivalency Diploma will be based on the completion of a comprehensive test developed by CTB/McGraw-Hill instead of the GED® tests from GED Testing Service.

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## IMED relocating to Memorial Health Center

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center's Industrial Medicine - IMED office is seeing patients at their new location in Memorial Health Center at 695 West Second Street in Jasper (across from IGA®).

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# By Ralph Purkhiser Purdue University Master Gardener

The ups and downs of Indiana winter continue, with another blast of arctic air this week. There is not much to do in the garden, except watch the birds and other wildlife that share the space.

Feeding the birds is something we do for our benefit, not that of the birds. It would take a much more severe winter than this to actually cause the birds to starve from lack of food. The birds would simply move off to another area where there is more food. We feed the birds to entice them to come close so we can watch them. This has long been a favorite winter activity at Sandhill Gardens.

Feeders are best placed where the birds can easily get to protection if threatened by a predator. However, it is not advisable to place the feeders directly in a shrub. Cats may use the same cover that the birds do, so it is best to place the feeder several feet away from the shrub or tree that offers a quick hiding place. I also like to place feeders where they can be seen from inside. Many people put them outside a kitchen window. Most of my feeders are outside a picture window in the living room. One feeder is attached to the window by suction cups. Small birds eat from this feeder and it gives anyone in the house a chance to see them up close.

To attract the greatest variety of songbirds, I recommend using only two types of bird-seed. Finches and other small birds feed well on thistle or niger, while cardinals and many other songbirds prefer black oil sunflower. Prices of these seeds are more affordable this year, thanks to better crop conditions.

There are some mixtures offered at reasonable prices, but I find that much of the seed in such mixes ends up on the ground, while the birds pick the sunflower seeds out. Mixes

containing cracked corn may also be more attractive to starlings and other less desirable birds and to squirrels and other animals. While watching the squirrels play can also be a fun activity, it does not mix well with bird watching. If you want to feed and watch squirrels, put corn and nuts in a special feeder at least twenty feet away from the bird feeding area.

Water is another way to attract birds. On days when temperatures remain below the freezing point, put a shallow dish of water out a couple of times during the day. It does not need to be put on a pedestal. Many birds actually prefer to bathe and drink on the ground. Heated birdbaths offer another option for keeping water available, but the price may deter many from going this route. If you live near a stream, you will not have to worry about providing water. Moving water seldom freezes solid in southern Indiana, and the birds will travel to the water and still come back to the feeders in your yard.

Suet and suet cakes are also good sources of energy for the birds. Whether you buy ready-made blocks or make your own, the fats in the cakes are especially attractive to birds during cold snaps when they need the extra calories to stay warm.

A good bird guide will enhance your birdwatching experience. Identifying the birds that show up at your feeder is a great learning experience. Most of the guides will offer suggestions that will help attract specific species you may wish to see by offering specific foods that a particular bird enjoys.

I cannot think of a better way to spend a cold winter morning than to sit by the window enjoying a nice cup of coffee and watching my feathered friends come by for a visit.

# Pork producers start to slowly expand the national herd

BY JENNIFER STEWART
Purdue University News Service

The U.S. pork industry has started a slow expansion driven by lower feed costs, which should lead to more rapid growth of pork supplies in the latter half of this year, says Purdue Extension agricultural economist Chris Hurt.

That could result in 2014 turning into the best year for pork producers in nearly a decade.

If corn and soybean meal prices stay low as expected, hog weights and pork production should continue to increase into 2015, Hurt said.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports the number of market hogs to be down fractionally in 2014, but weights are expected to run about 2 percent higher and result in a 1 to 2 percent increase in pork production for the first half of 2014," Hurt said. "Farrowing intentions for this winter and coming spring are up 1 to 2 percent. With pigs per litter about 1.5 percent higher and higher weights, pork production in the last half of 2014 will be up 3 percent.

"Pork production is likely to continue to expand into 2015."

That continuing growth will be met with strong demand both based on limited competition domestically and strong export demand. Total meat supplies of beef, pork, chicken and turkey combined are likely to remain unchanged this year.

While chicken production is expected to grow by about 3 percent and turkey by about 2 percent, Hurt said beef supplies will fall by as much as 6 percent on the tails of a small calf crop and higher heifer-retention rates.

"Retail pork prices will be much lower than beef and will thus continue to pull some consumption away from beef at the retail counter," he said. "USDA analysts expect pork export demand to increase by 4 percent and represent nearly 22 percent of total production."

Last year, live-hog prices averaged \$65 per hundredweight. Hurt said they are expected to average about \$66 this year, with the highest prices ranging from \$69 to \$71 in the second and third quarters. Increased production during the summer and fall will then drive prices back down to below the 2013 levels.

Low production costs will, however, help maintain strong profit margins for pork producers.

"From 2000 to 2006, the estimated total costs of raising hogs was about \$36 per live hundredweight," Hurt said. "That reached a high on a calendar year basis of \$67 in 2012. Costs were estimated at \$64 last year and are expected to average about \$56 for the 2014 calendar year."

Part of what continues to drive low production costs is low feed prices. Corn averaged an estimated \$6 per bushel in 2013. That price could fall to an estimated \$4.45 per-bushel average for the 2014 calendar year. Soybean meal averaged about \$440 per ton last year and likely will drop to an average of \$395 per ton in 2014.

According to Hurt, profits could reach about \$27 per head, making this year the most profitable for pork producers since 2005. As supplies increase, he said those margins will tighten, but not disappear.

"Profit margins are expected to narrow in the fall of 2014 and into 2015 as pork supplies increase," Hurt said. "Returns, however, still look to be profitable at least until the fall of 2015."

Hurt's full report is available for download via the University of Illinois Extension's Farmdoc Daily at http://farmdoc.illinois.edu/marketing/weekly/html/010614.html.

# SCOUTING MATTERS By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

**SOME Thoughts On - Cheerfulness** 

Well 2014 is upon us and the Artic Vortex (whatever that is) is behind us. I spent some time over the cold – three dog night - holidays thinking about what 2014 will bring for the scouting movement and how best to continue to advocate this time tested program. This I did because my role in the local troop is changing. I will no longer be the scoutmaster of Troop 481 but will remain active on the troop committee. Other qualified and caring adults have stepped forward to fill the gap: I wish them the best on their journey with the boys and will remain in the background as a mentor.

So where does that leave Scouting Matters? I hope it will remain entertaining and informing for its readers, however, some of the focus might have to change due to a lack of interaction with the boys. That's where the nutty tales are born. So I thought to kick off 2014 I would focus on some random thoughts breaking down the Scout Law. This month I have selected Cheerfulness, because it is something we could all use more of, especially in times of cabin fever and continuing snow.

When Checochinican, Chief of the Delaware people, created a brotherhood that would memorialize the efforts of his son, Uncas, and the others that put service above themselves, he chose three words, to describe the direction of their brotherhood... Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. In the scouting movement and our daily lives, these are as important today as they were to the Chief. Problem is, in our hectic lives, it isn't often that we are able to sit back and clearly think about these pillars and what they mean in life.

Each is very different, yet interconnected at the same time. Brotherhood you feel when you're with those important to you; cheerfulness is an attitude, a way we can look at and be a part of the world; service is something tangible, that we can do for another. Of all these things, only one appears in the Scout Law – the one we may think least about, but is still central to the scouting movement: Cheerfulness.

However, this is not just a scouting thing. Cheerfulness is a way to influence the world around ourselves. Let us step back for a moment and think about the role cheerfulness can play in our lives.

As Chief Checochinican presented it as one of the three tenets of his order, it did not di-

minish the role of the other two. But unlike Brotherhood and Service, which would be addressed much more frequently through activities, Cheerfulness rises above. Scouting Troops organize themselves to do service to their communities, districts and councils. The Order of the Arrow (OA) sends crews each summer to Philmont and Northern Tier to give service to our National High Adventure Bases and to National Parks. There are service activities and events nationally and locally that stress goodwill and fellowship. However, cheerfulness is an attitude that pervades all those things. Service can be done without a smile, and true brothers will stand by you no matter the mood – but these things, all things, are so much more fulfilling when you do them cheerfully.

Not only does a positive attitude lift your spirits and the task at hand, but also it lifts up those around you. Think about how many times a simple smile, a handshake, a pat on the back, or a kind word has made you feel better about what you're doing. The same can easily be done for others; it just takes the willingness to try – to go about the work of scouting and life, with the mindset that those who have the greatest power to motivate, to help others to a level they may not have imagined, do it with kind words, and genuine smiles. The amount of service possible and the strength of brotherhood are multiplied when cheerfulness is present as well.

Nevertheless, let us not misunderstand the power at our fingertips here. Cheerfulness does not mean that everyone is constantly in a good mood. What it signifies is the continual commitment to life, the constant vigilance with which cheerful people face the world and problems in a way that transcends simple optimism. It is not merely an external quality; it is the deep and abiding quality of working toward the good things in life, of maintaining a positive spirit "even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities," of not letting surmountable barriers prevent us from our fullest potential of brotherhood and service. Yes, the three are deeply interconnected.

Therefore, with a new year upon us but the same old struggles ahead, approaching our daily tasks with a spirit of cheerfulness just might begin to make 2014 the best year ever.

If you would like to learn more about the scouting opportunities in your local area, give me call (812) 295-8417 and I will help you make contact with a local scouting unit.

Yours in scouting, Scoutmaster Mike



# STATE&NATIONAL

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## Flu-related deaths reach 11 in Indiana

The number of influenza-related deaths in immune systems and the elderly. Indiana this season has now reached 11. St. Joseph County has been hit particularly hard, experiencing six deaths. No other Indiana county has reported more than one death. Health officials do not report counties with less than five deaths to respect the privacy of the victims and their families. In a change from last year's flu season, health officials say that all but one of the deaths occurred in individuals between the ages of 25 to 64.

"Hoosiers cannot become complacent when it comes to the flu," said State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D. "I strongly recommend all Hoosiers get vaccinated if you haven't done so yet. Flu is very unpredictable.'

There are two vaccine combinations available for the 2013/14 flu season. The trivalent vaccine offers protection against the three most common strains of influenza: H3N2, H1N1, and one type of Influenza B. A new quadrivalent vaccine was released this year and includes a second Influenza B strain. The H1N1 strain appears to be predominant thus far in the 2013/14 flu season. Flu vaccine can typically be found at local health departments, pharmacies and with health care providers. A flu vaccine locator tool can be found on the Indiana State Department of Health's website at www.State-Health.in.gov.

Flu vaccination is recommended for anyone 6 months of age or older. It is especially important for those at higher risk of complications related to the flu to get vaccinated. High risk individuals include pregnant women, young children, people with chronic illnesses and/or compromised

State health officials also encourage influenza vaccination of health care workers, and household contacts and caregivers of children less than 6 months of age, as well as household contacts of people at high risk for flu complications.

"Although not typically considered to be a high risk group, young and middle-aged adults have been hit fairly hard this flu season," said Dr. VanNess. "Flu season can last until April, so I want to stress that it isn't too late to get vaccinated."

Practice the "Three Cs" to help prevent spread of flu and other infectious diseases:

- · Clean: Properly wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water
- Cover: Cover your cough and sneeze with your arm or a disposable tissue
- Contain: Stay home from school/work when you are sick to keep your germs from

Contact a health care provider if you experience the following influenza symptoms, even if you have been vaccinated:

- Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Cough
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat

For more information about Indiana's 2013-2014 influenza season, visit the Indi-State Department of Health atwww.StateHealth.in.gov. Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1 for important health updates.



-Photo provided

Shown above are the Barr-Reeve Vikings Volleyball team at the Statehouse where they were honored by State Representative Mark Messmer.

## Rep. Mark Messmer congratulate Barr-Reeve ferred to as cash for gold, are now required to register annually with both the Secretary sale and purchase of precious metals. Deal volleyball team on state championship

State Representative Mark Messmer honored the 2013 state champion Barr-Reeve High School girls volleyball team in a resolution on Thursday, January 16 at the State-

"Excellence in athletics is achieved through dedication and determination," said Rep. Messmer. "The Barr-Reeve High School volleyball team displayed outstanding perseverance as they led their school to victory, and I am proud to be able to honor them today at the Statehouse for their distinct accomplishment."

Rep. Messmer was joined in the House chamber by the volleyball team, their coach Amber DeCoursey, assistant coaches Mike James and Kerri Boyd as well as Superintendent Travis Madison.

The Barr-Reeve Vikings defeated Lafayette Central Catholic 3-1. The team gained the school's first Class A state championship after a 38-2 season record. The victory marked their fourth win over a top six ranked opponent in their last matches and was the team's fifth appearance in the volleyball state finals. Leading the team to victory was Barr-Reeve graduate and 14 year coach, Amber DeCoursey. As a student in the mid-1990s, DeCoursey was a standout basketball and volleyball player. As a coach, De-Coursey also achieved state championship runner-up status in 1998, 2001 and 2008.

The Vikings were led by Hania Sisco with 19 point-scoring spike attacks, or kills, Tiara Kenny converting on 10 kills, Jenna Knepp with an impressive 36 assists and Hannah Bullock with a record of 40 digs.

Senior, and team captain, Jenna Knepp was named as the winner of the Class A Mental Attitude Award by the Indiana High School Athletic Association Executive Committee. The award honors players who excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in volleyball. Jenna was also named to the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Class A First Team for her

"This accomplishment means so much more than a trophy," said Rep. Messmer. "It is a symbol of all of their hard work, their countless hours of practice, the friendships they have created and their pride in the community they represent. I want to congratulate everyone who played a role in this achievement and thank them for making the journey to the Statehouse this morning.'

# The Messmer Report By District 63 State Representative

**Mark Messmer** 



#### Off to a productive start at the Statehouse

The first full week of session has now come to a close, and I am very optimistic for the remainder of session. There are some exciting things happening in our state capitol, and I want you to know about them.

As you may have heard, Governor Pence gave the annual State of the State address on Tuesday in front of a joint session of the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate. In his speech, the governor reaffirmed his commitment to making job creation Indiana's number one priority. Job creation and economic development are key factors to Indiana's future success, and it gives me great confidence that the executive and legislative branches are in agreement on this issue.

The following day, Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Brent Dickson gave the annual State of the Judiciary address. Rather than speaking about court cases, precedents and other legal issues, he addressed the core purpose of the judicial branch: to deliver justice. I thought this was clever; a simplistic remark, but at the end of the day, an accurate

He told the story of a young basketball player who was playing overseas and was nearly evicted from his apartment and not given half of his salary. He sued the team for the breach of contract and won the lawsuit, but he never received the money. Chief Justice Dickson pointed out that while there is always room for improvement, thankfully our system is stronger than that. This served as a reminder that any act of government, in any branch, should always be made in the best interest of the people.

While the Legislature has only had one full week of session, there are already some important bills that have begun moving through the process. One is House Bill (HB) 1020, which was heard in the Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development Committee on Wednesday; the committee on which I serve as chairman. This bill deals with tax incentives. Every year, Indiana gives millions of dollars in state and local tax incentives in an effort to promote job cre-counties.

ation. However, we do not currently have a system to measure whether or not these incentives are working.

HB 1020 would require the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy to do just that. If, through the evaluation process, it is found that some of these tax incentives are not working, it would be in our interest to get rid of them and find a more efficient, industrious way to spend Hoosier tax dollars. On the other hand, when we find tax incentives that are working, it will enable us to use those examples to enact future tax incentives that we can be confident will result in more jobs, a stronger economy and a better Indi-

Another important bill that was discussed this week was HB 1004. On Thursday, it passed the House on 3rd reading and will now be sent over to the Senate. This bill would expand high quality preschool options for low-income families. As a small business owner, I know the importance of making investments. While you may not be able to see immediate results, the investments you make in your company's future will be some of the most important decisions you make. The same is true when it comes to our children.

Studies have shown that children who attend preschool are more likely to graduate, attend college and get a higher-paying job. Indiana is one of just 10 states that do not offer state-funded pre-K programs. If we want to create the building blocks for a better future, it is imperative that we develop academic readiness. Making this substantial investment in preschool education is a great first step to accomplishing that goal.

The 2014 legislative session will only last for 10 weeks, and in the blink of an eye, it will be over. We will be working very quickly to accomplish a lot in a short amount of time. Each week during session, I look forward to giving you this weekly update, but until next time, you can keep up with the happenings at the Statehouse by visiting http://iga.in.gov.

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

## Precious metal dealers must register with the Secretary of State's office

to register annually with both the Secretary of State's office and local law enforcement. Precious metal dealers can register online with the Secretary of State's office athttps://secure.in.gov/apps/sos/precious/. Dealers will need to separately register with local law enforcement.

"These new reporting requirements will help local law enforcement track stolen jewelry sold at cash for gold stores," said Secretary Lawson. "By requiring these merchants to report the jewelry they acquire, local law enforcement will have a new tool to help them find stolen jewelry before it is melted down and gone forever. This also will give consumers a way to ensure that the places they go to sell precious metals are above board."

The Secretary of State's office requires precious metal dealers to include their name, the address of the permanent place of business and a registration fee of \$100 when registering. This new registration is to do business in Indiana as a precious metal dealer. Precious metal dealers will be required to separately register with the Secretary of State's Business Services Division to do business in Indiana.

Precious metal dealers will also need to contact their local law enforcement agency

Precious metal dealers, commonly re- to register. Local law enforcement will colsale and purchase of precious metals. Dealers will be required to send local law enforcement a daily report that includes: The date of sale; the name, address, date of birth, and driver's license or social security number of the seller; the amount of consideration paid; the name and address of the precious metal dealer; a description of each piece of precious metal sold; and the type of government issued photographic identification used to verify the identity of the seller, including the unique identification number. Local law enforcement may choose to collect more information from precious metal dealers so reporting requirements may vary.

