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# Shoak Homecoming Royalty



Shoals High School held their Homecoming last Saturday, January 22 against Bloomfield. The varsity boys were defeated in the game 50-42. In the photo on the left are Shaelin Adams, daughter of Steve and Joy Adams, who was crowned Homecoming Queen and John Harder, son of David Harder and Sabra Harder, who was named King. In the photo on the right are Denise Cornett, daughter of Jonathan Cornett and Shelly Rainey, who was crowned Homecoming Princess and Ethan Jones, son of Aaron and Andrea Jones, who was named Prince.

## **County out of salt to treat wintery roads**

#### BY COURTNEY HUGHETT Martin County Journal Publisher

According to highway superintendent Jim Williams the county is out of salt and running low on ash to put down on icy and snow covered roads. His department depleted the supply with the many inches of recent snowfall. Williams explained to the Martin County Commissioners Tuesday night, January 25 that he is currently on a waiting list to receive salt and more ash is expected to arrive today. Williams also reported that a spreader bed went out on one of the trucks and the cost to repair it is going to be \$1,200. He also told that commissioners that while he appreciates any help from residents with clearing the snow-covered roads, many are causing more damage than they are helping. He said that bull dozers and such simply cause too much damage to county roads. Amanda Woodruff with the Martin County Ambulance Service submitted her year-end report to the commissioners. According to Woodruff the ambulance service was up 72 runs from 2009 to 2010. For 2009 they responded to 909 ambulance requests and 981 in 2010. Not all of the requests resulted in transport to the hospital. Martin County Humane Society President Don Greene spoke with the commissioners about the soon-to-beformed animal control commission and the ordinance going along with it. Greene said that the goal in forming the animal control ('COUNTY' continued on page two)



## Loogootee School Board discusses early snow days

#### **BY COURTNEY HUGHETT** *Martin County Journal Publisher*

Superintendent Larry Weitkamp reported to the Loogootee School Board Monday night, January 24 that bad weather has hit early this year causing seven snow make-up days already. He said eight days were built into the calendar and if more days are required to be made up he may be coming to the board to change the graduation date.

Board member Eric Ackerman said that if it is going to be moved it should be done at the next meeting in February in order to give everyone time to make plans. Weitkamp replied that they could attempt to solidify the date in February but the school has missed several days due to the weather at the end of February and on into March.

It will be discussed at the February 21 meeting.

Condolences were offered to Sharon Cole in the death of her sister, Lawana Hand for the death of her mother, Jamie Wildman for the passing of her grandfather, Sharon Allen for the passing of her father, and Brenda Weisheit for the death of her uncle.

Leslie VanHoy and Kelsi Mann were approved as girls' junior varsity cocoaches in a 65 to 35 percent split.

Lindsey Walton was approved as musical choreography coach.

Jared Mann and Erin Craney were approved as assistant track co-coaches.

Superintendent Larry Weitkamp said ('SNOW DAYS' continued on page two)

## Loogootee's Homecoming is Saturday -Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee High School will hold their Homecoming this Saturday night, January 29 against Springs Valley. Students up for Homecoming court are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Leah Lottes, daughter of Herbert and Donna Lottes; Mallorie Layton, daughter of Christopher and Susan Huelsman; Erin Wittmer, daughter of Tim and Beth Wittmer; Abby Hamilton, daughter of Rick and Jamie Bell; and Brittany Eckerle, daughter of Jeff and Karla Eckerle. In the back row, from left to right, are Tyler Jacobs, son of Susan and Denny Jacob; Daniel Wildman, son of Anita Wildman and the late Steven Wildman; Stephen Bradley, son of Marty and Mary Bradley; Mitch Green, son of Denny and Julie Green; and Clinton Burch, son of Richard and Ann Burch.

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commission is to have members from all parts of the county serve to on it. With representatives from Loogootee, Shoals, Crane, and the remainder of the county there could possibly be nine members.

Greene also briefly spoke to the commissioners about the county helping support the shelter monetarily. He explained that the cost of building the shelter is being worked out but the cost to maintain the building, such as in water and electricity, needs to be found.

0He explained that he has spoken to the Loogootee Mayor about the possibility of the city helping fund the cost of the water and sewer and he plans to approach the city council at their next meeting to make a request.

Commissioner Dan Gregory then brought up the issue of the fees that are planned to be collected for any resident who owns a dog. He said that these fees could potentially help fund the monthly expenses of the shelter. The fees have not been decided on yet so a budget cannot be made up.

The commissioners decided to hold off approving the animal control ordinance until Greene had a chance to go over it since it was just recently completed by the county attorney.

Sheriff Rob Street gave the commissioners a print out of a year's worth of water bills and usage. In the past five months the jail's water usage has doubled due to leaky pipes. The commissioners agreed that this was a serious problem that needed to be fixed immediately and the sheriff said he would work on getting an estimate for the repairs. He said he cannot bring in any more Department of Corrections inmates until the water is restored on the 15 cells.

He also briefly talked about the jails outside lighting and cameras but was unable to obtain estimates prior to the meeting.

The jail's current population is 34 with 11 DOC inmates. There are six females and 28 males.

Auditor Nancy Steiner presented the contract for Maximus to the commissioners to sign. The cost reduced from over \$800 to Wednesday, March 16.

#### \$650 per month.

The commissioners approved Carla Haswell to serve on the Community Corrections Board.

The Board of Finance will meet at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8 prior to the commissioners' meeting.

At the end of the meeting Commissioner Gregory noted that the bond for the courthouse was paid of last month making Martin County debt-free. He said that many counties cannot say this.

## **SNOW DAYS**

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the position of junior high track coach still needs to be filled.

Bryan Fountain was approved as a volunteer for track.

The board held a special meeting during the regular session for the Board of Finance. Superintendent Weitkamp was voted as president of that board with Mary Walton as the secretary which is the same as last year.

The superintendent presented documentation to the board on behalf of Secretary Walton showing that the school has their money invested with MarketMatch through German American and has CD's purchased through various places.

The board approved the bus fuel escalation prices. Diesel fuel is now \$3.34 cents up 80 cents above the base price from January 2009. Gas is \$3.36 up \$1.36 over the base bid.

Superintendent Weitkamp read Elementary West Principal Laura Mattingly's monthly report. Mrs. Mattingly wrote that students who received 100 points or more in the first semester in the accelerated reading program were treated to lunch as Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant on January 5. The following students attended the lunch: John Wagoner, Alex Wagler, Crystal Tolbert, Aiden Aiman, Max Christmas, Hope Fisher, and Roseanne Wagler.

High School Principal John Mullen reported that the third nine week grading period has been moved up six days to

## **Current 2011 candidate filings**

The following are candidates who have registered at the Martin County Clerk's Office for 2011 local election as of Wednesday morning, January 26.

Deadline to submit application of candidacy for Loogootee is noon, February 18. For Crane and Shoals there is no primary, the deadline is in August.

For more information contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

#### SHOALS

Lori Denise Butler, Democrat, Shoals

#### **CRANE**

Bernard Burl Butcher, Democrat, Crane Town Board

Linda Ann Willoughby, Republican, Crane Clerk-Treasurer

#### LOOGOOTEE

Donald Rick Norris, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 4

James Rich Taylor, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 1

Karen Hickman, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3 Noel Dale Harty, Democrat, Mayor Joe Mattox, Democrat, Mayor Nancy Jones, Democrat, Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer

## Martin County's jobless rate falls slightly for December

#### **BY COURTNEY HUGHETT** Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate fell slightly for December going from 7.5 percent in November to 7.1. This bumped the county to 85th of the 92 Indiana counties for the highest unemployment up from 82nd place the month before.

In November there were 5,150 residents in the workforce in Martin County with 386 without jobs. For December, those numbers moved up to 5,193 and 370. In

Daviess County hung on to the 92nd rank-

ing and continuously has the lowest unem-

ployment percentages in the state. For

December, Daviess County had 15,103

residents in the workforce with 808 with-

out jobs. One month before the county had

15,081 residents available for jobs and 864

In December of 2009, Daviess County's

Dubois County's unemployment rate

didn't see a substantial change from No-

vember to December but their ranking

jumped to 91 of the 92 counties from 88th

place in November. Dubois' rate fell from

6.7 percent in November to 6.4 percent in

December. For December, they had 22,372

residents in the job market with 1,428 un-

employed. In November, those numbers

In December of 2009 their unemploy-

Orange County also saw only a slight in-

crease, from 9.8 percent in November to

10 percent in December. Orange County

stood in the 36th spot in the state ranking in November to 30th place in December.

Orange County had 10,329 residents in the

workforce for December with 1,030 of

them jobless. In November there were

10,143 in the job market with 996 unem-

Orange County's jobless rate was at 10.4

of them were unemployed.

jobless rate was 5.4 percent.

were 22,026 and 1,475.

ployed.

ment rate was 6.7 percent.

December 2009		December	November	December	Monthly	Indiana's
Martin County's		2009	2010	2010	Change	preliminary
unemployment	Indiana	9.7%	9.8%	9.5%	-0.3%	seasonally-
rate stood at 6.9	U.S.	9.9%	9.8%	9.4%	-0.4%	adjusted un-
percent.	Illinois	11.0%	9.6%	9.3%	-0.3%	employment
Daviess Coun-	Kentucky	10.6%	10.2%	10.3%	+0.1%	rate dropped
ty's jobless rate	Ohio	10.8%	9.8%	9.6%	-0.2%	0.3 percent
also dronnad	Michigan	14.5%	12.4%	11.7%	-0.7%	to 0.5 percent

dropped [Michigan] also slightly going from 5.7 percent in No-

vember to 5.3 per-

-Graphic by the Indiana Dept. of cent in De-Workforce Development cember 2010,

percent in December of 2009.

cent, and Martin at 7.1 percent.

and Henry at 11.1 percent.

Unemployment comparison by state including a 0.2 percent

cent in December. the December 2009 jobless rates. decrease from one year ago. The last time Indiana's un-

employment rate was at 9.5 percent was February 2009.

The number of unemployed Hoosiers is below 300,000 for the first time since January 2009.

Private sector employment in Indiana declined in December (-9,100); however, the state added 36,400 private sector jobs in 2010.

"Indiana's unemployment rate is at its lowest level in almost two years," said Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development. "Over the course of 2010, we saw growth in manufacturing and professional and business services, partially offset by declines in construction."

Employment by Sector

Sectors showing significant employment gains in December include: Manufacturing (2,700), Private Education and Health Services (2,700), Financial Activities (900) and All Other (1,700).

Sectors showing significant declines are Leisure and Hospitality (-6,800), Construction (-6,200) and Professional and Business Services (-3,500). Total non-farm employment decreased (-11,500) in December.

This article was created in part with a press release from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

### Hickman files candidacy for Loogootee Council

Karen Anne Hickman wishes to announce her candidacy for election to the Loogootee City Council District 3, on the Democrat ticket in the May primary election. Karen has been a life-long resident of Loogootee, and is concerned about the community and the people who live in it. She says she will do her best to represent District 3 and will be available if anyone would like to contact her with your concerns. Karen holds an Indiana Notary Public License, a Substitute Teachers' Permit, is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 61, Associate Member of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Washington, D.C. Chapter: Grace Darling Seibold-DC. She attended St. Johns Grade School for 8 years, and was then transferred to Loogootee High School and graduated with the class of 1972. She attended Vincennes University and VUJC and obtained credits in Psychology. She also attended Ivy Tech in Bloomington where she received her QMA certificate. She also attended classes at St. Benedicts in Beech Grove and passed the course to become a Long-Term Care Administrator. Karen is the proud mother of two daughters, Leslie Summers Guy and Lynzee R. Hickman. She says she has two daughters in her heart, Katie Dunn Doyle, and Tamara Dunn and one son in her heart, George Dunn. She has a son-in-law, Trevor Guy, and a son-in-law in her heart, Tony Doyle.



The counties with the lowest unemploy-

ment percentage in the state for December

were Daviess at 5.3 percent, Dubois at 6.4

percent, Posey, Monroe, Knox, and Hamil-

ton at 6.5 percent, Switzerland at 6.9 per-

The counties with the highest jobless

percentage for December were Elkhart at

12.8 percent, Fayette and Vermillion at

12.5 percent, Noble at 11.4 percent, Craw-

ford, Jennings, and Starke at 11.3 percent,

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Clerk Treasurer

Ernest "Earl" Boyd Jr., Republican, Shoals Town Council

Roger Lee Abel, Republican, Shoals Town Council

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#### **KAREN HICKMAN**

She has five grandchildren, Devin

Brennan, Trevor, and Luke Guy and Zakk and Brooklyn Doyle. Her best friend and other half is Joe Dunn, originally from the St. Mary's area.

Karen says she cares about the people of Loogootee and wants to make Loogootee a place where everyone's concerns count. She would truly appreciate your vote in the May Primary Election. "You have the chance and the voice to be heard," she said.

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#### LYDIA E. HAWKINS

Lydia E. Hawkins passed away at 9:52 p.m. Friday, January 21, 2011 at Martin County Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.



A resident of Shoals, she was 89. She was born on June 10, 1921 in Martin County; the daughter of John William (Bill) Erwin and Laura Belle (Purkhiser) Ervin. She married Charles Edward Hawkins on

**LYDIA HAWKINS** October 10, 1941, and he preceded her in death on May 27, 1985.

She was a homemaker, and a co-owner and bookkeeper with her husband for Standard Oil Company. She was a member of the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Shoals and the Altar Society. She belonged to the Gold Star Mothers. She also was a member of the Jug Rox Grandmothers' Club, American Legion Post #61 Ladies Auxiliary, Shoals Senior Citizens, Martin County Genealogy Society and the Shoals Eagles Aries #2442.

Lydia and Charles had two sons. They both preceded her in death. Larry E. Hawkins who lost his life in a plane crash in the Alaskan Gulf in 1963 and son Terry who passed away on March 21, 1990.

She is survived by one granddaughter, Aundie (Tony) Dant; one grandson, Patrick (Sandy Sherfick) Hawkins; four great grandchildren, Addison, Caleb, Collin, and Aaron Dant; one sister, Helen (Clyde) Hawkins; one brother, Richard "Dick" Ervin and friend Norma; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Ervin and Betty Hawkins, and four brothers, Lee, George, Bill and Jim Ervin.

A funeral service was held Tuesday January 25 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Shoals. Burial

### **Speaker Brent Scarpo at VU on January 27**

Vincennes University Student Activities will host two presentations by Brent Scarpo who directed and produced the educational documentary film, Journey to a Hate Free Millennium. Both presentations are free and the public is invited to attend.

"Last Call: The Ultimate Campus Party" will be topic of an 11 a.m. (EST) presentation at the Student Union. This groundbreaking program looks at the reality of alcohol and how it affects the campus as well as surrounding community. Through eye-opening visuals and stories of personal tragedy and triumphs over alcohol, Scarpo will bend the alcohol education curve to a whole new standard.

Scarpo's interactive, multi-media presentation, "Journey to a Hate-Free Millennium," will take place at 7 p.m. in the Student Union. In his original multiple award-winning documentary, Scarpo seeks solutions to ending hate crimes that have become frequent events in our culture. The stirring and powerful film centers around true stories taken directly from the national headlines including the student shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado; the dragging death of James Byrd, Jr., an African-American man in Texas; and the brutal beating death of Matthew Shephard, a gay college student in Wyoming. The documentary addresses the subject of hate by searching out the origins of how it is "taught and learned" and the scope of its danger, from childhood taunting to murder.

About the speaker



#### **BRENT SCARPO**

Millennium, which has been presented in all 50 states as well as over 10 countries.

Scarpo continues to develop and present diverse subject matters with positive messages through film and television projects, books, special presentations, exhibits, and motivation speaking events.

Prior to his speaking career, Scarpo founded the non-profit, New Light Media as well as worked in the entertainment industry in Hollywood. He served as a casting director for six years, casting motion pictures, television projects, commercials, infomercials, and more.

He has worked on such films as The Shawshank Redemption, That Thing You Do, and Airforce One. was in Springhill Cemetery.

Queen-Lee Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Preferred memorials may be made to the St. Mary's Altar Society.

#### **RANDALL HARDER**

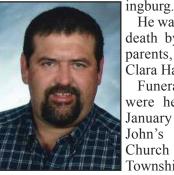
Randall Harder died at 7:09 p.m. Thursday, January 20, 2011 at the home of his parents. A resident of Loogootee, he was 40. He was born May 15, 1970 in Jasper; the

son of John and Phyllis (Norris) Harder.

Randy worked for Wittmer Concrete at Montgomery.

He was a member of the 1989 graduating class of Barr-Reeve high School. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Boone Township.

He is survived by his parents, John and Phyllis Harder of Loogootee; one brother, Ryan Harder of Loogootee; grandparents, and George and Ella Mae Norris of Hunt-



He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edgar and Clara Harder. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 25 in St. John's Lutheran

**RANDALL HARDER** following in St. John's Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions may to Vista Care Hospice.

## Contract for I-69 construction approved; work in Gibson County continues

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced yesterday that another contract award for road construction as a part of the Interstate 69 (I-69) Corridor in southwest Indiana.

Blankenberger Brothers, Inc. of Cynthiana, Indiana, submitted the lowest bid for the \$22.2 million contract.

This contract includes construction of the new interstate roadway from the Pigeon Creek Bridges to State Road 168 in Gibson County.

Construction is anticipated to begin this spring. Including this contract, nine of the twelve construction contracts awarded for Sections 1 through 3 have been won by Indiana firms as the lowest bids. Federal guidelines prohibit geographic discrimination when awarding projects developed with federal funds. INDOT is required to allow all qualified companies to bid for the work, without consideration to their geographical location.

In October 2009 Governor Daniels announced the accelerated schedules for the design and construction of the I-69 corridor. Samuel Sarvis, Deputy Commissioner of Major Programs stated "Although this is an aggressive schedule, we are confident we will meet that time frame." The completion of I-69 from Evansville to Crane is slated for the end of 2012 and from Evansville to Bloomington by the end of 2014.

I-69 is part of Governor Mitch Daniels' Major Moves highway program, capitalizing on Indiana's strategic location as the Crossroads of America by improving and expanding road infrastructure in support of a stronger economy and greater mobility for all.

## **Calendar of Events**

#### **Martin County Democrats**

The Martin County Democrats will meet Thursday, February 3 at 6 p.m. at Loogootee City Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### **Indiana Hunter Education Course**

The spring Indiana Hunter Education Course will be offered on March 3 and 4 from 6-9:30 p.m. and March 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds. Every person born after December 31, 1986 is required to take this course before they can obtain an Indiana Hunting License. Additionally, any youth that are interested in taking 4-H Shooting Sports should take this class. There is no cost for participating in the course. It is sponsored by Martin County 4-H Shooting Sports and Martin County 4-H Council. Parents of younger participants should stay during the course. To register, call Purdue Extension - Martin County at 295-2412.

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.

#### 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.

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Brent Scarpo has over 20 years of experience as an educator, producer, writer, director, and casting director in Hollywood. He directed and produced the educational documentary film, Journey to a Hate Free

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Scarpo wrote and was featured on Christmas Miracles for ABC. In 1998 he successfully produced, directed, and starred in a theatrical production of the play, The Boys Next Door.



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#### Soil and water annual meeting

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, 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

#### 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.

#### Youth football meetings

Martin County Youth Football League meets on the first Wednesday of the monthat Pizza Junction at 7 p.m. Questions, call Audrey Robinson at 295-4773.

#### **Recovery support group**

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

## Public RECORDS

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

#### Wednesday, January 19

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a trespasser on personal property.

8:44 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Daviess County and Daviess County Sheriff's Department was notified.

10:15 a.m. - A female caller advised of items stolen from her mother.

10:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Chuckles in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call about a domestic dispute at a residence on U.S. 231 north of Loogootee.

6:17 p.m. - Received a report of a semi with no taillights on U.S. 50, eastbound to Shoals.

7:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:51 p.m. - Received a complaint in reference to a neighbor's dogs.

Thursday, January 20

10:05 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded semi in Daviess County and Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off on U.S. 50, east of National Gypsum.

11:43 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off on Mt. Pleasant Road.

1:38 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded grain truck on Loogootee Dover Hill Road.

Unknown times - Received several reports of slide offs on U.S. 50, Red School Road., Mt. Pleasant Road., and S.R. 650.

3:08 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off on U.S. 150 at Singing Hill.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance and a possible suicidal subject.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off on U.S. 50, east of Loogootee.

8:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane Village. Crane EMS transported the subject.

#### Friday, January 21

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a male walking along the highway on U.S. 231, near Mt. Pleasant Road.

12:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance from Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital. 12:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital. 7:30 a.m. - Received a call about a man walking on the side of U.S. 231 near Mt. Pleasant Road. 8:58 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, near Stiles Road. 12:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital. 12:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

alarm in Loogootee.

6:15 p.m. - A female caller advised that a hawk had hit her residence and was injured but still alive.

7:00 p.m. - A female caller requested to speak with an officer regarding custody issues.

8:29 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50 nearing Shoals.

10:15 p.m. - Received a report of a semi on fire, eastbound on U.S. 50 from the 4-H grounds.

#### Saturday January 22

3:05 a.m. - Received a call about a smoke alarm going off at Village Apartments in Shoals.

6:20 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, near Seals Road.

6:55 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231 between Farlen and Crane Gate. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was notified.

8:56 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off on Livestock Rd. off of U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

10:01 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on S.R. 550, two miles outside of Loogootee.

11:08 a.m. - Received a call in reference to theft of scrap metal from a fire scene.

12:44 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Windom Road.

1:32 p.m. - Received a call regarding a domestic dispute.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off on U.S. 150, near the Fairview Church.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 50, just west of Shoals.

8:08 p.m. - Received a call about a fire on U.S. 150, near the Martin County Highway Garage.

8:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

#### Sunday, January 23

5:32 a.m. - Received a report of a fire on Boyd Hollow Road. This was a controlled burn.

9:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at West Boggs Park. No transport was necessary.

#### Monday, January 24

3:22 a.m. - Received a request for an officer to deliver an emergency medical message.

8:16 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle

4:03 p.m. - A female caller reported tal. threatening messages left by a male subject.

5:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:19 p.m. - Received a call about a domestic disturbance on East River Road.

7:07 p.m. - Received a call about a personal property dispute.

11:56 p.m. - Received a call about threatening text messages.

#### **Tuesday, January 25**

10:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Vincennes Good Samaritan Hospital.

12:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospi-

Washington County woman charged with forgery and theft of cemetery funds



#### **STEPHANIE ATKINS**

In the morning hours January 21, Stephanie L. Atkins, 53, from Salem, turned herself into the Washington County Jail to face charges of Forgery, a C Felony and Theft, a D Felony. The charges stem from an investigation by the Indiana State Police that began in November of 2010. The investigation centered on the alleged theft of funds from the Beech Grove Cemetery Association in Washington County.

The preliminary investigation revealed from December of 2005 up until March of 2010, Stephanie L. Atkins, who was in charge of the associations finances, allegedly wrote checks on the cemetery association for over \$25,000.00 for her own personal gain. During this same time period Stephanie L. Atkins had allegedly provided financial reports to the Beech Grove Cemetery Association that were false, showing more money in the bank account than was actually there. Stephanie L. Atkins was charged in the Washington County Superior Court. This investigation is continuing. al.

1:45 p.m.- Received a report of erratic driving southbound on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

4:04 p.m. - A male caller reported a reckless driver eastbound on U.S. 50 just east of Loogootee.

4:20 p.m. - A male came on station to report a domestic dispute.

4:37 p.m. - Received a report of possible animal neglect.

4:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:02 p.m. - Received a report of unknown subjects removing property from a residence.

9:02 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer in reference to legal issues regarding his aging parents.

11:55 p.m. - A female caller advised of a possible trespasser.

## **Accident reports**

Thursday, January 20

12:30 p.m. - Ronald Crowder, 49, of Shoals, was driving his 1997 Ford van when he lost control in the parking lot of Stone Belt on S.R. 650 and struck a parked semi trailer. Crowder had significant damage to the front hood, windshield, and passenger side fender. The semi trailer was a 2004 model TCF owned by Stone Belt Freight Lines. The only damage to the trailer was a busted trailer light. The investigating officer was Sergeant John Fischer.

12:58 p.m. - Nancy Todd, 53, of Bloomington, advised she was traveling east on Spring Hill Road when she lost control of her 2007 Jeep Liberty and sideswiped a utility pole. The pole caused significant damage along the entire passenger side of her vehicle. The utility pole was not damaged in the accident. The investigating officer was Sergeant John Fischer.

#### Friday, January 21

8:58 a.m. - Dennis Lockwood, 52, of Greenfield, was eastbound on U.S. 50 near Stiles Road in a Penske rental truck and struck a guardrail. Damage was sustained to the bumper and hydraulic lift. The guardrail had minimal damage. The investigating officer was Sergeant John Fischer.

Tuesday, January 25

12:00 p.m. - Nathan Carrico, 30, of Loogootee reported that he had been involved in a property damage accident at about 6:10 a.m. He was about five miles north of Loogootee on U.S. 231 in a white 2004 Durango when he crested a hill and saw

another vehicle stopped in the highway.

Carrico stated that the vehicle was stopped

due to deer that were near the roadway. He

had very slight damage to the front driver

side bumper. The other vehicle was a 2009

Honda Civic driven by Gavin Hemmerein,

4:24 p.m. - Received a residential burglar

involved in an accident blocking a cattle lot.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of a large chunk of pavement on U.S. 50, east of Shoals High School.

9:12 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 50, westbound from the S.R. 60 junction.

9:45 a.m. - Received a request to check a vehicle left by the roadway and covered in snow on Mt. Olive Road.

2:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on S.R. 450. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:14 p.m. - A female caller spoke with an officer about her son being harassed.

3:19 p.m. - A female caller reported threats against herself and her boyfriend.

3:27 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded semi on U.S. 50 at Max Warren's curve.



## Martin County real estate transfers

of Loogootee.

Kenneth R. Boyd, of Martin County to Justin M. Andis, of Martin County, commencing at a point 770 feet south of the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 3 West; running thence south 320 feet; thence east 235 feet; thence north 320 feet; thence west 235 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.7 acres, more or less.

**Donald L. Shaw and Linda S. Shaw**, of Martin County, to **Zackary W. Brown**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.00 acres more or less. Subject to a .01 acre easement in a part of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana. More commonly known as 10163 Red School Road, Shoals, IN 47581. Galen Graber and Marilyn Graber, of Daviess County, Indiana to Lyndon W. Beachy and Julie J. Beachy, of Martin County, Indiana, the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Also, a non-exclusive strip of land for the use of a road, along and across a 546x20 foot strip of land, over and across the following described lands in the Township of Center, Martin County, State of Indiana, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Section 14.

William B. Lukens, of Martin County, Indiana to Adam D. Wintergerst and Annie E. Wintergerst, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 28,301 square feet and/or 0.6497 of an acre, more or less.

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## Loogootee Police log

#### Monday, January 17

1:09 p.m. - Brocksmith Funeral Home called requesting assistance for traffic control. Chief Rayhill went to location and was assisted by Deputy Nolan with the sheriff's department.

3:54 p.m. - Female called requesting a welfare check on two small children. Capt. Akles went to the location.

4:30 a.m. - First responders requested on SE First Street for an unresponsive male.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 2nd Street. Sgt Norris responded

#### **Tuesday, January 18**

5:28 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a business alarm on Park Street.

#### Wednesday, January 19

10:34 a.m. - First responders requested on Mulberry Street for a male with a head injury

11:10 a.m. - First responders requested at Chuckles for a male with a severe nosebleed

12:11 p.m. - A male came on station to report a theft from his vehicle.

#### **Thursday, January 20**

7:09 a.m. - Male caller reported a slid off on Williams Street. Chief Rayhill responded

and advised the vehicle was no longer there. Friday, January 21

3:16 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to business alarm on Pine Street.

7:06 a.m. - Capt Akles checked on a suspicious person on U.S. 231.

12:53 p.m. - First responders requested in Shady Estates for a female with breathing problems.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a rear of a semi was on fire at the overlook in Shoals. Shoals Fire was contacted.

#### Saturday, January 22

10:19 a.m. - Judy Wildman reported damage to her male box. Capt. Akles responded.

7:53 p.m. - Caller reported a green Mustang doing donuts and damaging property. Sgt. Norris responded.

10:14 p.m. - Officer requested for a suicidal subject on SW 3rd Street. Subject was later transported to the hospital.

#### Sunday, January 23

9:05 p.m. - Female requested an officer escort her boyfriend off her property. Sgt. Norris responded.

6:59 p.m. - Caller reported a male driving without a license. Sgt. Norris was unable to locate.

### **ISP** reminds motorists to remain cautious

When motorists encounter our troopers on the side of an interstate, US highway, or state highway with their patrol vehicle's emergency lights on, they are attempting to warn motorists of a crash or slide-off ahead.

In an effort to reduce secondary crashes, troopers strategically space their patrol vehicles apart prior to the effected area. This is to warn motorists to reduce speed, and move to the adjacent lane of travel where the crash located.

This procedure is also applied in traffic back ups caused by crashes not only during inclement weather, but throughout the year.

Historically, our troopers witness the motorists' reduction in speed, and then accelerate as they pass beyond the trooper, only to encounter another trooper. Most generally the motorist is involved in a crash or slide-off, creating an additional danger for themselves and others.

### **Jail bookings**

#### **Thursday, January 20**

10:01 p.m. - Daniel East, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Henry County warrant.

#### Friday, January 21

11:38 p.m. - Dexter Garrett, 21, Zachary Postin, 20, and Nathaniel Chittenden, 20, all of Evansville, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Saturday, January 22

We are asking all motorists, including commercial vehicle drivers (semi-tractor trailer drivers) to pay attention when encountering this procedure, and slow down.

The Indiana State Police remind motorists that the primary crash causation factor in the majority of the slide-offs, and crashes are: speed too fast for the road conditions, following too close, and distracted driving. Snow and ice covered roads do not cause crashes, and slide-offs: careless driving does.

Lieutenant Bob Burke, commander of the Pendleton District said, "Nothing we do as Indiana State Police troopers is more important than the preservation of life for those living in/or traveling through the State of Indiana. Please help us save lives."

#### Jasper State Police Post reports December enforcement activity

The Indiana State Police had the following enforcement activity for December 2010. The Jasper State Police Post covers Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer Counties.

Traffic Arrests (tickets) 423

Warnings 1,650

Commercial Motor Vehicle moving arrests 6

- DUI Arrests 20
- Total Criminal Arrests 103

To obtain the latest road and weather conlitions, tune into your local radio or televi-2:09 p.m. - Lucas Cunningham, 18, of El- sion station or contact the Road and Weather line at (800) 261-ROAD (7623) or visit TrafficWise.IN.gov.

## **Martin County court news**

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

> **CRIMINAL COURT** New charges filed

#### **January 6**

Ronnie A. Cooper, two counts of taking of wild animals verned by laws and rules, Class C Misdemeanors.

Douglas W. Grissom, jacklighting, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Christopher T. Richmond, jacklighting, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kenneth Ryan Harkness, jacklighting, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### **January** 7

Brandon L. Spears, two counts of illegal taking of a wild animal, Class C Misdemeanors.

#### **January 11**

Juanita D. Grayson, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### **January 13**

Tanner L. Trambaugh, illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dustin S. Perry, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony; possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Ashley M. Schutte, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony; possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### **January 14**

Robert E. Taylor, operating a vehicle after lifetime suspension, a Class C Felony; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### **January 18**

Mark A. Kimmel, theft, a Class D Felony. Steven R. Jacobs, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Rebecca A. Rush, theft, a Class D Felony. **CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed** 

#### **January 12**

Jennifer M. Anderson vs. Edwin C. Anderson, III, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### **January 13**

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company vs. Timothy May, Leah May, State of Indiana Department of Revenue, Equable Ascent Financial, and State of Indiana Attorney General, mortgage foreclosure.

#### Blessinger.

Citibank vs. Alisha R. Asbell a/k/a Wolf, civil collection.

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Carrie Roach vs. Jason Roach, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Fifth Third Mortgage Company vs. James M. and Amanda D. Sorrells, Fifth Third Bank Indiana, and Capital One Bank, mortgage foreclosure.

#### **January 18**

Procol, Inc. vs. Carl Rush, civil collection.

Procol, Inc. vs. Esther Stoll, civil collection

Equable Ascent vs. Melody Sherwood, civil collection.

Equable Ascent vs. Jane Hamby, civil collection.

Tamara L. Stranger vs. Param Stranger, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jon Swartzentruber vs. Brittany Swartzentruber, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### **SMALL CLAIMS COURT**

#### **New Suit Filed**

**January 14** 

Anthony G. Jones vs. Sheila Shoults, complaint.

James Hart vs. Direct TV Office of General Counsel, complaint.

#### **January 18**

Procol, Inc. vs. Janet Strange, complaint. SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

#### **January 18**

Brandee and John Owen to Hoosier Accounts Service in the amount of \$1,187.87.

Brad and Tracey Stoll to Hoosier Accounts Service in the amount of \$353.27

Ronald Truelove to Hoosier Accounts Service in the amount of \$837.10.

Michael and Terry Wade to Hoosier Accounts Service in the amount of \$926.08.

#### **TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID** January 12 – January 18

Jessica Cummins, Washington, speeding 65 in a 50, \$119.

Scott Earl, Scottsburg, speeding 55 in a 40; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Candice Goldsberry, Shoals, failure of

Tyler Guthrie, Mitchell, driving left of

David Hansen, Bedford, speeding 65 in a

William Hart, Lexington, Kentucky,

Joshua Hill, Washington, seatbelt viola-

Patrick Linderman, Lyons, unregistered

Dorlissa Quinn, Loogootee, seatbelt vio-

Roger Salmon, Shoals, seatbelt violation,

Tera Trambaugh, Loogootee, speeding 71

front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

center, \$124.

speeding 80 in a 55, \$124.

vehicle; expired plates, \$119.

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nora, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence.

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Bradley Howell vs. Wayne M. Troutman, James W. Shaw, Ellen Franklin, and Ellen Utterback, civil plenary.

#### **January 14**

Amy R. Blessinger vs. John S. Simmons, Wesley Simmons, and Tyler Simmons, in the matter of the will of Martha K.

#### n a 50; alteration by local authority; school \$124.

Jeffery Wagler, Odon, speeding 71 in a 55, \$124.

#### **MARRIAGE LICENSES January 18**

Anthony Shane Wilson of Shoals and Amanda Sue Goller of Shoals.

## Beware of lottery/sweepstakes scam

Congratulations!! We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected to win (insert amount).

Sound too good to be true? It is. "Winning notifications" are mass e-mailed and mailed to hundreds of thousands of random people every day. These senders aren't looking to give you money; they're looking to taking yours.

The amount that is won is typically under \$5,000 (five thousand) with instructions to deposit it and immediately wire a fee to claim the rest of your contest "winning". The idea is to convince you that you must pay fees of some kind, usually by wiring a portion to a "processing representative or tax authority."

Why that amount? Scammers know federal laws require that deposits under \$5,000 be made available within five days. Your account may show that deposit, but the bank is fronting the money until it collects those funds from the check issuer, which can take up to 10 days. When that check comes back bad, you're on the hook from any money drawn from it.

Many of these lottery/sweepstakes senders are from out of the United States. Once you wire money to them and it is picked up there is usually no trail to follow.

Legitimate lotteries and sweepstakes NEVER ask for money at any time. Call the bank to verify that the account is real and the check is real.

Most of these notifications come with misspellings in the body of their letters/e-mails. You cannot become a lottery winner, if you did NOT purchase a lotto ticket.

Above all, and it bears repeating, if it SOUNDS TOO GOOD TOO BE TRUE, IT IS

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#### Wednesday, January 26, 2011

## Page 6 **Auditions set for Holiday** World's 2011 music, shows

Local auditions for Holiday World's 2011 cast of entertainers are scheduled for later this month at the park's Holiday Theater.

The 2011 musical entertainment lineup at Holiday World includes the following:

Real Country: Latest hits along with country classics.

Rejoice!: Contemporary Christian music with worship music and Christian hits.

Vinyl Daze: A "pop musical" featuring favorites from throughout the years.

The Beachcombers: A "cover band" of Beatles and Beach Boys music with vocals, guitars, bass and drums.

Holidog & Friends: The park's mascots include Holidog, Safari Sam and George the Eagle.

Singers, dancers, musicians, actors, and technicians interested in applying should prepare a one-page resume listing education, training, and experience. Performers must be prepared to sing a ballad and uptempo song (limit to one minute each) in country, pop or rock style. A piano accompanist and CD player will be provided. All performers are asked to bring dance attire, as a brief dance combination will be taught on site by a staff choreographer. Musicians should prepare two audition pieces.

Holiday World's auditions are scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. CST on Saturday, January 29, in the park's Holiday Theater. The

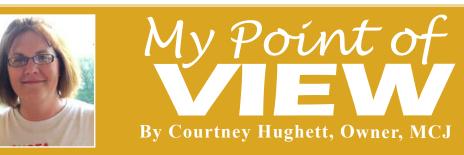


park's entertainment department will hire up to 16 singer/dancers, 12 actors, up to four musicians, and five stage/sound technicians. Performers and technicians must be at least 16 years old by the start of rehearsals in March to be eligible for hire.

For more information about auditions, visit the park's website at www.holidayworld.com/jobs/auditions or call 1-877-Go-Family. Holiday World's 65th season begins May 7; Splashin' Safari's opening day is May 13.







In a few weeks I will celebrate my oneyear anniversary for the Martin County Journal. I started the business on February 19. What's funny is that February 19 is also the day I came up with the concept of the Martin County Journal. I thought up a name, made a logo, bought the domain name, www.martincountyjournal.com, designed the website and put it up on the internet all in one evening with my sister, Shayna's, help. Then I started brainstorming ways to produce a newspaper without actually having to do a "newspaper". I have done enough reading and through experience working for traditional newspapers, I realized that there was no way I could do a print publication. It is entirely too expensive to have printed and mailed without having to charge a bundle to subscribers - no, I had to come up with something else.

After talking to my husband (who wasn't too keen on the idea) and my sisters, we came up with what you see today in your email every Wednesday. I really just wanted to find some way to fill up my time while being a mom first. After 13 years of working for various print publications, being stressed out and working 15 hour days, I didn't want to quit the business entirely I just needed a change of direction. I rarely spent time with my boys and on deadline days I locked myself in the computer room and could hear my husband telling my boys, "Don't bother your mom, you know it is Tuesday." Sometimes I would just sit in there and cry. Soon, it wasn't just Tuesdays but all other days of the week and some weekends too. I was stressed and very unhappy. I wasn't allowed overtime so I had to "eat" anything over 40 hours. I had zero benefits, no vacation time, no paid sick days, no holiday pay . . . I just desperately needed a change. I won't go into what finally made me reach my breaking point but it was the best thing that has ever happened to me as I look back on it now.

Getting the word out over the last year has been the most challenging. Starting a business is tough enough but I certainly didn't have an unlimited supply of money to invest in billboards or really any kind of advertising so I had to rely on my friends who are really the greatest people in the world. Lori, Bobbi, Christy, my sisters Shayna, Lisa, and Tyra, . . . well, you guys know who you are.

The Journal took off a little faster than I work anyway. I just do the typing and sendwas expecting. I wanted and still want to ing. So, again, thank you from the bottom keep it small, done just by me, in my house of my heart. The Martin County Journal alwith my boys sitting nearby. I try to get my lows me to have the most important job - be sons involved as much as I can but, natu-a mom - who can ask for more than that?

rally, children never seem to be interested in what their parents are interested in. For instance, I've tried to get them in to college basketball since they were old enough to pay attention but to no avail. They help me out on occasion putting in payments or typing something, they try when they feel like it. My husband is also not too interested in the biz but he does help me out when I ask.

People ask me ALL the time how I do The Journal by myself. I guess the only simple answer is because I love it, it is mine, and I am doing it the way I want it done. When something is yours, you seem to care about it more and it doesn't feel like work. Also, I've been doing this for such a long time so, as with most things you do year after year, it becomes second nature and no longer difficult.

I don't cover nearly everything I should because I don't have any employees, but most readers seem to understand that. I really, really have no desire to charge people to read The Journal so if I have to make sacrifices in other areas then I will. And, if there is a conflict and I have to choose between my boys or a meeting, well, my kids always win. I have my priorities in order now, after 13 years of having them all screwed up. Will I get rich with this attitude? No, but I don't care – that's not the point nor the goal. There are more important things in life than money. Besides, I've never had it and if I were rich I would want to give it all away anyway. Growing up with seven brothers and sisters can do that to you.

I want to thank those of you who have been so kind to me this last year. Some have not been so kind and continue not to be and it is a constant uphill battle. I have faced numerous obstacles but having the support of so many has pushed me to keep going. Without you I would have given up. I know there are things not covered in this paper that you may ask yourself why not. Trust me, it's not because of me or something I am not doing - there is a reason behind all of it - hence the uphill battles I was referring to before.

I'll get through it, I will continue to stand my ground, and I will continue to provide you with the best possible publication I can muster out week after week - and you will get it for free.With more than 3,000 subscribers and more than 1,800 facebook followers, you guys have really done all the

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## Loogootee businesswoman hopes to spread the message of empowerment for women

tional Women's Day (IWD), a celebration of the strides that women have made toward equality in their family, work and personal lives.

Lacy Jeffers, a lia sophia Advisor in Loogootee, says that IWD's goals of providing women with choices that empower them to lead full and productive professional and personal lives are a perfect fit with the opportunity that lia sophia presents for women to own their own businesses.

"As a lia sophia Advisor, I can set and reach my own goals," said Jeffers. "I control my own earning potential by deciding how many hours I want to work each week and how many shows I want to hold. And, I can balance my business commitment with what matters most to me - my family, friends and activities."

At a time when the threat of pink slips and downsizing has many families concerned about their financial futures, independent business people like lia sophia Advisors

March 8 marks the 100th annual Interna- know that they can retain, and influence, their earning power based on their own, individual efforts.

> Born out of the socialist movement, IWD is now a major day of global celebration for the economic, political, and social achievements of women past, present, and future in both developed and developing countries. In some places like China, Russia, Vietnam, and Bulgaria, IWD is a national holiday. Men honor their wives, mothers, sisters, girlfriends, etc. with small gifts and flowers and in some countries, the day takes on the feel of the American Mother's Day, with children presenting mothers and grandmothers with small presents.

> "I feel that I'm honoring all women with every milestone I reach in my lia sophia business. I'm grateful to have financial security without having to sacrifice the things that are most important to me," said Jeffers.

For more information about lia sophia, please contact Lacy Jeffers at www.liasophia.com/sites/lacyjeffers.

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## State GOVERNMENT

Wednesday, Weanesaay, January 26, 2011

## **Hume introduces his** 2011 legislative agenda

convened for the 2011 session. There were a total of 601 bills introduced in the Senate for consideration. State Senator Lindel Hume (D-Princeton) has authored several bills focusing on a variety of issues, in-

cluding two proposals to assist Indiana small businesses.

The first proposal would address Indiana's poor standing in helping small businesses access capital, a critical factor for the state's economic performance. First introduced in October 2010 by the Senate Democratic Caucus, Senate Bill (SB) 435 calls for a revision of the defunct Capital Access Fund to provide low-interest loans to Indiana businesses.

Funded through dollars

redirected from failing economic incentives, the program would operate as a revolving loan fund for start up and expansion costs. Management of the program would be moved from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), where it has languished, to the Indiana Finance Authority which manages other state revolving funds.

Under SB 435, the Legislative Evaluation and Oversight Policy Committee would evaluate state agencies and programs on a schedule beginning in 2011 and ending in 2025, beginning with the IEDC. Any savings resulting from a committee recommendation regarding IEDC would be directed for use by the Capital Access program.

According to testimony heard last year by the Interim Study Committee on Economic Development, recent reports on Indiana's ability to provide an attractive business environment indicate not only that the state ranks in the bottom half of states on access to capital, but that the state has lost ground over the past decade.

A related proposal would provide assistance to small businesses and entrepreneurs in Indiana by establishing the Small Business Assistance Team to provide onestop service for Indiana start-ups and businesses looking to expand.

Under SB 348, a team of specialists from various state agencies would be dedicated to assisting small businesses by fast-tracking applications for state licensing and regulatory approval, as well as helping to identify capital and other growth resources.

The Indiana General Assembly has re- ready" by connecting them with regional networks, universities, Certified Technology Parks and small business incubators that offer management training and lowcost facilities.

Sen. Hume will be joined by other mem-

bers of the Senate Democratic Caucus as co-authors on SB 435 and SB 348 this year.

Other legislation authored by Sen. Hume for the 2011 legislative session:

Retail handgun dealer's licenses

SB 434 provides that after June 30, 2011, a retail handgun dealer's license would be valid for six years from the date the license is issued instead of two years under current law.

LINDEL HUME

The legislation would also increase the current license fee of \$20 to \$60 accordingly.

Motor fuel theft

Hume has also co-authored SB 79, which would create a \$50 fee for leaving a gas station without making proper payment. Under the legislation the gas station could hold a customer liable for the total price of the gas stolen and the \$50 fee.

State contractor accountability

Hume is co-authoring SB 99, which would end "pay to play" in awarding state contracts. Part of the Senate Democrats' Open Government initiative, the legislation would ensure that state contracts are awarded based on qualifications, not political contributions. The bill would prohibit individuals or corporations with state contracts from making political contributions to state office holders or candidates.

Further, the bill would prohibit state employees who have purchasing or procurement authority from soliciting political contributions.

Open government initiatives in state contracting can save millions of taxpayer dollars through more efficient government operations, more competitive contracting bids and a lower risk of fraud.

For more information on Sen. Hume, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.IN.gov.



Hit the ground running

We hit the ground running and have already passed several bills through committees and onto second or third readings. One bill, concerning off-road vehicle registration money benefitting off-road parks and trails, has already been passed through the House and sent onto the Senate. We are moving at a quick pace and working to serve the people of Indiana.

Two bills that I authored were heard in committee last week. House Bill 1297 would change the requirements of financial institutions and how or if they are eligible to hold public deposits of the state. The Indiana Department of Financial Institutions and the Indiana Bankers Association both support this bill. HB 1297 was heard in the Financial Institutions Committee and passed 9-0. It will now go onto second reading on the House Floor.

A second bill I authored. House Bill 1007. falls directly into our legislative goals for 2011. The bill 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 also 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.

The governor gave his full support to this bill during his State of the State address and Speaker Bosma (R-Indianapolis) stated that, "Our job is to create the right atmosphere and environment for creation of private sector jobs."

A second bill that would help bring jobs to Indiana was passed unanimously out of committee last week. House Bill 1008 would increase the maximum amount of venture capital tax credits available to qualified Indiana businesses from \$500,000 to \$1 million, and would suspend the application fee from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013 for those businesses wishing to be eligible for the tax credits.

Also this week, a bill to ban K2 or spice, a synthetic drug that has similar effects as marijuana, was passed through committee this week. House Bill 1102 was amended to include salvia to the list of banned compounds. The bill will go to the House floor for second reading soon.

Speaker Bosma has said that we need to make the committees the work horse of the institution again, and we have taken that statement quite seriously. Committees last week have had full and fair discussions on many controversial issues and things are progressing quickly here at the Statehouse.

I will be sure to keep you updated on the many important discussions happening at the Statehouse and always welcome your input.





Critical to this service is that the state helps entrepreneurs become "capital-

### Reagan Centennial essays due in one week

Hoosier students have one week remaining to submit their essays in Indiana's Ronald Reagan Centennial Celebration essay contest. The contest deadline is January 31, 2011.

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced the contest three weeks ago as part of the 100th anniversary of President Reagan's birthday, which occurs on February 6, 2011.

Any student who is in fourth through twelfth grade may submit an essay that is no longer than 500 words answering the question "What is Ronald Reagan's most important contribution to American history?" The winner of the essay contest will be invited to read their essay at a ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse on Thursday, February 10th.

Essays can be submitted through email to communications@lg.in.gov or by completing the form on Indiana's Reagan Centennial website at www.lg.in.gov/RonaldReagan.



## "MARTIN CO "Do Not Call My Cell" bill would protect college students

Attorney General Greg Zoeller stopped by the Purdue University Memorial Union yesterday to talk with students about a proposed law that will allow Hoosiers to register cell phone numbers on the state's Do Not Call list.

Last week, the House Judiciary Committee voted unanimously 9-0 to approve House Bill 1273 and send it to the full Indiana House for second reading. Under the proposed law, the Attorney General's office would 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 legislation prohibits the practice of sending text- or picture-based solicitations to cell phones, which often are 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 today thanked local State Representative Randy Truitt, R-West Lafayette, and other legislators for their support of consumer-friendly legislation. He also thanked State Representative Eric Koch, R-Bedford, State Representative Ralph Foley, R-Martinsville, and State Representative Cherish Pryor, D-Indianapolis, for their sponsorship of House Bill 1273.

"With the evolving technological climate, we seek to progress policies accordingly and this bill is evidence of that," Representative Truitt said. "Our privacy should not be exploited if we use cellular phones, and this legislation ensures that unwanted text messages and phone calls from solicitors are banned."

Yesterday Zoeller encouraged students to become early adopters of the Do Not Call

List for cell phones should HB 1273 be passed into law. College students, most of who 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:

Register byTo telemarketers			Effective
	February 15	March 1	April 1
	May 17	June 1	July 1
	August 16	September 1	October 1
	November 1:	5December 1Jar	nuary 1, 2012
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Being placed on the Do Not Call list will eliminate most telemarketing calls, but not all. Under Indiana law, certain groups may still make calls to those on the list including insurance agents, realtors, newspapers and most charities. If a call which does not meet this criteria is received, consumers are encouraged to file a complaint online or by calling 1-888-834-9969.

# Rogers proposes bills to protect Indiana students

The Senate Education and Economic Development Committee will hear three bills authored by State Senator Earline S. Rogers (D-Gary) today. One bill was approved by the committee, and two remain open for amendments and a vote.

Sen. Rogers co-authored Senate Bill (SB) 85, which would create the High School Graduation Study Committee. This bill was amended and passed out of the Education and Career Development Committee unanimously. The High School Graduation Study Committee would study the causes of low graduation rates in certain Indiana schools to determine how those rates can be improved.

The other bills heard in committee received discussion, but were held for further consideration.

SB 406 would require the Indiana School Bus Committee to adopt and enforce rules requiring a school bus driver operating a school bus equipped with safety belts to instruct passengers at least once each semester on the proper use of the seat belts. Current law does not require school bus passengers to wear safety belts. However, Sen. Rogers says that this bill is intended to preserve a positive climate for local school boards and administrators to consider purchasing new school buses with safety belts when financially feasible.

Sen. Rogers has a reputation for highly regarding the safety of Indiana students. "The earlier we can get people into the

habit of safety belt use, the more likely they will be to carry that practice into their adult lives as drivers and passengers," she said.

SB 408 would require the Indiana Department of Education, in collaboration with organizations that have expertise in child sexual abuse, to develop and implement child sexual abuse education programs and response and reporting procedures for school employees who work with students in pre-kindergarten through grade 5. Education materials may include topics such as warning signs of sexual abuse, basic principles of sexual abuse prevention and a plan of action for educating students, staff and members of the community on the issue of child sexual abuse. Counseling options and educational support would also be made available to students who are victims of sexual abuse.

"These are things that are presently being done in many instances," Rogers said. "But there is some merit to adding it to state law, making it more permanent and establishing more uniform preparations and responses to suspected child abuse."

Both bills will be eligible for amendments and a vote during today's committee hearing.

For more information on Sen. Rogers, her legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.in.gov.

## Skinner introduces new legislation to General Assembly

State Senator Tim Skinner (D-Terre Haute) has introduced several important bills for consideration by the General Assembly during the 2011 legislative session, including a bill that would require a prescription for the purchase of medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.

Skinner has introduced Senate Bill (SB) 474, a measure that would make materials, compounds, mixtures, and preparations that contain ephedrine or pseudoephedrine available by prescription only. Ephedrine and pseudoephedrine are known as precursor drugs necessary to the production of methamphetamine. Between 2002 and 2009, the number of meth labs across Indi-

ana nearly doubled. Meth labs are considered a public safety menace; being explosive, toxic, and harmful to the environment. Oregon and Mississippi both experienced a significant decline in the number of meth labs statewide after enacting legislation requiring a prescription for products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine. SB 474 would allow Indiana to do the same.

Other legislation authored by Sen. Skinner for the 2011 legislative session:

Passenger restraint systems for children SB 424, as introduced by Skinner, would increase the penalties when accidents occur and children in the vehicle are not properly restrained. Nearly 5,000 people in Indiana are found guilty each year of child restraint violations. If a child is improperly restrained when an accident occurs and the child is injured, this legislation would increase the penalty to a Class D felony. In the event the accident results in the death of the child, the driver would face a Class C felony. Under current law, children under the age of eight are required to be protected by a child restraint system. Failure to do so is a Class D infraction.

Prohibiting alcohol on school property SB 425 would make it a Class B misdemeanor for a person to knowingly or intentionally possess alcohol on school property or on a school bus. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to 180 days in jail.

Collective bargaining for school employ-

SB 426 would protect the right of noncertified school employees to negotiate contract settlements and to bargain collectively. Under the legislation the employees may, but are not required to, bargain collectively, negotiate, be subject to or enter into impasse procedures, or enter into a written contract.

## AG: Six more states to join legal challenge to federal health care law

Last Tuesday six additional states sought to join the group of 20 plaintiff states - including Indiana - that have brought a legal challenge to the new federal health care law. Attorney General Greg Zoeller, who joined the lawsuit on behalf of Indiana in May, issued this statement: "Now that the number of plaintiff states has expanded from 20 to 26, it underscores that this lawsuit is widely understood to have merit. After the health care law was ruled unconstitutional in a separate lawsuit in Virginia that raised many of the same arguments, no one now can claim that this legal challenge is a frivolous lawsuit," Zoeller said. "Regardless of the eventual ruling by the federal court in our case, it is important that the states have an opportunity as sovereign entities to challenge the constitutionality of the federal government's claims of authority. Under our federalist system, this respectful legal challenge is a proper check on the role of the federal government," Zoeller added. "We and the other plaintiff states contend the federal mandate that individuals purchase a private health insurance product or face a penalty is unconstitutional, and that ultimately this question should be decided by the United States Supreme Court. Having met with Hoosiers across our state, I agree that some type of health insurance reform is needed in this country, but imple-

menting it ought to be done in a constitutional manner," Zoeller said.

In addition to Indiana, the group of 20 plaintiff states bringing the legal challenge

Zoeller has spent no additional tax dollars on the legal challenge beyond his office's regular budget that the Legislature previously approved in 2009. Indiana did not pay a legal fee to join the lawsuit. No outside legal counsel was used; Indiana's legal work has been performed by a salaried employee of the Attorney General's office who would have been paid the same regardless of whether Indiana participated. Before announcing in March that he would join the multistate legal challenge to the new federal law, Zoeller in February prepared a 55-page report on and analysis of the federal healthcare legislation at the request of U.S. Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana. The Attorney General's report to Lugar is found here: www.in.gov/portal/news events/files/ IN\_Atty\_Gen\_Impact\_Analysis\_of\_the\_Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. pdf

included Florida, South Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Louisiana, Alabama, Colorado, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Washington, Idaho, South Dakota, Mississippi, Nevada, Arizona, Georgia, Alaska and North Dakota. Also joining as plaintiffs were two private individuals and the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

Last Tuesday, the plaintiffs filed a motion with the court to amend the complaint so that six more states can join the case: Ohio, Kansas, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Maine and Iowa, bringing the total plaintiff states to 26. The U.S. Department of Justice represents the federal government defendants.

On December 16, the U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Florida heard arguments on the merits of the case, and Judge Roger Vinson is likely to rule sometime early in 2011. From there, the case is likely to be appealed to a federal circuit court of appeals, and from there potentially to the United States Supreme Court.

Virginia brought a separate challenge to the health care law citing similar grounds and a different federal district court last month ruled in that state's favor, finding portions of the law are unconstitutional. An appeal is expected. Taxation of civil service annuities

SB 427 would provide a 100 percent income tax deduction, beginning in 2016, for federal civil service annuity income that is received by an individual or the individual's spouse after subtracting Social Security and railroad retirement benefits. The bill would eliminate the current cap of \$2,000 held on civil service annuity income. It would also remove the requirement that an individual must be at least 62 years of age to be eligible for the federal civil service annuity income tax deduction.



## New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

## BY SHIRLEY CANELL *Pastor's wife*

Return to Me Joel 2:12-27 We will never achieve closeness to the Lord unless we invest time and effort in getting to know Him. If we are too busy to spend each day with Him, then the immediate demands of our schedules are robbing us of an awesome eternal treasure, deep satisfying communion with God. The blessing of God, the light that will illuminate our path and bring genuine joy and peace, is when we give ourselves completely to the Lord. As with any relationship it has to be worked on. You cannot have a relationship with someone and do whatever you want, whenever you want, wherever you want. That's what we have done with God. We need to return to the Lord with all our Hearts; make His desire our desires and live in the power of a holy and blessed life.

In a recent study using 4,000 senior citizens in the Durham, North Carolina area, researchers at Duke University found that those participants in the study who prayed or meditated lived longer than those who did not. Those people who pray, who are involved in their religious community and go to church, and have a strong religious faith have better mental health. They have better physical health and in general they tend to live longer.

Why should we return to God? God is gracious and merciful! If God wasn't full of grace, one sin against Him would be enough to send us directly to hell. If God wasn't merciful, He wouldn't have given us blessings at all. Instead he would send judgment whenever we rebelled against Him. How awful would it be if God was quick to get angry at us for the sins and failures we have. But instead, His love for us is abounding and steadfast.

We need to return to God because the world including Christians are getting further and further away from having a Godly mindset. Because He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love, we should praise Him with all our hearts.

What is returning to the Lord? It is a heart issue; where is your heart? The first step to returning to God is accepting personal responsibility for departing from Him. Usually when we have fallen, stumbled, been humiliated and unable to more or less do anything, it is not a natural for us to say, "It's my fault." It is our tendency to blame other people or circumstances for tripping us. We end up rationalizing what God calls iniquity. The word iniquity means habit patterns of sin that get ingrained into someone's life and that may go on for years and years. Prayer becomes strained, life becomes increasingly stressful and our hearts become restless. The danger is we will get comfortable with that stare. We will settle for a spiritual mediocrity. We will feel the emptiness but seek to forget it by filling our lives with distractions.

Then, finally, life crumbles or a crisis strikes, and we are brought face to face with the person we have become. At that point Hosea's words come home: We stumble and fall because we have wandered away from a trusting relationship with God. He never moved; we did.

How do we return to the Lord? Returning is obeying God in all His instructions. We do this by giving up our idols, anything that we put in place of God. 1 Samuel 7:3, "If you return to the Lord with all your heart remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your hearts to the lord and serve Him only." Jeremiah 4:1-2, "If you will return, O Israel, declares the Lord, Then you should return to Me. And if you will put away your detested things from My presence, and will not waver, and you will swear, As the Lord lives, In truth in justice and in righteousness, then the nations will bless them-

selves in Him and in Him they will glory."

We return to the Lord when we give up our hold on the things that come before our relationship with God and the things of God and trust and obey him.

Every time God wanted to do a great thing, He would tell the people to return to Him, consecrate themselves, to be ready and to make holy for a particular purpose. We need healing in our land, in our church, in our relationships, and in our own very soul. We need a physical and spiritual restoration back to God. We want to see God do great things with us for His glory. Listen to the word of God and do what it takes to return back to the wonderful savior who gave His life for us.

Sunday evening we had an awesome guest speaker, Bob Burton from Southern Baptist Mission Board speak at our Returning to God Solemn Assembly. Scripture was read, worship music played, and all was done for the glory of our wonderful King.

Our Sunday morning service begins at 10 a.m. This coming Sunday, January 30 we will be having our monthly Sunday Evening service at 6 p.m. Feel free to join us at any time. Call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258 if you have any questions about the church or your own personal walk with Christ.



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## Loogootee Jr./Sr. High 1st Semester Honor Roll

#### **Seventh Grade**

High Honors: Nicole Ader, Kendall Burch, Renee Burch, Grant Carrico, Taylor Hardwick, Ian Huelsman, Jonathan Krzesniak, Jordan Mann, Kendall Riley, Paige Walton, and Reed Ziegler.

Honor Roll: Emily Bateman, Macey Baxter, Jacob Blackwell, Trysten Booker, Logan Carrico, Carly Combs, Amber Daniels, Bailey Davis, Jurnee Davis, Jess Divine, Nate Duvall, Lauren Fuqua, Caitlin Holt, Justin Horney, Justin Kiser, Brandon Lindsey, Erin Nelson, Tara Pennington, Reuben Ritchey, Shayna Stuffle, Wyatt Wade, Cole Walker, Emma Walters, Renee Whitman, Robert Wilson, Gavin Wittmer, Landon Wittmer, and Brittany Woody **Eighth Grade** 

High Honors: Conner Bailey, Mitch Daniel, Kylie Leonhard, Gabe Nolley, Waylee Wagoner, Allie Walker, and Malorie Weisheit

Honor Roll: Addyson Aiman, Adalyn Arvin, Hayden Bell, Jordan Berry, Lauren Bowling, Frank Bratton, Kayetlyn Carter, Travis Craney, Aspen Crim, Tyler Divine, Jace Dorsett, Emily Gillick, Briana Greer, Cathy Hovis, Ryan Howell, Ashley Jones, Taylor Kaiser, Deidra Nolan, Ashleigh Powell, Darian Stewart, Dylan Street, and Chase Wilcoxen

#### Ninth Grade

High Honors: Michala Beasley, Emma Graber, Dalton Jenkins, Allison Lythgoe, Matt Mathies, Tayler Smith, Hannah Walters, and Matthew Weitkamp

Honor Roll: Webb Crane, David Donnersberger, Chelsi Faries, Taylor Hayes, Liam Hollihan, Adam Lark, Trevor Resler, Demi Richardson, Sabrina Stuffle, and Christina Ziegler

#### **Tenth Grade**

High Honors: Tyler Booker, Jesse Horney, Waylon Matthews, Gabrielle Ritchey, and Curtis Slaubaugh

Honor Roll: Megan Ader, Blake Anderson, Sarah Clifton, Kenny Crane, Brendan Davis, Elizabeth Eversole, Alyssa George, Mandy Koontz, Cody Neukam, Will Nonte, Paige Schaefer, Miranda Searl, Tyler Spears, Ryan Vaupel, Cameron Wagler, and Kassie Watkins

#### **Eleventh Grade**

High Honors: Addison Dant, Hannah LaMar, Christina Powell, Wynter Wagoner, Tayler Walker, Mariah Weisheit

Honor Roll: Devan Arvin, Aaron Bridgewater, Jennifer Clark, Luke Jones, Emilee Lannan, Danielle Love, Brooke Nonte, Sarah Richer, Emily Rogers, Conner Ryan, Lauren Walton, Becca Zins

#### Twelfth Grade

High Honors: Brittany Eckerle, Andy Fellers, Tyler Hardwick, Ben Hogan, Kirk Lengacher, Leah Lottes, Megan Lottes, Holly Stacy, Jill Taylor, and Erin Wittmer

Honor Roll: Amy Beasley, Stephen Bradley, Brittany Chrisman, Chelsea Clifton, Scott Duzan, Abby Hamilton, Jacob Huffman, Tyler Jacobs, Mara Koontz, Elizabeth Krzesniak, Travis Osborne, Tia Pennington, Danielle Sanders, and Mary Ann Wininger

### 7th, 8th Grade Lady Lions defeat Vikings, fall to Cardinals

On January 17th the seventh and eighth grade Lady Lions hosted the Barr Reeve Vikings at home at Jack Butcher Arena. The 7th grade ladies came away with a win for the evening with a score of 41-34.

Leading the team was Emily Bateman with 14 points. Macey Baxter added to the total, contributing 12 points.

Brittany Woody and Bailey Davis each added six points, Renee Whitman finished with two points, and Mariah Bridgewater added a point.

The 8th grade ladies also brought home a victory against the Vikings 32-25. Leading the 8th grade with points was Waylee Wagoner with 15 followed by Allie Walker with 13, and Malorie Weisheit with four.

On Tuesday, January 18th the teams traveled to Bloomfield where the 7th grade was defeated 41-14.

Emily Bateman led the team with eight points, followed by Macey Baxter with four points, and Bailey Davis with two points. This brings the seventh graders' season to 4 wins and 12 losses.

The 8th grade was also defeated by the Cardinals 14-26.

Leading the team with seven points was Allie Walker. Also contributing were Emily Bateman and Whitney Pendleton each with three points, and Waylee Wagoner with a point.

This brings the eighth graders' season to 6 wins and 10 losses.

This week the girls will meet up with WC and Wood Memorial followed by a tourney at Bedford on Saturday.



#### LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY WEST Breakfast

Thursday, January 27 Cereal, sausage, applesauce Friday, January 28 Sausage and egg biscuit, juice Monday, January 31 Cereal, sausage, fruit Tuesday, February 1

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Breakfast pizza, hash browns, juice Wednesday, February 2 Biscuits and gravy, sausage, juice

#### Lunch

Thursday, January 27 Chicken sandwich, French fries, mixed fruit, cake Friday, January 28 Sausage pizza, green beans, pineapple Monday, January 31 Hamburger, green beans, pears Tuesday, February 1

Spanish rice, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, chocolate cake

#### Wednesday, February 2

Chicken nuggets, corn, applesauce, bread

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

#### Thursday, January 27

Beef stew or pizza, peas, fruit, roll, salad plate, milk

#### Friday, January 28

Spicy chicken or pizza, French fries, carrots, fruit, salad plate, milk **Monday, January 31** 

## Loogootee fifth and sixth grade boys' and girls' basketball results

#### Sixth grade boys

The Loogootee Sixth Grade Boys' Basketball team defeated Vincennes Rivet Saturday, January 22 at home. The final score was Loogootee 25, Rivet 14.

Tye Collins and Blake Ziegler led in scoring with six each. Tokala Richardson and



Sloppy Joe or pizza, carrots, chips, fruit, salad plate, milk **Tuesday, February 1** Turkey and noodles or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk **Wednesday, February 2** Chicken strips, corn, rice, fruit, salad plate, milk

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#### SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

Thursday, January 27 Egg with cheese bread, juice, milk Friday, January 28 Cereal, muffins, cheese, milk Monday, January 31 Cereal, cinnamon biscuit, juice, milk Tuesday, February 1 French toast, sausage, juice, milk Wednesday, February 2 Colby cheese omelet, biscuit and jelly, juice, milk

#### Lunch

Thursday, January 27 Spaghetti with beef, corn, juice, garlic bread, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza Friday, January 28 Quesadilla, potato wedges, cobbler, milk Monday, January 31 Hamburger, fries, chilled fruit, cake, milk Tuesday, February 1 Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, yeast roll, milk Wednesday, February 2 Sousage pizza, corn, fruit, milk: choice 4

Sausage pizza, corn, fruit, milk; choice 4-12: corn dog



The first weigh-in was held yesterday, January 24. You must be a member of the gym to participate and receive prizes. There is no additional cost to be in the contest after you become a member. CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION! 202 NE 1ST STREET, LOOGOOTEE 295-4762 or 295-8379

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to noon After hours call one of the numbers above for an appointment. Cole Gillick each had four points and Landon Bell and Jake Simmons had two points apiece, and Jake Nonte contributed a point. Bell led in rebounds with five followed

by Richardson and Gillick with four each.

The boys' next game will be at home on February 3 against North Daviess. The game begins at 6 p.m.

#### Fifth grade girls

The Loogootee Fifth Grade Girls' Basketball team hosted Winslow Elementary Monday night, January 24. In game one Loogootee pulled off the win 18-10. Jody Seals lead in points with eight. Candice Clark finished with six points, Julianne Bell and Katie Sims both had a bucket each.

In game two Winslow took the win in overtime. The final score was Loogootee with 10 and Winslow with 12. Bell led in scoring in the second game also with four points.

Candice Clark, Alissa Whitehead, and Jody Seals each contributed two points each.

The fifth grade girls hosted Bloomfield Elementary last Tuesday winning 20-11. Leading in scoring was Jody Seals with 13, followed by Julianne Bell with four points, Megan Street with two points, and Alissa Whitehead with a point. -Photo by Gianna Armstrong The Loogootee Lion 5th Graders are shown above in their match against Rivet on January 22. Brandon Armstrong is shown keeping the ball away from the Rivet defenders. Armstrong finished with 12 points

The 5th grade Lady Lions have 8 wins and 5 losses on the season and play this Saturday, January 29 at Northeast Dubois.

#### Fifth grade boys

On Saturday, January 22 the 5th grade Loogootee Lions Boys' Basketball team overwhelmed the Vincennes Rivet Patriots with a 22-9 win.

Scoring for the Lions were Brandon Armstrong with 12 points, Luke Callison and Brandon Eckerle with four points each, and Leighton Seals with a bucket. Armstrong led assists with three and blocks with two. Luke Callison led rebounding with eight, and Brandon Eckerle led in steals with two.

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## **Lions defeat Jeeps, Cardinals**

The Loogootee Lions Boys' Varsity Basketball team traveled to Jeepland on Saturday, January 22. The Lions pulled off the win 51-47.

Lion Ben Hogan scored 10 of the team's first half points while Northeast Dubois split their scoring between six players. The score at halftime was 25 to 21 in favor of the Lions.

The teams evened out play in the second half with Hogan adding another six points to the board and Conner Wittmer contributing an additional 10.

The Jeeps could never quite close the gap however and with the loss they drop to 7-5 on the season. The Lions move to 9-3 winning the last five of their match-ups.

Conner Wittmer finished with a gamehigh 20 points followed by Ben Hogan with 16 for the Lions. John Bough contributed seven points, Kirk Lengacher landed one three-pointer for the game, and Bryant Ackerman finished with a bucket and a free throw on the night.

For Northeast Dubois, Blake Schulthies led in scoring with 14 followed by Bryce Heubner and Wes Knies with nine each, Cody Newland with six, Jeff Wehr with four, Jace Gordon with three, and Nathan Merkley with a bucket.

The Lions finished with a 60 percent freethrow percentage.

The Lady Lions dominated the first half

outscoring the Lady Miners 17-9 with Whit-

ney Wagoner leading the first half in scoring

with seven followed by Christina Ziegler

The Lady Lions had a tough time putting

points on the board in the third quarter only

landing two field goals but turned it around

35.

with six.

The Lions hosted Bloomfield (6-8) on Friday night, January 21 and pulled off an impressive win 68-51.

The Lions dominated the game from the first quarter outscoring Bloomfield 16-7 in the first quarter and 22-20 in the second quarter putting the halftime score at 38-27.

Ben Hogan led the first half in scoring with 12 points followed by John Baugh with eight.

Bloomfield attempted a comeback in the third quarter with the Lions not scoring a single field goal until around the twominute mark. The Lions quickly turned it around however dropping three 2-pointers and holding on to the lead. They clinched the game in the fourth smacking down eight field goals and outscoring the Cardinals 18-10.

John Baugh led in scoring with 19 with Ben Hogan following right behind with 18. Conner Wittmer contributed 14 for the Lions, Bryant Ackerman finished with nine, Kirk Lengacher with six, and Jon Sherfick with a bucket.

For Bloomfield, D. Vandeventer led in scoring with 11, C. Haslek and K. Doane finished with 10 points each followed by B. Lindsey and B. Hays with eight each, and R. O'Neill with four points.

The Lions shot 75 percent from the free throw line to Bloomfield's 48 percent.

## Lady Lions beat Linton Miners 40-35

in the fourth to solidify the win. Due to a Blue Chip Conference game in Jack Butcher Arena Saturday, January 22,

Whitney Wagoner finished with a gamehigh 14 points, Christina Ziegler ended with the Loogootee Varsity Girls' Basketball 12, Tia Pennington finished with eight, Tayteam hosted Linton in Elementary East lor Walker with four, and Hannah Lamar gym. The Lady Lions pulled off the win 40contributed a bucket.

Barnes led Linton in scoring with 11 followed by Mason with 10, Overton with seven, Robison with six, and Alsman with a point.

The Lady Lions finished with a 64 percent free throw percentage to Linton's 44 percent.

The girls moved to 8-7 on the season.

### **Loogootee Post Prom Committee meeting**

The next meeting for the Loogootee Post Prom Committee will be held at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant on Wednesday, February 2 at 6 p.m. If you would like to be on a committee to help out with this year's event please contact Beth Wittmer at 812-709-1392 or LeAnne Love at 812-295-3335.

The group is currently selling chances for pre-made baskets \$1.00 per chance or six for \$5.00 which will be on display in the LHS cafeteria during the remaining home basketball games. If you would like to purchase a chance to win one of these baskets please see Bobbi Sue Nonte or Sherri Wagoner to purchase tickets. Winners for the baskets will be drawn during half-time of the final LHS boys' home basketball game. Volunteers are needed to work at the road block that is scheduled for Saturday, February 5 from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Workers are being scheduled for one-hour shifts, if you can help with this event please contact George Nonte at 812-296-7510. The Loogootee Prom will be held on April 30, 2011. Post Prom is designed to give all Loogootee juniors and seniors and their dates a safe, drug-free, and fun environment to go to after the Prom. Those juniors and seniors who elect not to attend Prom are encouraged to attend the Post Prom activities as well.

If you are able to contribute your time or money to this worthwhile event please contact Beth or LeAnne, your support is needed and greatly appreciated.



-Photo by Christy Farhar

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Shoals sophomore Cole Kimmel drives around the Bloomfield defender during Homecoming last Saturday. The Rox were defeated 50-42.

### **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? "24/7Dads" 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 or email kkerr8@ivytech.edu

Crane. Contact Kathy at the learning center at 812-295-2674 to register.

Sign language class

An exciting, beautiful way to communicate, Intro to Sign Language by instructor Karen Mattingly will be offered at the center on Mondays, February 7 through February 28, 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

For GED-Adult Basic Education, call Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881 or 812-606-2056.

Contact

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COUTING MATTI ER. By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

I want to spend a little time this month discussing opportunities beyond scouting and specifically address young men ages 11 to 15 considering a college education. There is no time like the present to look to the future so, gather your son up, mom and dad, and spend a little time with this month's Scouting Matters column.

If you are a sixth grader, junior high student, or high school student in America, you have no doubt heard of the scouts. The BSA is a renowned institution with a 100-year record of excellence, and while its popularity has waxed and waned with the times, the scouting community is thriving.

As active adult leaders, our main emphasis is teaching the founding principles of building character, leadership, and responsible citizenship in a safe and fun-filled environment. Beyond that, there are those scouts who choose the challenge of walking the path called the Eagle Trail. Pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout is no small or easy task. There are years of hard work, growth, and study required and only a very small percentage of scouts actually achieve Eagle. If you know an Eagle Scout, odds are you know a fine young man, a future leader in the community, someone who excels at many different things and has a wellrounded life at an early age.

However, once you attain scouting's highest honor and turn 18, what is next? Eagle Scout is an honor that follows you all your life. It is an honor that makes a difference on job applications or when pursuing a military career. However, beyond that, an Eagle Scout recipient can have an affordable college education and who wouldn't like a little assistance when it comes to planning for college?

Through the wonders of the internet, I did a little research and discovered dozens of universities all over the country that offer college scholarships to Eagle Scouts. Some of the most prestigious universities like Stanford, Texas A&M, Mississippi State, and Columbia. However, even more importantly, some fine universities right in our own backyard such as VU, Louisville, and Evansville University. In fact, Evansville

offers the best in the nation with an Eagle Scout Scholarship Program totaling \$55,000 over four years.

Now that I have your attention mom and dad, you may be wondering why. It is simple and foundational to the BSA. Universities all over the country have discovered young men who earn the BSA's highest honor become the type of college students who succeed - they already have demonstrated the values, the work ethic, and the commitment to learning that embody any university mission. These young men, who already have distinguished themselves through service to their communities, will have the opportunity in college to continue the service they began as scouts and be rewarded for it. The opportunities do not stop there. Organizations that are not officially associated with scouting also offer scholarships to outstanding scouts. The American Legion, VFW, and other private and nonprofit entities reward Eagle Scouts with scholarships. Some are needs based; others are merit based. Some go to every Eagle Scout applicant; others are highly competitive

In tough economic times, the cost of everything is on the rise and college tuition is no different, but rarely will you see it decline. Long-range planning is a proper solution to BE PREPARED... for college.

Nonetheless, is the possibility of a college scholarship the reason your son should join scouts? NO, it is not, however it is an added benefit to all the fun-filled educational and life experiences a growing boy can have as an active member of a scout unit. Speaking on behalf of scouting's adult volunteers everywhere, we will continue to focus on the founding principles of building character, leadership, and responsible citizenship. It will be up to your son to walk the Eagle Trail.

If you would like to learn more about the Scouting program in your local community drop me an email at mike.leighty@centurytel.net or call (812) 295-8417 and I will help you make contact with a local unit.

Yours in Scouting, Scoutmaster Mike

## Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK

The Martin County Humane Society has this very nice two-year-old dog available for adoption. She is looking for a good loving home in the country.

This dog would make a good family pet. Call Don at 812-296-0952.

The Humane Society will be delivering pizzas on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6, for Pizza & More.

If you are having a Super Bowl party and plan to order pizzas let the humane society deliver your pizzas from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

If you would like to see an animal shelter built in Martin County, you can make a tax deductible donation to the Martin County Humane Society.

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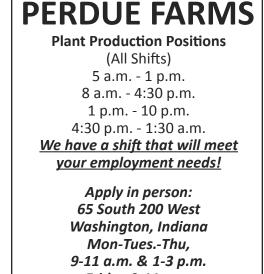
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## **Contest for projects aiding disabled open to all service groups**

**BY KEITH ROBINSON** Purdue University News Service dependence of people with disabilities and clicking on "Bridging Horizons."

ments their community needs to promote in- going to www.breakingnewground.info and

Any youth or adult service organization in Indiana now can enter an annual statewide Purdue University competition that helps people with disabilities overcome physical barriers in their lives and communities.

The Bridging Horizons Community Service Contest, sponsored by Purdue's Breaking New Ground and AgVenture Adler Seeds, for the past 10 years had been open only to Indiana FFA chapters. To broaden the array of entries and projects, the competition this year is open to any group that serves its community, such as volunteer fire departments, churches, 4-H chapters, Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary.

"I'm excited to see the Bridging Horizons contest branch out into other service organizations," said Kylie Hendress, engagement coordinator for Breaking New Ground. "I'm looking forward to being able to help more people through these additional groups."

Last year's winner, the Jay County FFA, built a wheelchair-accessible ramp and handrail for a voting site. Other possible projects could include modifying a piece of farm equipment to accommodate a disability or improving the accessibility of county fairgrounds.

Hendress said groups deciding on an entry should consider the diverse range of improveother limitations.

"Disability encompasses more than just wheelchair users," Hendress said. "We assist many farmers with arthritis, back pain, vision impairments, as well as those suffering from spinal cord injuries and other severe disabilities."

Breaking New Ground, an outreach program of Purdue's Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, is internationally recognized as the primary source for information and resources on rehabilitation technology for people working in agriculture.

The competition has realized a dual benefit of not only helping people with disabilities but also of providing a way for groups to perform a valuable service to their community, said Steve Swain, rural rehabilitation specialist for Breaking New Ground.

"Bridging Horizons has given many individuals with disabilities greater independence and accessibility," Swain said. "Also, the students involved in the projects have been able to apply what they've learned in class and see the results of their work."

Cash prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$100 will be awarded for first-, second- and third- place projects, respectively.

Contest applications should be submitted by June 1. A contest brochure is available by

Interested organizations also can e-mail Breaking New Ground at bng@ ecn.purdue.edu or call 1-800-825-4264 with questions or to request information.

#### Volunteers needed to help monitor frog, toad populations

Indiana DNR is offering two workshops on Indiana's 17 frog and toad species. Attendees will learn how to identify Indiana toads and frogs by their calls and may volunteer to assist the DNR with the Indiana Amphibian Monitoring Program (INAMP), part of a national roadside driving survey.

Participants need not volunteer for the program to attend the workshop, and participants don't have to attend the workshop to volunteer.

Workshop attendees should tell the gate or building staff member at the workshop location that they are attending the Amphibian Monitoring Workshop so they aren't charged gate entrance fees. The workshops are held:

February 16 (6 p.m. EST) Versailles State Park PO Box 205, 1387 E US 50 Versailles, IN 47042 (812) 689-6424

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