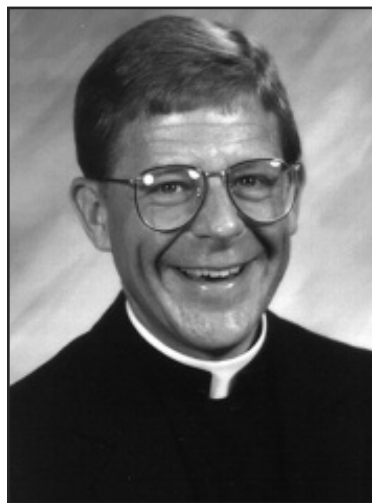


## Catholic churches welcome Fr. Walker

Fr. J. Kenneth Walker has been appointed as pastor of the Martin County Catholic Churches effective January 22, 2014. He is the son of the late John E. (Jack) and Dolores (Dages) Walker, formerly of Montgomery. Fr. Walker graduated magna cum laude from St. Meinrad College and received his Master's degree in Divinity from St. Meinrad School of Theology in the spring of 1981. Father was ordained a Priest on May 29, 1981 by the Most Reverend Francis R. Shea, at St. John Catholic Church, in Loogootee, and said his first Mass there on May 31, 1981.



FR. KENNETH WALKER

He was assigned as Associate Pastor to St. John the Baptist Church on June 16, 1981, in Vincennes, with teaching duties in the Vincennes Catholic Schools at Rivet and Flaget.

In the fall of 1986, The Most Reverend Francis R. Shea appointed Father Walker to study Canon Law at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. In the spring of 1988, he received a Master's degree in Canon Law from the University of Ottawa and his Licentiate (Pontifical degree and license) in Canon Law from St. Paul University, Ottawa.

On May 24, 1988, he was appointed Adjutant Judicial Vicar by Bishop Shea with full-time duties in the Diocesan Tribunal. Fr. Walker was reappointed to this position by the Most Reverend Gerald A. Gettlefinger in April of 1989. On September 1, 2002, he was appointed Judicial Vicar by Bishop Gettlefinger and reappointed to that position by Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson in June,

2011.

Father Walker's position of Judicial Vicar for the Diocese entails overseeing the operation of the Tribunal regarding the granting of dissolutions and annulments as well as assisting the bishop on canonical matters. Canon Law governs not only marriage, but every aspect of the life of the church.

While working in the Tribunal, Father Walker provided weekend assistance at Holy Rosary Church in Evansville, served as Administrator of All Saints Church, Cannelburg and St. Mary, Barr Twp., and was later appointed to St. John Newburgh in November, 1993 for 8 years, then St. Benedict Cathedral, and Sacred Heart in Evansville. He has provided weekend assistance to the Martin County Catholic Churches since 2003.

Father Walker will continue as Judicial Vicar for the Diocese, being in the Tribunal two days a week with the help of Mary Gen Blittshau, who is also a Canon Lawyer, and has worked with Father Walker for 25 years. Mary Gen will handle the day to day operations of the office and continue her regular work for the Diocese. Father Walker will spend the rest of his time with the parishes of Martin County.

Father Walker looks forward to and is very excited about being the Pastor of the Martin County Parishes, as he has deep roots in this area and a great desire to serve the people. His first challenge is to bring the parishes together into the new St. John the Evangelist Parish effective July 1, 2014.

## Commissioners discuss insurance, road issues

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 21.

Dave Bixler, CEO, Daviess Community Hospital, introduced himself and offered the hospital's assistance in reducing the county's health insurance costs through various wellness programs. Angie Steiner, Director of Business and former Director of Wellness Works, summarized the county's 2013 Health Fair and participation.

Auditor Roush discussed a probation period change for employees from 90 days to 60 days to be in compliance with the Affordable Care Act. Attorney Lett will draft a resolution for approval at the next commissioners' meeting. The employees' voluntary deductions into their health savings accounts were also discussed.

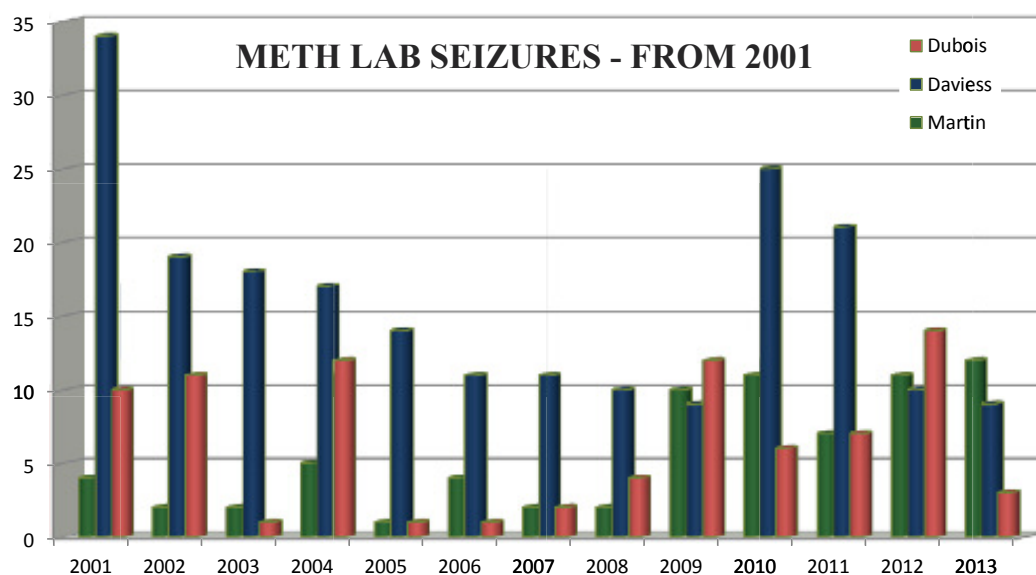
Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. A driveway without a culvert is causing water to back up. According to resolution 2008-03, the highway department can install a culvert at the property owner's expense.

Several different road issues were discussed. Superintendent Padgett advised the public that the barricades placed on the roads by the highway department are there for safety purposes and please do not remove. The rock building was recently damaged by a truck. Commissioner Dan Gregory made a motion to have DC Metal repair the rock building since they were the original builders. President George made the second. Commissioner Kevin Boyd abstained due to conflict of interest. Commissioner Paul George commended the department on a job well done during all the winter weather.

President George on behalf of the commissioners extended his condolences to Kathy Collins and the family of Jack Collins.

Andy Ringwald, civil defense/EMA, updated the commissioners on a radio grant and recent activities.

Attorney Lett submitted a three-year contract renewal for 39 Degrees North, the county's egis service provider. This renewal guarantees the fixed price of the contract. (See 'COMMISSIONERS' cont. on page 2)



-Graph by Courtney Hughett

## State police seize 12 meth labs in Martin County for 2013

The Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Section has released the statewide law enforcement clandestine lab seizure incidents reported for 2013.

In district 34, Spencer County had the highest number of seizures at 15 followed by Perry and Orange counties at 13, Martin County at 12, Daviess County at 9, and Crawford and Dubois counties at 3. In all counties in the state, Vanderburgh had the highest number of labs seized at 115. In second place was Delaware County with 109 and in third was Noble County with 66.

To view the complete statistics for lab seizures, children affected, arrests, injuries, and lab types, go to the Indiana State Police

meth website at [www.meth.in.gov](http://www.meth.in.gov) and click on the "statistics" link on the left. The website provides information from 2000 through 2013, so a historical perspective is provided. Additionally, a map has been added to illustrate the total number of meth labs reported by law enforcement in each county from 2001 through 2013. The information includes ISP lab seizures as well as lab seizure incidents from other police agencies reported to ISP.

Eight Indiana State Police personnel were initially certified to begin processing meth lab crime scenes in 1991. The Indiana State Police began organizing and planning the (See 'LABS' continued on page 2)

## Martin County had fifth lowest jobless rate in the state for December

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's jobless rate almost a full point from November to December, from 5.9 percent to 5 percent. The county had the fifth lowest unemployment rate in the state for December.

In December, Martin County had 5,278 residents in the workforce with 264 of them without jobs. In November, there were 5,328 citizens able to work and 315 of them were unemployed. In December of 2012, the county's jobless rate stood at 6.6 percent with 5,299 residents in the workforce and 349 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's jobless rate also dropped from 5.5 percent in November to 4.5 percent in December. The county held the second spot in the state for December for the lowest jobless rate, tied with Hamilton and Bartholomew counties.

In December, Daviess County had 14,987 residents in the workforce with 676 of them unemployed. In November, there were 15,109 residents able to work and 829 were without jobs. In December of

2012, the county's unemployment rate was 6.6 percent with 14,573 residents in the workforce and 956 of them without jobs.

Dubois took over the top spot in the state for the lowest jobless rate for December to 4.2 percent, down from 5.2 percent the month before. In December, the county had 21,564 residents in the workforce with 912 of them without jobs. In November, there were 21,578 citizens able to work with 1,130 unemployed. In December of 2012, Dubois County had a jobless rate of 6 percent with 21,017 residents in the workforce and 1,264 of them without jobs.

Orange County's unemployment rate for December also dropped, to 7.1 percent, down from 7.9 percent in November. The county had the 21st highest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with Clay, Henry and Parke.

In December, the county had 9,938 residents in the workforce with 704 of them without jobs. In November, there were 9,973 residents in the job market with 790 of them unemployed. In December of 2012, Orange County's jobless rate was (See 'UNEMPLOYMENT' cont. on page 2)

	Dec. 2012	Nov. 2013	Dec. 2013	Monthly Change
Indiana	8.3%	7.3%	6.9%	-0.4%
U.S.	7.9%	7.0%	6.7%	-0.3%
Illinois	8.6%	8.7%	8.6%	-0.1%
Kentucky	8.0%	8.2%	8.0%	-0.2%
Michigan	8.9%	8.8%	8.4%	-0.4%
Ohio	6.7%	7.4%	7.2%	-0.2%

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# UNEMPLOYMENT

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9.7 percent with 9,759 residents in the workforce and 951 of them unemployed.

Lawrence County also saw a decline in their jobless rate from November to December, from 9 percent to 8.1 percent. The county had the fifth highest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with Vigo County. In December, the county had 21,177 residents in the workforce with 1,724 of them without jobs. In November, there were 21,552 residents able to work and 1,946 of them were unemployed. In December of 2012, Lawrence County had a jobless rate of 11 percent with 20,739 residents in the workforce and 2,274 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state rankings for lowest jobless rate for December were Dubois County at 4.2 percent, Hamilton, Daviess, and Bartholomew counties at 4.5 percent; Knox County at 4.8 percent, Jackson and Hendricks counties at 4.9 percent, Martin County at 5 percent, Boone County at 5.1 percent, and Warrick and Kosciusko counties at 5.2 percent.

The top ten sports in the state rankings for the highest unemployment rate for December were Vermillion County at 9.1 percent, Fayette County at 8.7 percent, Lake County at 8.4 percent, LaPorte County at 8.3 percent, Lawrence and Vigo counties at 8.1 percent, Crawford County at 7.9 percent, Jasper and Miami counties at 7.8 percent, and Starke County at 7.7 percent.

Indiana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped 0.4 percent to 6.9 percent in December and is now at the lowest point since October 2008 (6.8 percent). The rate of unemployment in Indiana remains below all neighboring states. One of the major factors in Indiana's unemployment rate decline is the number of individuals returning to the labor force. The Hoosier labor force increased by nearly 6,000 in December and has grown by more than 21,000 over the past three months.

Following a historic month of job growth in November (+25,100), Indiana's private sector contracted, as expected, by

4,800 jobs. The Hoosier State ended 2013 showing a total increase of 42,600 jobs over the year. Indiana has now added over 217,000 private sector jobs and continues to outpace the national average for job growth (9.3 percent versus 6.8 percent) since July 2009, the low point of employment.

"There are fewer Hoosiers unemployed (218,100) now than in the past five years," said Scott B. Sanders, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Just as important is the fact more than 21,000 folks have returned to the labor force over the past three months, which is unique in the Midwest. Although Hoosiers are encouraged the economy is improving and there are jobs available, there still is more work to be done."

Sanders also noted claims for unemployment insurance continue to be at their lowest levels since 2000.

### Employment by Sector

Sectors showing gains in December include: Professional and Business Services (200). Sectors showing decline in December include: Financial Activities (-400), Private Educational & Health Services (-100), Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-1,300), Construction (-1,300), Manufacturing (-1,700) and Leisure and Hospitality (-900). Total non-farm employment decreased in December (-6,800).

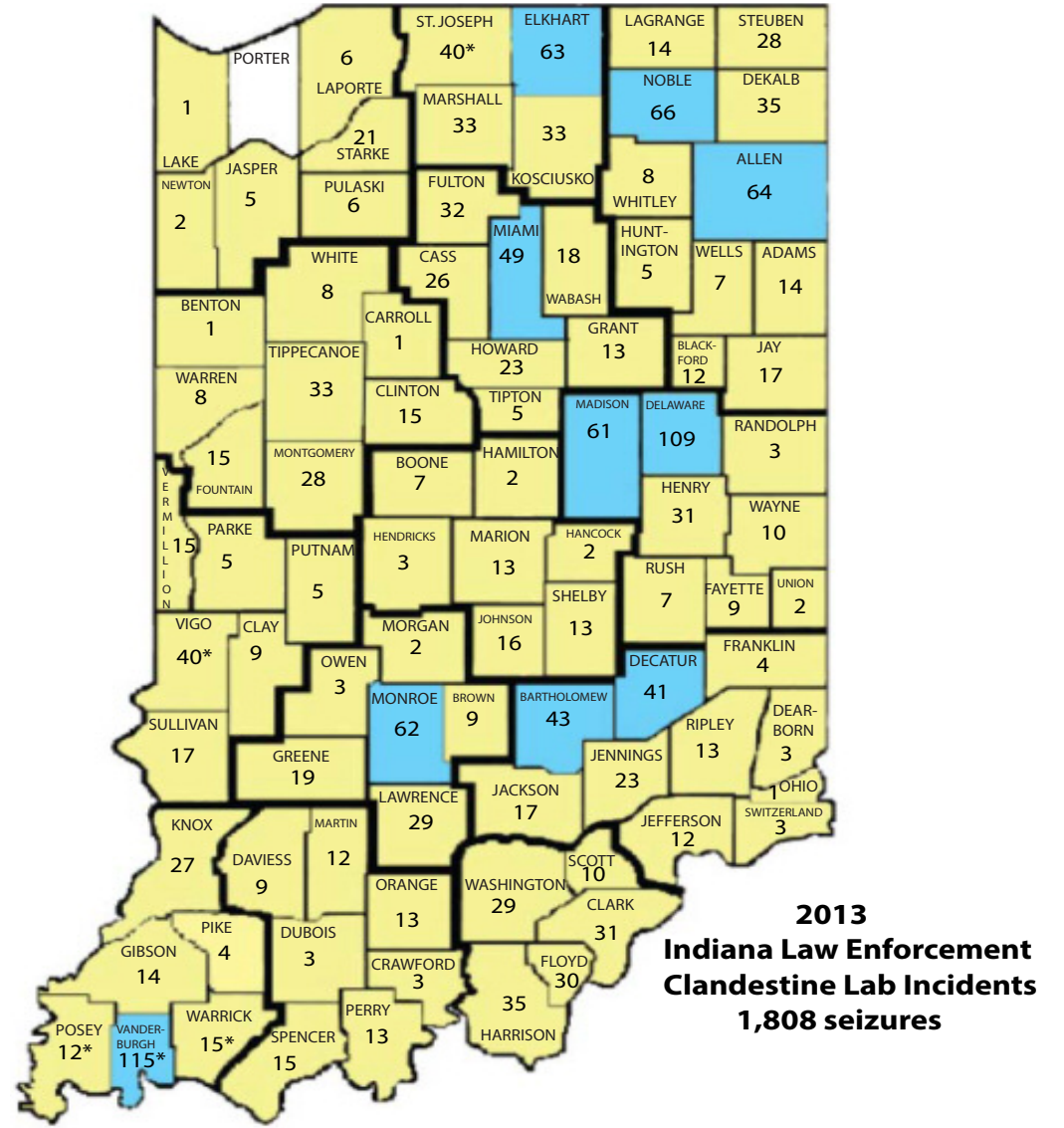
*This article was written in part with a press release from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.*

## COMMISSIONERS

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tract for the next three years. Before the commissioners approve, Lett suggested that Assessor Carolyn McGuire review the contract. The commissioners will need to approve the new county code ordinance at their next meeting.

Auditor Roush submitted the 2013 health department annual report and reported on the 2013 compensation hours.



\* includes local agency labs reported to ISP via EPIC submission  
Top 10 counties in blue

## LABS

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Methamphetamine Suppression Section (MSS) in 2005 when the first restrictions were placed on the purchase of products containing pseudoephedrine (PSE) and ephedrine, which are precursor drugs used in the manufacture of methamphetamine found in over the counter cold remedies. Since that time, additional restrictions have been placed on the sale and purchase of PSE products. However, lab seizures have continued to rise to the point that based on information received from other states Indiana

will be first in the country in clandestine lab incidents for 2013. Currently, MSS consists of nineteen sworn personnel who are tasked with the full-time responsibility to investigate, educate, and partner with other law enforcement agencies and stakeholders to assist all communities in Indiana with combating the growing epidemic of the local manufacture of methamphetamine.

Report suspected meth activity anonymously online at [www.meth.in.gov](http://www.meth.in.gov) or by calling the Meth Tip Line at 1-800-453-4756.

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# OBITUARY

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## HELEN STRAHLEY

Helen Martha Strahley died Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Johnson Christian Center in Bedford. A resident of Shoals, she was 94.

She was born July 6, 1919, near Bicknell; the daughter of Leo and Margaret (Phillippe) Hamke. On July 6, 1939, she married Oscar K. Strahley and he died September 1, 2006.

She was a member of the Shoals United

Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one son, Bud (Linda) Strahley of Shoals; one daughter, Doris (Ronald) Burcham of Mitchell; five grandchildren, Tim (Barbara) Strahley of Montgomery, Carole (Gary) Bruner of Decatur, Cheryl Burcham of Mitchell, Pamela Burcham of Columbus, Ohio, and Wesley Burcham of Mitchell; three great-granddaughters; and two great-great-

grandsons.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three sisters; and two brothers.

The funeral will be held Friday, January 31 at noon at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Visitation is after 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## JACK COLLINS

Homer "Jack" Collins died at 8:02 p.m. Monday, January 20, 2014, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes. A resident of Shoals, he was 88.

He was cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The Queen-Lee Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Martin County Humane Society, 507 N. Oak Street, Loogootee IN 47553.

## New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY ERNIE CANELL  
Pastor, New Beginnings Church

Oftentimes people begin the New Year with the thought of doing something better this year than they have done in the past year. Oftentimes it is short lived and they fall back into the same old habits and maybe feel a little defeated.

As a Follower of Christ we often do the same thing. We keep trying to do something better with our lives and try to do more things for Jesus Christ. We believe that our salvation is not based on doing good works but because of our love for God we try to do things a little bit better. The secret weapon to being able to do what God calls

us to do is the anointing. If you think that is just a big church word let me explain. When someone is anointed they are singled out by God for special favor or responsibility. It is the power presences of God to equip you, enables, empowers you. If Christ is in you (the anointed one and His anointing) and if Christ is in me then we have the anointing to do and function in what God calls us to do. Like: go make disciples, love the Lord, take up your cross, die to self, and be a witness.

Several verses from the Bible tell us that when we give our lives to Jesus Christ and follow Him we have the anointing of the Holy Spirit to empower us to live a life for Him. 1 John 2:20, "But you have an anoint-

ing from the Holy One and you all know." And in verse 26, "These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. As for you the anointing which you received from Him abides in you. So we can say, "I am anointed to accomplish my assignment." The obedience to God comes when we are anointed and filled the Holy Spirit.

On Wednesday nights we have been studying about the radical call of Jesus on people's lives. Jesus didn't call us just to say some prayer ask for forgiveness and get some hell insurance. No, He has called us to complete obedience. Complete love for Him because He loved us first. He took the initiative to come and die on the cross to

Have you seen the Dr. Pepper commercial? "I am one of One" Otherwise, unique one of a kind... limited edition. We you are anointed and realize that in Christ you are one of a kind it sets you free to realize you have nothing to prove and only one to please. Life gets hard when we try to please everyone. It can crush you. I love the anointing because it indicates a pre-approval. Nothing to prove... God chose me for this...only one person to please and it's not you.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

9:28 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

12:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 150.

6:51 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

7:28 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals.

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

10:55 a.m. - Caller reported a possible counterfeit bill.

10:40 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Shaded Estates.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

5:56 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm on Main Street.

3:45 p.m. - First responders were requested on Love Cemetery Road for a medical problem.

5:36 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint in Shaded Estates.

8:02 p.m. - Caller reported a stolen vehicle.

8:33 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted Trooper Sexton with a criminal arrest.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

12:08 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

6:48 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

8:05 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

4:17 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm on Broadway Street.

9:15 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm on Church Street.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

4:20 p.m. - Female caller arrived home and stated someone had been in her home on Walker Street.

7:45 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted Deputy Baker with a residential alarm.

9:57 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from her vehicle while parked at the Eldorado Motel.

10:33 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 50.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

4:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee.

9:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

5:33 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231.

8:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane.

2:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

8:47 a.m. - First responders were requested for a female on NW 1st Street.

2:25 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in Country Court. Persons checked out okay.

4:10 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

8:39 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to 200 South for a chimney fire.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

2:15 a.m. - Caller reported being harassed.

9:11 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Shaded Estates.

4:57 p.m. - Caller reported an illegal burn on Cedar Street.

7:25 p.m. - Caller reported having problems with her child.

7:29 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

## Court News

### CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed January 15

Branch Banking & Trust Company vs. Tony L. Roberts and Beverly A. Roberts, mortgage foreclosure.

### January 16

Tiffany Swartzentruber vs. Ryan Swartzentruber, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### January 21

Beneficial Financial, Inc. vs. Leslie Doyle and Indiana State Department of Revenue, mortgage foreclosure.

### SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed January 16

Priscilla A. McCauley vs. Mindy Holt, complaint.

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

12:44 p.m. - Subject requested an ambulance to Cedar Street in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:03 p.m. - Report of an accident on US Highway 50 in Shoals. Deputy Keller responded.

2:30 p.m. - Report of an accident at RJ's in Shoals. Deputy Burkhardt responded.

4:53 p.m. - Received a call of a slide-off accident on Hwy 50, east of the state forest. Deputy Burkhardt was dispatched.

11:33 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Highway 50 near the state highway garage. Deputy Greene was notified.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

1:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Doyle Avenue. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in in progress on Walker Street in Loogootee. Dispatched Loogootee Officer Henette.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm on Tripp Road. Deputy Baker responded.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

8:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on NW 1st Street. Subject refused transport.

5:56 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm on Rutherford Road. Deputy Harmon checked the alarm.

10:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:37 p.m. - Received a report of a possible chimney fire on 200S. Loogootee Fire was advised.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

12:33 p.m. - Received a report of mailboxes torn down on Windom Road. Deputy Keller responded.

7:41 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on East River Road. Deputy Baker and Marshal Eckert responded.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

12:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Broadway Street in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## Martin County jail bookings

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

11:10 p.m. - Landon Shaw, of Bloomington, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charge of invasion of privacy.

3:30 p.m. - Terry L. Jones, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police after a pursuit. He was charged with resisting law enforcement in a motor vehicle, criminal recklessness, aggressive driving and reckless driving. Jones was transported to the Martin County Security Center. Officer Nolan was assisted by the Martin County Sheriff's Department and the Indiana Conservation Department.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

9:06 p.m. - Bobby Pilkerton, of French

Lick, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

9:06 p.m. - William Pilkerton, of French Lick, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

2:10 p.m. - Mark A. Payne, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with burglary and residential entry. Captain Hennette was assisted by the Indiana State Police and the Martin County Sheriff's Department. Payne was transported to the Martin County Security Center.

## Martin County real estate transfers

Danny J. Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua L. Ausbrooks and Kristi K. Ausbrooks**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less except a portion in the same section containing 0.87 acres. Tract II: A portion of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.87 acre.

**Tamra R. Woodrome and Andrew R. Woodrome, III to Edward G. Bartley and Dawn M. Bartley**, the north half of the

northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 80.41 acres, more or less.

**Billy L. Terry and Donna M. Terry**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mona M. Fischer**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 3 West containing .44 acre, more or less.

**Larry J. and Valerie L. Stice**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Evan C. and Anna Marie Hand**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.378 acre, more or less.

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## Spelling champ!

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Karoline Tedrow, a 5th grader in Mrs. Allen's class, won the Loogootee Intermediate Spelling Bee. Hannah Bailey was the runner-up. Karoline will compete in the Tri-State Spelling Bee, at Evansville, on February 15. Karoline is the daughter of Charlie and Jennifer Tedrow.

## First Lady partners with Indiana's female statewide office holders for Hoosier Heroines essay contest

First Lady Karen Pence announced that the state is now accepting entries for the Hoosier Heroines essay contest. She is joined by Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, Secretary of State Connie Lawson, Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz and Auditor Suzanne Crouch, in inviting students grades 6-9 to participate in an essay contest telling who their Hoosier Heroine is and why. The deadline to submit an essay is February 21, 2014.

"Throughout the years, Indiana has had such a broad range of Hoosier Heroines from all walks of life," said First Lady Karen Pence. "As we celebrate Women's History Month, it is important to take the opportunity to reflect on the incredible work of these women and the impact each of them made on our state."

Details on how to enter the Hoosier Heroines essay contest can be found by visiting <http://www.in.gov/idoa/2920.htm>.

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Honor roll: Ayden Aiman, Kendall Berry, Mallory Berry, Nick Bowman, Courtney Burch, Chloe Carrico, Richelle Cox, Madeline Cropp, Sydney Davis, Bailey Dearwester, Ethan Farmer, Daniel Gingerich, Charles Graber, Maelee Hawkins, Leonna Hedrick, Chase Hembree, Becca Hollaway, Katelyn Hupp, Conner Lyon, Amber Page, Austin Taylor, Crystal Tolbert, Madisyn Wade, Roseann Wagler, Jaycobson Wagoner, Jayleigh Wagoner, Calli Wininger, and Olivia Wininger

### Eighth grade

High honors: Ross Adams, Dylan Arthur, Monica Cowin, Lane Keller, Marina Lents, Zach Lythgoe, Kristin Norris, Kenadi Rumble, Jody Seals, Elizabeth Stoll, Jayden Wagoner, and Emily Whitworth

Honor roll: Julianne Bell, Shalyn Bruner, Haley Burch, Luke Callison, Anaya Carrico, Keyosha Cathy, Josh Cook, Josh Daniels, Brandon Eckerle, Dakota Elliott, Cora Hedrick, Logan Randolph, Carson Rayhill, Kayla Taylor, Taylin Trambaugh, Cade Wilcoxon, and Karika Young

### SEMESTER FINAL

### Seventh grade

High honors: Nicole Arvin, Kirk Bratton, Kashten Burch, Jacob Carrico, Max Christmas, Hope Fischer, Jacob Hollihan, Madeline Strange, Alex Wagler, and John Wagoner

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### LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY

#### Breakfast

Thursday, January 30

Omelet, toast, fruit

Friday, January 31

Donut, sausage, fruit

Monday, February 3

Mini pancakes, sausage links, fruit

Tuesday, February 4

Biscuit and gravy, mini hash rounds, fruit

Wednesday, February 5

Cereal bar, string cheese, fruit

#### Lunch

Thursday, January 30

Chili, sweet roll, cheese and crackers, applesauce, milk

Friday, January 31

Country fried chicken, mashed potatoes, bread and butter, corn, fruit, milk

Monday, February 3

Sub, SunChips, peas, mixed fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 4

Chicken fajita, rice, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, applesauce, milk

Wednesday, February 5

Potato soup, grilled cheese, cheese and crackers, pineapple, milk

cheese and crackers, pineapple, salad plate, milk

### SHOALS SCHOOLS

#### Breakfast

Thursday, January 30

Cereal, graham cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, January 31

Biscuits with jelly, yogurt cup, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, February 3

Banana muffin, orange slice, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 4

Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 5

Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk

#### Lunch

Thursday, January 30

Beef and cheese nachos, refried beans, lettuce and cheese boat, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: nachos or chef salad

Friday, January 31

Whole grain Bosco sticks with marinara, salad boat, peaches, juice cup, brownie bar, milk

Monday, February 3

Breaded chicken sandwich with whole grain bun, salad boat, broccoli and cheese, peaches, milk

Tuesday, February 4

Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit cocktail, corn bread muffin, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: ham and cheese or chef salad

Wednesday, February 5

Chef salad with diced ham, shredded cheese, carrot sticks and cucumber slices, whole grain crackers, pears, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: pepperoni pizza

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

#### Lunch

Thursday, January 30

Chili or pizza, sweet roll, cheese and crackers, applesauce, salad plate, milk

Friday, January 31

Country fried chicken or pizza, mashed potatoes, bread and butter, corn, mixed fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, February 3

Sub or pizza, SunChips, peas, mixed fruit, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

Potato soup or pizza, grilled cheese,

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# Dr. Richard Moss to run for state rep for district 63

Dr. Richard Moss has officially filed for the office of House Representative in District 63. Dr. Moss is a board certified specialist in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery (ear, nose and throat). He earned his undergraduate degree in biology at Indiana University, and completed his Doctor of Medicine degree at the I.U. School of Medicine in Indianapolis. Moss has been in private practice since 1991 with offices in Jasper, Washington, and Tell City. He was the founder and owner of the Bronx Bagel, a local restaurant in Jasper and also owns and manages rental properties.



**DR. RICHARD MOSS**

Between 1987 and 1990, Dr. Moss traveled extensively throughout Asia, serving as a visiting surgeon on a voluntary basis at major medical centers in Thailand, Nepal, India, and Bangladesh. Although he received little or no compensation during these three years, he considers them among the most rewarding periods of his life, and he continues his volunteer work around the world today.

Dr. Moss has written a regular conservative column for the Dubois County Herald for more than ten years. He has written also for the Indianapolis Star, the Evansville Courier, the Bloomington Herald-Times, the Petersburg Press Dispatch, and the Ferdinand News. He maintains a conservative

blog and has recently authored a memoir, *Matilda's Triumph*.

He has been married to his wife, Supit, for 24 years and is a proud father of four children, Arielle (21), Noah (19), Adina (10), and Isaiah (9). Arielle and Noah are currently both at IU in Bloomington. He is actively engaged in the activities, education, and rearing of his children. He assisted with concessions at football games for the Jasper Marching Band. He eagerly attends the many recitals, competitions, and performances of his children.

## 2014 Primary Election candidate filings

Anyone wanting to run in the 2014 Primary Election, the last day to register is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 BY NOON. Martin County offices up for election in 2014 include: prosecutor, clerk, assessor, commissioner district 2 (currently held by Paul George), county council districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 (currently held by Randy Winingar, Keith Gibson, Barb McFeaters, and Lynn Gee), sheriff, township trustees and advisory boards, and state convention delegates. For information on registering in the Primary, contact the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651. The following are current filings to date, that pertain to Martin County:

- UNITED STATES REP. (DISTRICT 8)**  
Larry D. Bucshon (R)  
Andrew T. McNeil (R)  
William Bryk (D)
- INDIANA SENATE (DISTRICT 39)**  
Eric Bassler (R)  
John M. Waterman (R)
- INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 63)**  
Mike Braun (R)  
Richard Moss (R)
- CLERK**  
Gerald D. Montgomery (R)  
Ann Marie Stewart (D)
- ASSESSOR**  
Carolyn S. McGuire (R)
- SHERIFF**  
Robert F. "Rob" Street (D)
- PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**  
C. Michael Steiner (D)
- COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**  
Randy Winingar (D)
- COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2**  
John Keith Gibson (R)

- COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3**  
Barbara D. McFeaters (R)
- COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**  
Lynn Gee (D)  
Karen A. Hickman (R)
- CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**  
Charles S. Hamilton (R)
- HALBERT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**  
Exzelia Montgomery (R)
- LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**  
Mildred C. Brown (R)
- MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**  
Tammy Jo Gore (D)
- PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**  
Ernest S. Canell (R)  
Joe McAtee (D)  
Jason Henette (D)
- RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**  
Terry J. Street (D)
- CENTER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)**  
Gerald Wilcoxon (R)
- HALBERT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)**  
Travis Montgomery (R)  
Stevie J. Horton (R)  
Kimberly L. Albright (R)
- STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES (vote for 4)**  
Gerald D. Montgomery (R)  
Stevie J. Horton (R)  
Warren D. Albright (R)  
Karen A. Hickman (R)
- DEMOCRAT PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN**  
James Richard Taylor (Perry 1)  
Tammy Jo Gore (Mitcheltree)

## Election board combines polling sites in the county

The Martin County Election Board met on December 16, 2013 and unanimously voted to once again combine polling sites for the 2014 elections. They are as follows:

- Perry 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – St. John Center, 408 Church Street, Loogootee
- Perry 5 and Rutherford – St. Martin's Church Hall, 524 Whitfield Road, Loogootee
- Perry 7 and Crane – Bramble Conservation Center, 1024 Bramble Road, Loogootee

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

North Halbert, Southeast Halbert, South Halbert, Lost River, South Center, East Memphis, and West Memphis – St. Mary's Church Hall, 128 High Street, Shoals

### Voter registration information

The last day residents can register to vote in the Primary Election is Monday, April 7. You can register at the clerk's office at the courthouse in Shoals or online at [www.indianavoters.in.gov](http://www.indianavoters.in.gov).

You can also confirm or update your voter registration, view candidates on your ballot, or find your polling place online.

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

## New STEM grants provide \$9.7 million to support teacher recruitment and training

Indiana's efforts to recruit more teachers into the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields received another major boost with the announcement of \$9.7 million in funding from the state's new STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund. Approved by the 2013 General Assembly, the grant program encourages the recruitment and retention of teachers in STEM fields.

More than 115,000 new STEM jobs are projected for Indiana by 2018, with 40 percent requiring postsecondary education leading to an associate's degree, and 60 percent requiring a four-year degree. "Our employers tell us that tomorrow's workers will need more STEM skills, and Indiana's goal is to identify and encourage quality teachers to broaden our students' learning experiences," said Governor Mike Pence. "Continuing to recruit top educators and expand our students' options will only enhance the outstanding work of our teachers, but also help our students as they make decisions about future career opportunities."

Administered by the state's Education Roundtable, which is co-chaired by the governor and superintendent of public instruction, the funds will be distributed to ten organizations that submitted proposals by the November 1st deadline. The grant review team, consisting of staff from the Department of Education, the Commission for Higher Education, the Charter School Board, and the Center for Education & Career Innovation, reviewed and rated thirteen proposals.

"The establishment of the Indiana STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund can significantly strengthen STEM teaching and learning in Indiana," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz. "In 2012 the Indiana Department of Education began the development of a statewide STEM education plan and this award will support additional students receiving STEM learning opportunities."

The grants were announced last week at the Indiana Career Council meeting, where state leaders and stakeholders discussed state strategies and challenges for preparing tomorrow's workforce. The following proposals receiving grants:

- Teach for America \$1,976,426
- Recent college graduates will be recruited to teach STEM subjects in Indianapolis and northwest Indiana low-income schools; Participants commit to at least two-year teaching assignments in Indiana schools with high at-risk student populations; more than 70 percent of Indiana Teach for America participants continue to teach in Indiana beyond their initial commitment. Teach for America's participants receive training through Marian University and the University of Phoenix.
- Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship Program \$3,716,304

By recruiting recent college graduates and professionals who have already completed undergraduate degrees in STEM fields, the Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship program has partnered with Ball State University, the University of Indianapolis, Purdue University, and IUPUI to support 180 participants complete Master's Degrees to become licensed to teach STEM subjects. Graduates commit to teach for at least three years in Indiana schools with high at-risk student populations.

- Independent Colleges of Indiana \$1,529,550

The thirty-one Indiana independent, non-profit colleges and universities will collaborate to train more STEM teachers by (1) strengthening STEM preparation for pre-service teachers to become licensed in STEM subjects; (2) expanding STEM graduate course opportunities for teachers to complete licensing requirements in STEM subjects; and (3) organizing course and other training for teachers to become certified to teach STEM dual credit courses.

- University of Southern Indiana Foundation \$835,138
- The University of Southern Indiana de-

partments of biology, chemistry, engineering, geology, physics, mathematics, and teacher education will recruit STEM majors to complete secondary education teacher licensure requirements and will support elementary education majors interested in completing science teaching or elementary/middle level math minors. Program participants—Teaching Eagles—will also be engaged in co-curricular service learning opportunities.

- Indiana Association of Career & Technical Education Directors \$290,881

The IACTED will partner with the Indiana Department of Education, Ball State University, Indiana State University, IUPUI and Vincennes University to recruit and train teachers for STEM career and technical education courses. Participants will complete the Workplace Specialist I CTE teacher training program and Workplace Specialist II licensure requirements.

- Conexus \$393,141

Through the development of the Hire Technology advanced manufacturing and logistics curriculum for high school students, Conexus is preparing students for middle-skills jobs in high wage economic growth sectors. Conexus will expand the recruitment and training of Hire Technology teacher by including Pre-service teachers at Marian University and Ball State University. Additionally, Conexus will recruit college graduates and working professionals to complete Hire Technology teaching certification requirements through Ivy Tech Community College.

- Indiana After School Network \$311,850

The Indiana After School Network will partner with Marian University and Indiana University-South Bend to recruit undergraduate STEM majors who are not yet enrolled in teacher education programs and pre-service teacher education students who are not yet in STEM fields to participate in STEM instructional activities for students during out-of-school time. Through the Ignite! Scholars Program, these undergraduate students will engage students in after school programs at Indiana Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center, using NASA Ignite and First Robotics curricula.

- Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation Foundation \$188,100

By establishing "senior academies" to transform the senior year of high school so that eligible students can complete college coursework, the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation will train teachers to be licensed or certified to teach STEM Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses and STEM dual credit courses in partnership with three of the state's major research universities (Purdue University, Indiana University, and Ball State University).

- Purdue University Research Foundation: Agricultural Science \$173,250

To increase the number of agricultural science teachers, Purdue University will partner with Vincennes University, Ivy Tech-Columbus, and Ivy Tech-Ft. Wayne to recruit students completing agricultural science associate degrees to transfer to baccalaureate degree agricultural science teacher licensure programs. This 2 + 2 model will be supplemented with a distance-based introductory agricultural science education course to be offered to associate degree students.

- Project Lead the Way \$247,500

Recognized as a national leader in high school engineering and biomedical science curricula, Project Lead the Way will expand training opportunities for teachers to become certified to teach PLTW Pathway to Engineering, Biomedical Science, and Gateway Technology courses and curricula. PLTW will focus on STEM career and technical education pathways for high school students aligned with work-based learning opportunities, particularly in advanced manufacturing.

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## WestGate Child Development Center opens February 3

After two-and-a-half years of planning, The WestGate@Crane Child Development Center invites parents, grandparents and other caregivers to visit its brand new facility from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, February 3 at 27579 SGM Gene Shaw Technology Drive, formerly known as WestGate Court, in Crane. Tour the 8,000-square-foot facility or explore the eight classrooms. Visitors can also sign up for services during this time.

The Director of the WestGate@Crane Child Development Center is Jennifer

Barnes, a native of Washington, who brings many years of childcare and facility management with her. A graduate of the University of Evansville, Jennifer has served as facility director for The Gardner School in Louisville, Kentucky, as well as Christ Care Day Ministry in Washington.

Space at the WestGate@Crane Child Development Center is limited to 120 children.

To register your child or for more information visit [www.westgateatcranechildcenter.com](http://www.westgateatcranechildcenter.com), or call the center at 812-863-2013.



## Bringing in 2014 the right way

-Photo provided

Shown above are 3rd graders from St. John and St. Martin's Monday religious education program. All students participated in a new year prayer service where they promised to bring love, peace and joy to our world. They each chose an ornament, red representing love, silver representing peace, and green joy. The 2014 "tree" stands on the upper level of St. John Center and is a constant reminder of how we can make a real difference in our homes, schools, communities, and world. The snowflakes were placed on the tree by the Wednesday evening students in grades 7, 8, and 1. Each snowflake has a name on it and students chose one. They are now asked to pray for that person and make an effort to bring more love, joy, and peace into their lives. In the front row, from left to right, are Jeff Wagler, Colleen Trambaugh, Anastasia Toy, Wayden Wagoner, and Madison Esch. In the back row, from left to right, are Jacob Tedrow and Tylen Williams.

## Flush your friends for a good cause

The Martin County Humane Society has a year of new and somewhat interesting fundraisers lined up. The current fundraiser "Flush Your Friends" has a gaudy, hot pink toilet being passed around to yards in the county. It has already been found in several yards in Loogootee and is still on the move. Have someone you want to surprise with the flusher? The cost to place it in a yard is \$10. Call Tina at 812-296-0035. If you happen to find the flusher in your yard, it will be \$10 to have it removed or \$15 to have it removed and have it transported to the yard of your choice. \$20 gets it removed, placed in a friend's yard, and the guarantee you won't get it back. You can also purchase "flush insurance" ahead of time to assure you don't ever get it. Insurance can be paid by calling Tina or paid via PayPal to [mchs@frontier.com](mailto:mchs@frontier.com).

The "Flush Your Friends" fundraiser will continue through February and all proceeds go to support the animal shelter.

Upcoming fundraisers include a scavenger hunt on March 22 and the annual auction on April 12.

If you would like to volunteer to help the Martin County Humane Society, contact the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email [mchs@frontier.com](mailto:mchs@frontier.com). The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Winter hours are Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The shelter currently has close to 50 dogs and cats awaiting adoption. Adoption fee for dogs is \$60 and for cats \$30.



## Calendar of Events

### Loogootee City Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will meet in special session Monday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss city employees' health insurance. The meeting is open to the public.

### School safety commission meeting

The Martin County School Safety Commission will meet on Wednesday, February 12 at 9 a.m. in the Martin County Civil Defense Building at 2660 U.S. Highway 50, Loogootee.

### Food pantry applicants

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

### SWCD Annual Meeting & Banquet

The 69th Martin County Soil & Water

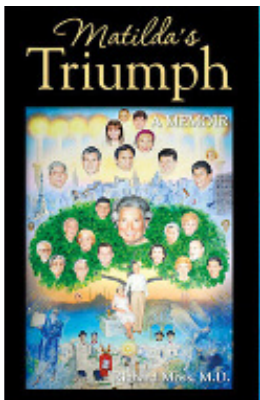
## Book signing to be held at Loogootee Library

Dr. Richard Moss, author of *Matilda's Triumph*, will hold a book signing Monday, February 3 from 7-8 p.m. in the Loogootee Public Library.

Dr. Moss, an otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeon, resides in Jasper with his wife and four children. He is a native of New York City and has written frequent columns, travel pieces, and human-interest stories for the Bangladesh Observer, the Bangkok Post, and the Nation (Bangkok). He continues to write newspaper columns and feature stories for a variety of local and regional newspapers in Indiana. He also maintains a blog and website, [exodusmd.com](http://exodusmd.com).

Dr. Moss has written a book based on his travels through Asia as a surgeon known as The Cutting Edge. His current book, *Matilda's Triumph: A Memoir*, is the story of his mother's encounter with a devastating stroke. The narrative uniquely weaves two stories: the gripping saga of a family devastated by illness intertwined with compelling episodes of that same family's turbulent past, learning about its anguished but undaunted mother, a lioness raising her five sons as a single parent in the Bronx.

The book is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com), and [langmarc.com](http://langmarc.com). It is 371 pages for \$18.95.



Conservation District Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held on January 27, 2014 at the Martin County Community Building. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the meal, catered by Schnitzelbank Catering, being served at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the night will be local historian, Bill Greene. Also on the agenda will be election of supervisors and presentation of awards. Tickets for the event will be \$5 each (adult and children) and must be purchased in advance. Please contact the SWCD office at 295-3149 before noon January 20 for your tickets.

### Boy Scouts

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

### GED exam fees

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

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### Solid waste board

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Winter has hit the Hoosier Hills hard this year. We have had more sub-zero temperatures than we have seen in many years. There will likely be some consequences in plant life come spring. Over the years, many people in southern Indiana have come to think of this area as being a part of zone 6 and have planted plants that live in that zone. However, this winter has been more like a zone 5 winter and some of those plants may suffer. The fact that we have had such cold without an insulating snow cover means that the roots of some perennial plants may suffer damage and some may die as a result of the cold. Marginal plants, such as crape myrtle, may also see some die-back of the tops, but the roots should survive and send up new shoots.

However, some plants do not mind the cold weather, and in fact, thrive in such conditions. The viburnums are such plants. They do not mind cold. Many are hardy to zone 2, which is in Canada, yet they will tolerate heat well also. There are many species of viburnums and hundreds of cultivars of hybrids exist. Most prefer to grow in the sun, but many will tolerate partial shade. Most viburnums have beautiful blooms and also have attractive foliage. Many become striking in the fall, with leaves ranging from bright red to burgundy. Many viburnums also produce edible berries in a variety of colors.

Perhaps the most familiar viburnum in this area is the snowball viburnum, commonly called simply "snowball bush". The leaves of this shrub resemble maple leaves and it is graced with softball-sized balls of flowers in late spring. Depending on the cultivar, the flowers may have a sweet to spicy scent.

The viburnum that has the greatest treat for the nose is, in my opinion, the Korean Spice viburnum. Anyone who has visited the Louisville Zoo in mid-June has been greeted with the spicy scent of Korean Spice. The flowers of this species form flat umbrellas, similar to an elderberry. Small

dark berries will come after the flowers fade.

The American Highbush Cranberry viburnum is often grown for its dark red berries, which resemble true cranberries and may be used in the same way. However, the flowers of this shrub are also attractive and the fall foliage is unsurpassed.

Another viburnum grown mostly for its berries is the Blueberry Muffin viburnum. The berries are blue, but the taste is nothing like that of a blueberry. They are tart to slightly bitter. While some say they make good jelly, I find that they are more valuable as food for the birds.

Perhaps the toughest of the viburnums is the Arrowwood viburnum. The leaves are shaped like arrowheads and are attractive for spring, summer and fall. This shrub also yields dark berries to attract birds and is prized as a tall hedge plant. My favorite cultivar of arrowwood viburnum is one called "Ralph Sr."

While most viburnums are deciduous in Indiana, losing their leaves in late fall, the leather leaf viburnum is considered semi-evergreen. The leaves, which really are quite leathery, will turn to a dark burgundy in the fall, but many will remain on the shrub through the winter. I love using the leaves in winter arrangements. They are also one of my favorite leaves to use in stonecasting and imprinting them in concrete stepping stones. The deep veins of the leaves and the leathery texture transfer quite well to the concrete.

Viburnums have few pests and are deer resistant. They may be used in hedges and group plantings, but many also make striking accent plants. If you are looking for a tough but beautiful shrub that takes little care, look in to the viburnums. They are readily available at area nurseries and are generally quite affordable. Once planted, they will probably outlive the gardener. My grandmother's snowball viburnum still graces my front yard nearly nine decades after it was planted there.

### High School Soil Health Day is January 30

About 75 students from six area schools will attend High School Soil Health Day on January 30 at the Mike Brocksmith farm north of Vincennes.

"This is a golden opportunity for students to see the benefits of healthy soil and all of its benefits," said Susan Brocksmith, chair of Vincennes University's Agribusiness program which is one of the event sponsors.

"Students will have hands-on opportunities to see the impacts of soil structure, infiltration, aggregate stability, and the relationship of soil health to runoff, erosion, and water quality. Examples of growing cover crops and their importance both economically and environmentally will be demonstrated."

College students and professionals from the agriculture community will offer demonstrations and lead groups of high school students.

Following morning registration there will be discussion about soil health that leads to hands-on activities. There will also be a presentation about soil health essentials. Students will then be transported to VU for lunch, a campus tour, and a chance to meet faculty members.

In addition to VU's Agribusiness program, other event sponsors include the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Soil and Water Conservation District.



### Icy river

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

The frigid conditions outside have actually caused the White River to start freezing. Ice was floating down the river last week. Having been a brutal winter thus far, most county residents are counting down the days until spring - Thursday, March 20.

## Applications for reserved turkey hunts start January 31

Hunters can begin submitting online applications for reserved turkey hunts to be held on certain state and federally owned properties beginning January 31.

The application period runs through March 24 at [dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5834.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5834.htm).

New for 2014, DNR will offer a reserved hunt at Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area in southwestern Indiana.

Hunters must possess a valid 2014 spring turkey license, or lifetime license or youth hunt/trap license to apply for any of the reserved hunts. Applicants are allowed to apply for one property, and choose from the available dates for that property. Whether a drawn hunter can bring a hunting buddy varies by property. On DNR properties, drawn hunters are not allowed to bring a buddy. At Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, drawn hunters may bring a buddy, but only the drawn hunter can hunt. At Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge, a buddy is required.

Hunt dates and properties are as follows:  
— Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge: April 23-24, 25-26, 27-28, and 29-30.

— Deer Creek, Glendale, J.E. Roush, Jasper-Pulaski, Kingsbury, LaSalle, Pigeon River, Tri-County, Willow Slough and

Winamac fish & wildlife areas; Mississinewa and Salamonie lakes; and Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area: April 23-25, 26-27, 28-30, and May 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-11.

— Atterbury, Chinook, Crosley, Fairbanks Landing, Hillenbrand, Hovey Lake and Minnehaha fish & wildlife areas, and Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge: April 23-25, 26-28.

— Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area: April 23-25, 26-27.

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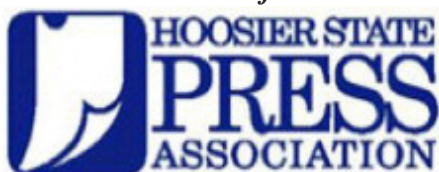
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## Zoeller's office monitors propane prices as shortage worsens, warns consumers

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller urges Hoosiers to conserve the amount of propane used to heat their homes as weather conditions and supply shortages worsen.

Zoeller said the propane shortage is being felt across the Midwest and a number of market factors have led to the current crisis ranging from logistical disruptions to weather conditions driving demand.

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence recently ordered restrictions on propane transport to be eased through January 31 to help increase the state's supply. Transport drivers' hours are limited which has affected the amount of propane available.

"Consumers have likely noticed the spike in propane prices as the costs of heating their homes have jumped significantly," Zoeller said. "To help protect consumers from being illegally gouged, our office is closely monitoring the price of propane sold at all levels of the market. Unfortunately, there is no easy solution to the current situation so we urge consumers to take adequate precautions now to make sure their homes stay warm

### Governor continues to ease restrictions on movement of propane

Governor Pence and his administration have taken steps to help make more propane available for heating after extreme winter weather has strained propane gas supplies. On January 3, 2014, Governor Pence issued an emergency proclamation waiving statutes that limit the hours of service for propane transporters in order to help suppliers better meet market demands. Governor Pence extended that order on January 17, 2014, and it will remain in effect until January 31, 2014.

"As fellow Hoosiers feel the impact of recent propane shortages and near-record low temperatures, I urge the people of Indiana to conserve their own propane supply as much as possible, to reach out to their

during these frigid temperatures."

Zoeller offered the following tips to consumers who use propane as their primary home heating source:

- Turn down your thermostat and monitor your household's use of hot water and time cooking using the stove or oven;

- Closely monitor your propane tank's levels as delayed home deliveries may result from the overall supply shortage;

- If possible, use alternative sources of heat to supplement your household's use of propane; and

- If you are out of heat, contact the state's 2-1-1 hotline to connect with local organizations who are providing assistance.

Zoeller also said Hoosiers should check on their relatives and friends – especially senior citizens – who may be struggling to keep their homes heated.

Hoosiers who want to report suspected price gouging can do so by calling the Attorney General's Office hotline toll-free at 1-866-241-9753 or visiting [www.Indiana-Consumer.com](http://www.Indiana-Consumer.com).

neighbors, and look out for each other," said Pence. "With the shortage and weather conditions expected to continue, I also urge the federal government to exhaust all possible means to assist and help alleviate the supply issues currently faced across the Midwest."

In addition, in order to keep more propane available for residential customers, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) trucks will use diesel fuel instead of propane through March 1, 2014.

Pence also said, "My administration has been in close communication with the propane industry and will continue to monitor developments and take all actions available to help Hoosiers make it through this crisis."

## Governor Pence encourages New York companies to come to Indiana

Governor Mike Pence invites New York businesses to move to Indiana in a full-page advertisement in this past Sunday's *The New York Times*.

The newspaper ad, which will appear in the tri-state area's business section, states, "New York: if you can make it there, you can make a lot more of it here" along with an address to [AStateThatWorks.com](http://AStateThatWorks.com), a website that highlights the numerous reasons why Indiana is a state that works for business. The creative behind the advertisement was developed by in-house talent.

"Business leaders looking to chart their course in pursuit of the American dream will always find a home here in Indiana," said Pence. "With one of the fastest growing economies in the nation, the Hoosier heartland is ripe territory for businesses of all backgrounds and industries. Indiana provides a stable business environment, with its triple-A credit ranking, balanced budgets and the recent passage of the largest tax cut in our history. Meanwhile, New York is home to taxes that are higher than the Empire State Building. Its cost of doing business is restrictive, while ours empowers business growth. As a state that works for business, Indiana and its people welcome you here, with a dose of Midwestern values and Hoosier hospitality."

Sunday's ad is part of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation's (IEDC) ongoing marketing campaign, *A State That Works*. Launched in May 2013, the campaign is designed to draw attention to the numerous reasons why Indiana is a state that works for business. To date, [AStateThatWorks.com](http://AStateThatWorks.com) has had more than

110,000 visitors and its digital advertisements have been viewed more than 34 million times.

In addition to the full-page ad in *The New York Times*, *A State That Works* digital billboard ads will run in six high-traffic locations near MetLife Stadium for about two weeks in the run-up to Super Bowl XLVIII.

Indiana continues to work purposefully to create a productive, pro-business, low-tax environment—from smart policies to reasonable regulation to a strong infrastructure. Ranked fifth nationally—and first in the Midwest—in *Chief Executive* magazine's annual survey of "Best and Worst States" for doing business, Indiana has moved up 11 positions in three years. New York has ranked in the bottom two for eight consecutive years. A full Indiana vs. New York cost comparison can be viewed here.

Previous *A State That Works* campaign announcements:

- Indiana: A State That Works Campaign Launched

- Indiana Takes Center Stage in Times Square

- About IEDC

Created in 2005 to replace the former Department of Commerce, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Mike Pence. Victor Smith serves as the Indiana Secretary of Commerce and Eric Doden is the president of the IEDC. The IEDC oversees programs enacted by the General Assembly including tax credits, workforce training grants and public infrastructure assistance. For more information about IEDC, visit [www.iedc.in.gov](http://www.iedc.in.gov).

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



### On the docket this week

We have now completed the third week of the 2014 legislative session. Twenty bills have received final passage, all with bipartisan support. As I shared with you a couple weeks ago, one of the main items in the House Republican Agenda focuses on addressing the skills gap. This week, we were able to dive into this issue and explore it in greater detail. While Indiana's unemployment rate (7.5 percent) is slightly above the national average (7.3 percent), our biggest challenge, surprisingly, is not only in job creation; it is finding qualified workers to fill the jobs that we already have available.

Economic experts agree that workforce quality is a top factor that determines where a business will locate or expand. To ensure Indiana's future success, we must find a way to bridge this skills gap. House Bill (HB) 1003 does this through three main steps: focusing on the present by training the current unemployed, focusing on the future workforce by providing the skills today for the jobs of tomorrow and focusing on both the present and future workforce by creating a data capability system.

On Wednesday, this bill passed out of the committee on Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development by a 10 to 1 vote. Specifically, the bill would allow the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) to provide grants to school corporations and charter schools for developing and implementing partnerships with businesses. These partnerships would include initiatives such as internships and apprenticeships that put students on career pathways to higher incomes and in high demand fields. The bill would also allow the IEDC to provide tax credits to businesses that hire employees who have gone through this cooperative program.

One of the bills that I authored this session, HB 1387, had its hearing in committee this week as well. Indiana may not be well known for its wineries, but as was discussed during the Economic Development Interim Study Committee, they contribute a significant amount to the state's economy. In fact, our state has over 70 wineries, contributing \$70 million in economic output each year.

Currently, Indiana restricts wineries from selling wine directly to retailers. They must go through either a wholesaler or micro-

wholesaler. During the interim, I heard testimony from the Indiana Winery and Vineyard Association, among others, on this very issue. Wholesalers don't want to deal with small wineries because the wholesaler loses money in trying to deal with the small volumes and small margins there are to work with. They explained that although the actual micro-wholesaler permit only costs \$100, the farm winery owners can't own the permit, so along with insurance costs and legal fees to set it up, the end cost for wineries is approximately \$3,000-\$4,000. This is simply cost-prohibitive and not realistic for many smaller wineries.

HB 1387 will allow a farm winery to sell directly to a permitted wine retailer or wine dealer with a limit of 5,000 gallons of wine per permit year. Farm wineries already pay the excise taxes on their products to the State, so tax collections would not be impacted by allowing them to sell directly to retailers. I believe this is a win-win for Indiana as it will allow smaller wineries to be more productive, retailers to have more options to buy local, and the industry as a whole to be more competitive.

While it is important for us to address issues such as these, we cannot lose sight of the non-legislative issues currently ailing our state. Last year, over 35,000 Hoosiers heard the words "You have cancer." Each one of these individuals is a husband, wife, brother, sister, friend or co-worker. With this in mind, on Thursday I wore sneakers with my suit as part of a cancer prevention campaign put on by the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society reports that every one in three cancer deaths is caused by issues related to nutrition and physical activity. Suits and Sneakers brings attention to this fact and urges people to consider their health. Through this effort, I hope we can bring greater awareness to cancer prevention, and protect our loved ones from this tragic disease.

I am very pleased with how session has gone so far, and I know that we will continue to work for the good of all Hoosiers. To keep up-to-date with the happenings at the Statehouse, please visit [www.iga.in.gov](http://www.iga.in.gov).

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

## Purdue series delves into economic, social issues of rural Indiana

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
*Purdue University News Service*

Community and economic development issues facing rural Indiana are examined in a Purdue University magazine online series that also shows how some communities are seizing opportunities to help improve the quality of life there.

The series, by the agricultural communication department, began this week. It will run each Tuesday for seven weeks on the website of *Agricultures*, a department magazine.

"Anyone who has driven through a small town in Indiana has seen empty storefronts. They often are signs of shrinking employment, people leaving for opportunities in larger cities and just an overall struggling local economy," said Olivia Maddox, editor of *Agricultures*. "Despite the challenges, some rural communities are making strides to stimulate their economies and improve amenities for residents."

"This series provides insight into the economic and social issues affecting rural Indiana and highlights the public-private partnerships that are helping to turn the tide."

"Giving New Life to Rural Indiana" draws on the research and expertise of Purdue Agriculture faculty and Extension educators, as well others involved in rural leadership. Defining rural Indiana, supporting entrepreneurs, boosting budgets through grants and overcoming poverty are among the topics addressed.

Featured is an in-depth interview with Jason Henderson, director of Purdue Extension, who explains what is needed for rural America to prosper again. Before coming to Purdue in May 2013, Henderson was a Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City vice president who led the bank's agricultural and rural outreach and research programs.

Henderson says the future for small towns and surrounding areas likely will be found in innovation.

"The mindset has to change. They must think like entrepreneurs and take risks," Henderson says in one of the articles. "They must become the pioneers of the 21st century."

The first part of the series is available at <https://ag.purdue.edu/agricultures/Pages/Spring2014/Features/Challenges-Opportunities.aspx>.