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How do area schools match up?

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The Indiana Department of Education recently released schools' annual reports for the 2009-2010 school year.

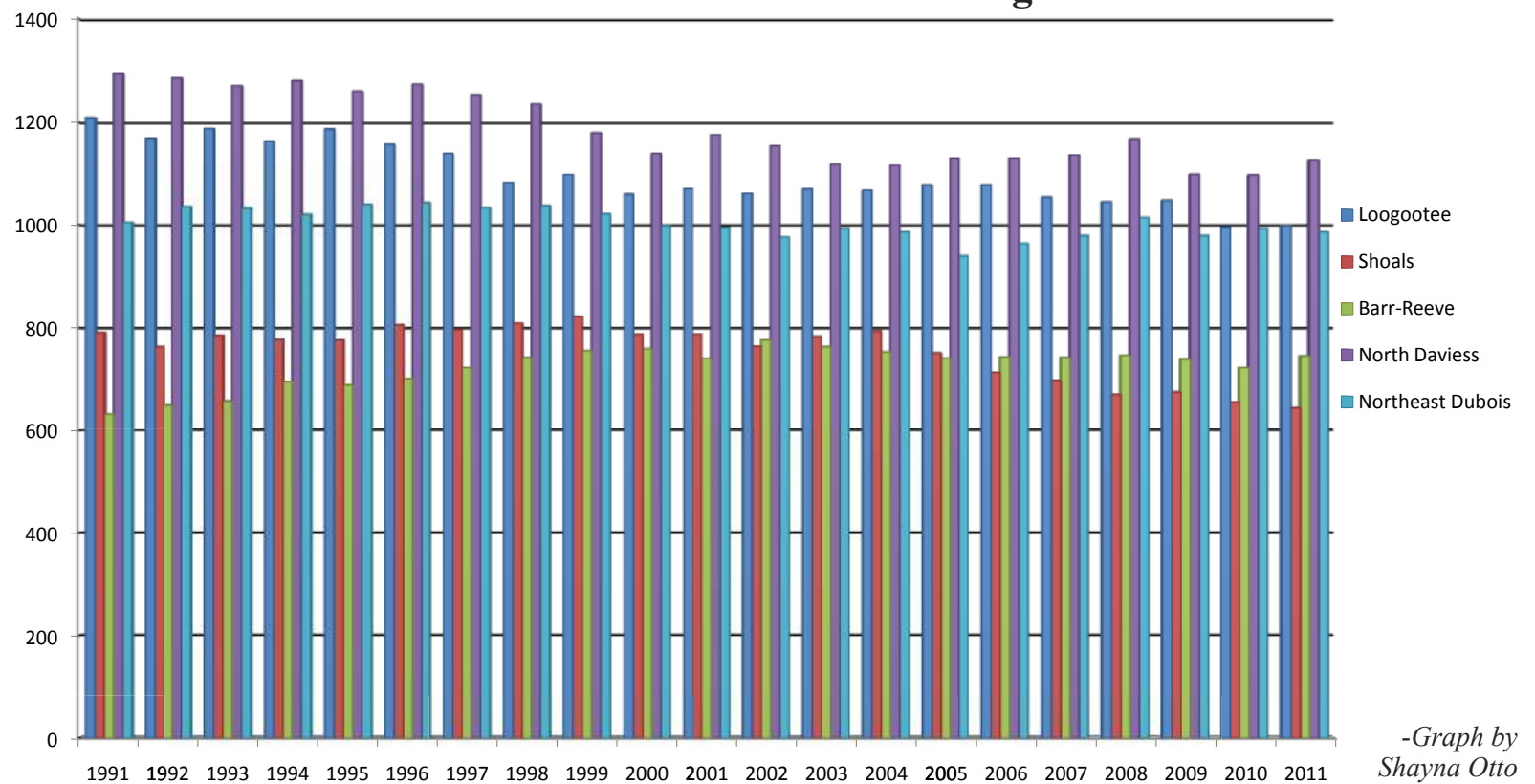
According to the reports Shoals and Loogootee's corporations continue to see a decline in enrollment while Barr-Reeve and North Daviess have seen an increase.

Over the last 20 years Loogootee Schools enrollment has continued to drop with the school falling below the 1,000 pupil mark last year for the first time in the school's history. When asked in the past why the drop, Superintendent of Loogootee Larry Weitkamp has said that the corporation is unsure what the reason is. He said there is no trend or large drops in certain grades and the school does not follow up with those who have withdrawn – families moving for employment reasons was mentioned however as a possible reason.

Shoals' enrollment has also dropped over the last several years falling below the 700 mark in 2007. Shoals sits at 656 students for 2010 and that number was 791 in 1991. Superintendent Dr. Tony Nonte and Principal David Springer say they are also not sure why there is a decrease in enrollment. Dr. Nonte said he could give reasons but they would be guesses, one being the economy.

Barr-Reeve, however, has seen a substantial increase in their pupil count over the last 20 years based on Montgomery's population count. Having 633 students in 1991,

Schools' enrollment from 1991 through 2011



-Graph by
Shayna Otto

they have increased every year raising that number to 746 this year.

Northeast Dubois's enrollment has dropped but not much in the last 20 years. In 1991 their student count was 1,005; this year, that number is 986.

North Daviess has seen rises and falls in their enrollment over the last few years.

They lost 70 students between 2008 and 2009 but gained 30 back this year.

Loogootee spent \$9,600 per student last year up \$600 from 2007-08. The average teacher salary for last year dropped by \$398 from the year before and the maximum teacher salary average stayed the same at \$65,725.

Shoals spent \$11,300 per pupil in 2009-10 up \$900 from the year prior. The average teacher salary at Shoals for last year was \$34,134 up \$751 from the year before. The maximum teacher salary average also increased slightly going from \$57,168 in 2008-09 to \$58,312 last year.

Barr-Reeve spent \$10,500 last year per pupil up \$400 from the year prior. Their average teacher salary increased from \$34,819 in 2008-09 to \$35,821 in 2009-10. The maximum teacher salary average went up a little by \$613 to \$61,876.

Northeast Dubois paid \$9,500 per student, up \$300 from 2008-09. Their average teacher salary for last year was \$34,272, down from \$34,727 the year prior. The maximum teacher salary average stayed the same for the past two years at \$63,171.

North Daviess spent \$10,500 per student in 2009-10 up from \$10,000 in 08-09. The average salary minimum last year was \$33,117 an increase of \$649 from the year before. The maximum average teacher salary increased to \$60,006 last year, up from \$58,830 in 2008-09.

According to the state average \$11,100 was spent per pupil last year. Also, the average state minimum teacher salary was \$24,143 and the maximum average last year was \$83,411.

Loogootee had 18 percent of students in special education last year a 2.5 percent decrease from the year before. They also had a one percent gain in gifted and talented students from 2008-09 to 6 percent. 3.3 percent of Loogootee students last year were in vocational classes only up slightly from the previous year at 3.2 percent.

Shoals had 21.8 percent of students in special education last year, down from 22.1 percent from the previous school year. 12

percent of pupils are in gifted and talented programs, down from 14 percent in 2008-09 and 4.5 percent of students were part of vocational education, a change of -.4 percent from the previous year.

Barr-Reeve had 14.4 percent of their students in special education in 2009-10, down from 15.3 percent the year before. 16 percent of Barr-Reeve's students were in gifted and talented programs last year, a 3 percent increase from the previous year. 3.9 percent of students were involved in vocational classes last school year only up from 3.8 percent from 2008-09.

Northeast Dubois had 13 percent of their student body in special education last year, a .8 percent increase from the year prior. 7 percent of their students are in gifted and talented education a 2 percent increase from 2008-09 and 9.5 percent of students participated in vocational education last year, up from 7.4 percent in 2008-09.

North Daviess had 16.3 percent of students in special education last year, down from 18.1 percent the year before. 5 percent of the students were in gifted and talented programs down from 9 percent in 2008-09. Also, 8.4 percent of North Daviess' students received vocational education up from 5.7 percent the previous year.

The state average shows that 16.5 percent of Indiana students were in special education last year, 14 percent were in gifted and talented, and 4.8 percent participated in vocational education.

Loogootee reported 37 percent of students received free lunch/textbooks last year up from 33 percent the year before. Shoals had 55 percent of students receive free lunch/textbooks, a 5 percent increase from the year before. Barr-Reeve reported that 23 percent of their students received free lunch/textbooks last year up from 17 percent in 2008-09. Northeast Dubois had 27 percent of pupils get free lunch/textbooks up from 7.4 percent the year before and North Daviess did not report for 2010, however in 2007-08 and 2008-09, the percent was 35. The state average for free lunch/textbooks last year was 44 percent.



The King and Queen are

-Photos by Lori Mattingly

Loogootee Senior Mitch Green, voted last Saturday night's Homecoming King above helps Queen Leah Lottes with her sash on the floor of Jack Butcher Arena during the Homecoming festivities. The two took time to pose for photographs after the crowning in the photo on the left. Mitch is the son of Denny and Julie Green and Leah is the daughter of Herbert and Donna Lottes.





Chamber Annual Dinner

-Photos provided

In the photo above are the new officers recently elected to serve on the Martin County Chamber of Commerce along with other board members at attendance at Monday night's annual dinner. Shown in the front is President Nancy Steiner. In the second row, from left to right, are board members Tim Kinder, T.J. McAtee, Deanna Bauernfiend, and Jim Stoughton. In the back, from left to right, are Vice President Marie Hawkins and Secretary Karen Mattingly. Treasurer Susan Arthur is not shown. In the bottom photo are the special guests at the annual dinner along with chamber board members. In the front is Chamber President Nancy Steiner. In the back, from left to right, are Brian Allen, who provided entertainment at the dinner by playing violin, special speaker Captain Chuck LaSota from Crane Base, Gene Shaw Citizen of the Year Award Winner Steve Deckard, Chamber Vice-President Marie Hawkins, and Chamber Secretary Karen Mattingly.



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.

Soil and water annual meeting

The 66th Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District's Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held on February 15, 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

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.

Humane society meetings

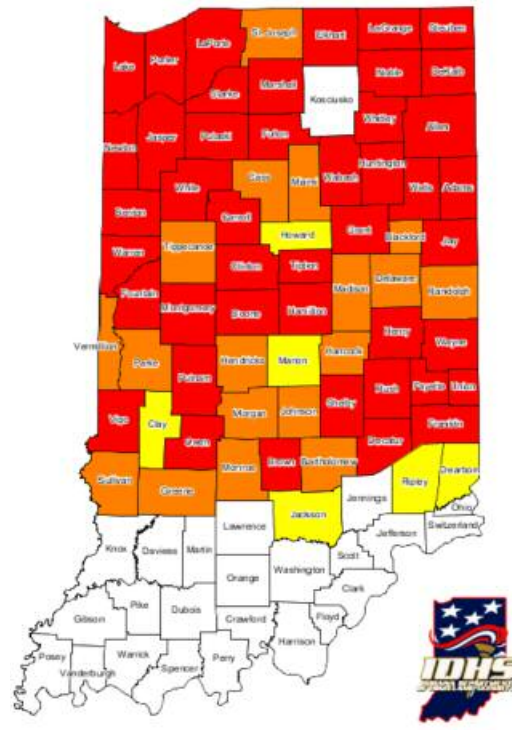
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Loogootee Municipal Building, at 7 p.m. To become a member, contact Martin County Humane Society, P. O. Box 537, Shoals, Indiana 47581, call Don at 296-0952.

Youth football meetings

Martin County Youth Football League meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 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.



NOTICE: Travel status information is provided by each county's emergency management agency.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security

County Travel Status for 2/2/2011 11:27:22 EST

Warning
Travel may be restricted to emergency personnel only. Citizens are directed to refrain from all travel, comply with necessary emergency measures, cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and comply with the directions of properly identified officers. Further and more specific restrictions may be included in the disaster declaration.
Watch
Conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. Only essential travel is recommended (i.e., to and from work, emergency situations, etc.). Emergency action plans have been or should now be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies and other organizations.
Advisory
Routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation. Citizens should use caution or avoid these areas. Schools and businesses may begin to implement their emergency action plans.
Caution
A condition may develop that limits or hinders travel in isolated areas. No travel restrictions have been placed in effect by county officials, but citizens should be alert to changing conditions.

County Emergency Declarations

Currently, 17 counties have an emergency declaration. They include: Boone, Dekalb, Elkhart, Fayette, Jasper, Lagrange, LaPorte, Marshal, Newton, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, Starke, Tipton, Wells, White and Whitley. If a county has been declared in a "state of emergency," that means the county board of commissioners has determined that conditions are so bad that they can no longer be assured of providing emergency services to the public in a timely fashion. Emergency response times may be significantly delayed due to travel conditions. A travel advisory is notification that road conditions are hazardous and will impede motorists' ability to travel. A travel advisory at a "warning" level means the general public is sty off the roadways to keep routes clear for emergency personnel. Under a "watch" level, road conditions are still dangerous, and only essential travel is recommended.

Dates for 2011 CRP general signup announced

Julia A. Wickard, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Indiana Monday announced Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has set a general signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to begin on March 14, 2011 and continue through April 15, 2011. During the signup period, farmers may offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general signup at their county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. "Over the past 25 years, CRP's benefits have grown thanks to many improvements of our natural resources including cleaner water, improved air quality, more habitat for wildlife, and a huge reduction in soil erosion," said Wickard. "Monday's announcement will help this administration continue its strong conservation legacy at the local level."

Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered in this signup provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall may make new contract offers. Contracts

awarded under this signup are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2011.

To help ensure that interested farmers are aware of the signup period, USDA has signed partnership agreements with several conservation and wildlife organizations that will all play an active role in USDA's 2011 CRP outreach efforts.

FSA, which administers the CRP, will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that shows the environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP. The EBI consists of five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the sign-up ends and after analyzing the EBI data of all the offers.

In addition to the general sign-up, CRP's continuous sign-up program will be ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land. For more information, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

2011 Election candidate filings

The following are candidates who have registered at the Martin County Clerk's Office for 2011 local election as of Wednesday morning, February 2.

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 Clerk Treasurer
Ernest "Earl" Boyd Jr., Republican, Shoals Town Council
Roger Lee Abel, Republican, Shoals Town Council

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
Pat Burcham, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3
Dwight Glenn Shultheis, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3
Noel Dale Harty, Democrat, Mayor
Joe Mattox, Democrat, Mayor
Nancy Jones, Democrat, Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer

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SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY HOURS

Sunday, Feb. 13, 1-6 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 14, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL
Pastor's wife

Christian Ignition Ephesians 3:20
How do I know what God's will is? How do I find out what God is calling me to do or to become? What do I need to change to be more like Christ? How do I get to know the Lord that I now serve? Some of the answers are simple but many are difficult. We need spiritual strength to live a spiritual life. We need God to do what only God can do through us. God gives us so many awesome promises in His Word. Promises that show us how He wants us to be, who He created us to be.

Starting with Ephesians 3:14, going through and exploding in verse 20, we see a sequence of purpose clauses that happen in order to get your ignition turned on so you can get moving and see God do exceeding abundantly more than we ask or think.

Begin by experiencing inner strength. As we yield to the Holy Spirit, the spirit of God empowers us in the inner mind. It's not as simple as the Holy Spirit living there because He dwells in every Christian; it's when you yield to Him, when He fills your life, when

"Choose 8 To Lose Weight" program coming to the area

"Choose 8 to Lose Weight" is an eight-month community wellness program offered by Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center that is designed to assist individuals in losing weight and becoming more fit through monthly nutrition classes, bi-monthly weigh-ins, an eight-week fitness program, and an eight-week fitness tracking program. A health screening and health risk assessment at the beginning and end of the program assess progress and reduction in health risks. Incentives will be offered throughout the year for attendance and mid-year and year-end weight loss. At the conclusion of the program, the individual with the most weight loss will receive a bonus prize.

"Choose 8 to Lose Weight" will be held at three sites: Salem United Church of Christ in Huntingburg, Memorial Southside Office in Jasper, and St. Joseph's Parish Center in Dale. Classes at the Huntingburg location will be held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month beginning Tuesday, February 22 at 5 p.m. Classes at Memorial Southside Office will be held at two different times. The first series of classes will be held the second and fourth Monday of the month beginning Monday, February 28 at 9 a.m. The second series of classes will be held the second and fourth Thursday of the month beginning Thursday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m. Dale classes will be held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month beginning Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. CT.

The cost of the program is \$88. Individual nutrition classes are \$5 each if not enrolled in the program. To register, please call Memorial Hospital's Community Relations department at 481-2399.

He dominates your life that you have spiritual vigor. It's strength to conquer Satan, sin, flesh and the world whatever it is. The only way you can have a strong inner self is when the Spirit of God strengthens you, because in our own strength we are nothing. Life is a matter of commitments, a matter of decision. Each decision yielded to the Spirit of God allows the Spirit to pour His strength into you. Ephesians 5:8, "Being filled with the Spirit or kept filled with the Spirit".

Once you are strengthened with His might you are going to find Christ dwells in you. Would you say Christ could be in a heart and not necessarily be totally comfortable there? Can Christ settle down and be totally at home in your heart? It's sad to think the Lord Jesus dwells in the hearts of Christians, and in most of them He is unable to rest in comfort because there is so much self - so much sin, so much lust and disobedience that He is busy cleaning. If Jesus Christ was dwelling in your home, your heart, do you have a closet that you would not make available to him? A secret area of your life, a sin an idol that you don't want to let go of or turn over to Him.

In Ephesians 3, Paul is saying Christ can't settle down and be at home in your life until the garbage is cleaned out of it and that will only happen when the Spirit of God has strengthened you in the inner self, to give you victory over sin. Victory over sin means a pure life, and it is in a pure life that Christ can settle down and be at home.

Once Christ has settled down to be at home in your life, here's the next purpose clause, "in order that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and know the love of Christ which passes knowledge." Incomprehensible love. So as the Spirit does His work, Christ settles down. His love permeates and dominates your life.

Be filled with the fullness of God, another purpose clause, verse 19, In order that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. If we are filled with all the fullness of God, then verse 20 makes sense. Because then God can do anything He wants through us. There aren't any restrictions, no hang-ups, nothing to hold Him back.

What does all the fullness of God mean? It means all of God's attributes. Once the love of Christ dominates you and you comprehend it, and you exist within that love, when that experience occurs, then all of a sudden the attributes of God begin to flow through you. The world will see grace, mercy, wisdom, and knowledge and all those things that make up the Character of God. Then truly you will do what Paul said, you will adorn the doctrine of God. In Galatians it says when you are in this position here is what is going to flow out of you: love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control. Those things are going to flow out of the life of one who is experiencing the fullness of God.

With inner strength, the indwelling Christ, incomprehensible love and infinite fullness, the fullness of the very infinite God Himself,

those four steps leads to the fifth which is the great reality, verse 20, "Now unto him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that is now working in us." The power is not working in you unless you have experienced verses 14 to 19. Then verse 20 explodes, like dynamite, listen to the verse again. Did you know that because of the power that is in you, you are able? The word able, God through you is able. Do you believe God is able? He is able to do all that we ask, all that we think.

To finish with give glory where glory is due. Verse 21, "to Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

Father, for this cause, I bow my knees unto You, of whom the whole family in Heaven and Earth is named. I pray that You would grant this congregation, all of us, according to the riches of your glory, to be strengthened with might by Your Spirit in the inner man, in order that Christ may settle down and be at home in our hearts, in order that we might be rooted and grounded in love and able to comprehend, experientially, with all the saints, the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know that love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, in order that, we may be filled with all the fullness of God, and therefore able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think according to the power that works in us. So through all of it, You might be glorified. By Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Our Sunday service starts at 10 a.m. with praise and worship songs followed by sermon. Our Valentine's dinner is going to be February 13 after service and on February 18 we will have a teen Valentine party, we invite you to join us. We will have special relationship based activities and lots of food. If you have any questions call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

Obituary

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

ROY SANDERS

Roy Leland Sanders passed away at 12:49 p.m. Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 73.

He was born March 5, 1937; the son of Ranzy and Ruth (Taylor) Sanders. He married Wilma J. Teegarden in 1972, and she survives.

He was retired from the City of Bedford Street Department and was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was also a member of the Shoals American Legion Post #61.

He is also survived by a step-son, George Cunnington, of Bedford; several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren; and a brother, Henry Sanders of Trinity Springs.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers, Gordon, Marvin, Dale, Roy, and Genner Sanders.

Relay Kick-Off event

This year's Martin County Relay for Life is having their Kick-Off event on Thursday, February 10, at 7 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building at the fairgrounds. The committee will meet at 6 p.m.

The theme this year is "Cancer never takes a holiday". The goal is to make sure that every cancer survivor knows they are wanted to be here to celebrate the next holiday.

If you have questions about the event, please contact this year's Chairperson, Paula Ringwald at 812-295-3475. If you want to start a Relay team, please contact Team Development Chair, Krystal Chestnut at 812-797-9685.

The public is invited to attend the kick-off.

~ Card of Thanks ~

The family of Sherry Lynn Seals would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to those who stood by us at the time of her illness and following her passing.

A special thank you to Rev. Michael Schlagel, Bro. Denver Craft, and Bro. Kris Beasley for your calls, visits, and prayers. To all of the area churches who remembered Sherry in prayer, with prayer chains, cards, and visits and also, the prayer blanket from Crane Village; Sherry loved it.

Also, a thank you to everyone who brought food to the hospital, the house, and the funeral home. Thank you to Loogootee Family Restaurant and a special thank you to the Dover Hill Christian Union Church Food Committee for the bereavement dinner they provided after her funeral. We are so grateful for what all you did.

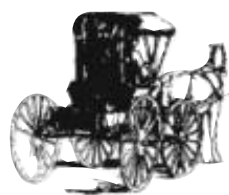
Also, thank you to the staff at BRMC, Dr. Mandell at Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center in Jasper, the Medical of Dubois/Urgent Care of Martin County staff, Janet Baugh, Jan Stoll, Tera Trambaugh, and Carla Haycox; and the staff at Hoosier Uplands Hospice. We appreciate all of your efforts, and so did Sherry.

To all of you who sent flowers, cards, gifts, monetary donations, and hospice contributions on Sherry's behalf. Your expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to Laurie's Flower Shop and Jamie Bateman; Chastain's Flowers and Lisa and Cathy; Hair Tropics and Amanda and Lori Butler for doing Sherry's hair; to Bro. Kris Beasley for his comforting words; to the Queen-Lee Funeral Home and staff for their professional services; to Sherry's "Earth Angel", Allen Sims; the casket bearers, Natalie Gibson, Jenna Gibson, Tiffany Veilleux, Amber Gilbertson, Courtney Birkle, Emily Bratton, and Dustin Seals; and to Perfect Fit and Black Beauty Coal Mine.

If we have unintentionally omitted anyone, please accept our apologies.

The family of Sherry Lynn Seals
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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Wednesday, January 26

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a large rock that had fallen onto the roadway on U.S. 50, east of S.R. 650.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on S.R. 450.

3:03 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock.

Unknown time - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, east-bound near the Martin/Lawrence County line.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, south-bound from West Boggs.

7:21 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals.

9:48 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a male subject in Shoals.

Thursday, January 27

5:45 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on Highway 558 in the Crane area.

6:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Odon. Daviess County was contacted.

8:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on S.R. 550. The subject was transported to Bedford Regional Medical Center.

1:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

2:22 p.m. - Received a report of damage to a mailbox on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

2:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

3:03 p.m. - Received a call about problems with a neighbor's dog.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report from White River Co-Op that someone had driven through their building.

7:46 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off on U.S. 150, at Singing Hill.

7:57 p.m. - Received a report of a large hole in the roadway on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

8:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Friday, January 28

12:15 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on S.R. 450.

12:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. No transport was necessary.

6:45 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with keys locked in a car.

12:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:45 p.m. - A female caller reported medication stolen.

3:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:13 p.m. - Received a report of a Stoll's gift certificate contest-winning email: klsanders5@hughes.net

stranded motorist on Chicken Farm Road.

5:35 p.m. - A male caller reported a theft.

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

Unknown time - A female came on station to speak with an officer about problems with a juvenile.

Saturday, January 29

3:23 a.m. - Received reports of possible shots fired on Crane Road.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Love Cemetery Road.

2:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Bloomington Hospital.

5:07 p.m. - Received a request to check subjects reportedly digging with a backhoe in Boggs Creek.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of juveniles trespassing in an abandoned house in Shoals.

6:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:03 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, near Lingenfelter Road.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of harassment.

8:37 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on S.R. 550.

9:33 p.m. - A female came on station to talk to an officer about an unruly teenager.

Sunday, January 30

12:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

2:45 a.m. - A male caller reported that another car ran him off the road on Barn Run Road. Damage was done to his vehicle's mirror, grill, and bumper.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of large rocks on U.S. 50, near the Martin State Forest.

4:46 p.m. - Received a report of possible shots fired in Crane Village.

5:20 p.m. - Received another report of shots fired in Crane Village.

6:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

10:05 p.m. - Received a request from a parent in Crane Village for assistance with an out of control teenager.

Monday, January 31

4:55 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 150, near Singing Hill.

9:25 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

3:13 p.m. - Received a report of a large piece of roof metal in the eastbound lane of U.S. 50 near National Gypsum.

4:25 p.m. - A subject came on station to speak to an officer about a possible burglary.

6:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. No transport was necessary.

6:09 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded semi on U.S. 50 at Max Warren's curve.

6:11 p.m. - Received a report of cows on the roadway on Dover Hill Loogootee Road.

6:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Urgent Care Center in Loogootee.

The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:22 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in the Lonely Nights Saloon parking lot in Crane Village.

11:30 p.m. - Received a call from a possible suicidal subject.

Tuesday, February 1

12:13 a.m. - Received a report of harassment and possible battery.

12:30 a.m. - Received a report of a slide

off on Killion Mill Road.

3:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 150. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

6:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Anderson Road. The subject was transported to Orange County Hospital.

Travel considered dangerous in many areas

Public safety officials are urging individuals in areas severely impacted by the developing winter storm to stay off the roads. Significant amounts of falling snow and ice accompanied by strong winds are creating extremely hazardous road conditions across the state.

The following counties are under a travel "warning" and individuals in these areas are especially urged to stay off the roads: Allen, Boone, Brown, Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Decatur, DeKalb, Clinton, Fayette, Fountain, Franklin, Grant, Hamilton, Henry, Huntington, Jasper, LaGrange, Lake, Newton, Noble Marshall, Owen, Porter, Pulaski, Rush, Shelby, Steuben, Tipton, Union, Vigo, Wabash, Wayne, Wells, White and Whitley.

Travel in these areas may be restricted to emergency personnel only. Citizens are

strongly advised to refrain from all travel, comply with necessary emergency measures, cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and comply with the directions of properly identified law enforcement officers and other public safety officials.

For additional information about county travel advisories, please consult the statewide travel advisory map.

The map is continually updated with travel advisory information as reported by each county. The map is available at <http://www.in.gov/dhs/files/travel-advisory-map/>.

As the storm continues, road conditions in many areas are worsening. All individuals in areas impacted by the storm are advised to remain indoors and avoid traveling.

State health officials urge Hoosiers to protect themselves in cold weather

When the winter temperatures drop, staying warm and dry can be a challenge. And with severe weather expected in the days ahead, state health officials recommend Hoosiers protect themselves by preparing for the cold.

Extremely cold temperatures, ice, and snow can pose hazards both indoors and out. Outdoors, serious health problems can result from prolonged exposure to cold, namely frostbite and hypothermia. Indoors, improper use of portable heating equipment can lead to fire or dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. Food safety issues can also arise should the electricity go out resulting in the loss of refrigeration.

Tips for staying warm and safe while at home include:

Use fireplace, wood stoves, or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside. Exercise caution when heating with these devices, as well as propane appliances, and older wall or floor gas furnaces.

-Never use a charcoal or gas grill indoors-the fumes are deadly.

-Check that you have a working carbon monoxide detector.

-Never leave lit candles unattended.

-Keep as much heat as possible inside your home. Check the temperature in your home often during severely cold weather.

-Leave all water taps slightly open so they drip continuously.

-If the power goes out, note the time of the outage and have a plan to keep perishable food cold. Potentially hazardous foods,

including meat, dairy, eggs, and cooked vegetables need to be stored at or below 41 degrees Fahrenheit.

"It's critical to have a plan in place for if you are without power and heat for an extended period of time," said State Health Commissioner Gregory Larkin, M.D. "Exposure to cold can cause life-threatening health conditions, such as frostbite or hypothermia."

Frostbite is an injury to the body that is caused by freezing; frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas, often the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite can permanently damage the body, and severe cases can lead to amputation.

Hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature, is a short-term, but serious condition that can occur when a person is exposed to cold temperatures for an extended period of time.

When a person's body temperature gets too low, it can affect the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well.

Hypothermia is particularly dangerous because a person may not know what is happening and won't be able to do anything about it.

"Stay indoors whenever possible during a winter storm," said Dr. Larkin. "If you must go outside, be sure to dress in layers, cover your head, face and mouth, and wear water-resistant coats and boots. Never ignore shivering - it's an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Persistent shivering is a signal to return indoors."



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Martin County accident reports

Monday, January 24

7:59 p.m. - Robert D. Toy, of Loogootee, was operating 1997 Ford eastbound on Church Street and due to slick roads Toy's vehicle slid off the road striking a pole. No injuries were reported. Sgt. Norris was the investigating officer.

Thursday, January 27

6:35 p.m. - William Isaccs, 22, of Loogootee, advised that he had an accident in the parking lot of White River Co-Op, and that during that accident there may have been damage done to the tie rod of his truck. He advised that he was traveling on Cherry Road and the vehicle lost steering control, causing the vehicle to drive off the roadway, striking a mailbox and wooden post owned by a Tim Cherry. The damage to the truck was a broken left front tie-rod and right front bumper. The investigating officer was Major T.A. Burkhardt.

Friday, January 28

9:26 a.m. - Kim Jones, of Loogootee, was backing her 2006 Chrysler in the American Legion parking lot when she backed into a 2000 Pontiac owed by Kim Sturgeon, of Shoals. No injuries were reported Capt Akles was the investigating officer.

2:03 p.m. - Danielle Goller, of Loogootee, was operating a Chevy and backing in the Dairy Master parking lot when she backed into a 2010 Ford owed by William Powell.

Troopers find cocaine after stopping driver for seatbelt violation

On Sunday evening, January 30, at approximately 5:15 p.m., Indiana State Police Trooper Doug Francis stopped a 1992 GMC pickup truck on US 41 at US 50 after noticing the driver and passenger were not wearing their seatbelts. The driver was identified as Jacqueline Welchance, 21, of Washington, and the passenger was identified as Justin Williams, 22, of Indianapolis. As Trooper Francis was talking to the driver he detected an odor of burnt marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed approximately six-grams of rock cocaine, a small amount of marijuana, open containers of alcohol and over \$1,400 in cash. Welchance and Williams were arrested and taken to the Knox County Jail where they are currently being held on bond.

Arrested and charges

- 1. Jacqueline Welchance, 21, 505 East Pearl Street, Washington
 - 2. Justin Williams, 22, 3036 Brill Road Apt. B7, Indianapolis
 - 1. Possession of Cocaine over 3 grams, Class C Felony
 - 2. Possession of Marijuana under 30 grams, Class A Misdemeanor
 - 3. Violation of the Open Container Law, Class C Infraction
 - 4. Seat Belt Violation, Class D Infraction
- Assisting Trooper Francis was Senior Trooper Bill Gadberry of the ISP and the Knox County Sheriff's Department.

Jail bookings

Wednesday, January 26

3:02 p.m. - Alan C. Moorhead, 55, of Loogootee, was arrested for public intoxication and transported to Martin County Security Center. Chief Rayhill was the arresting officer.

Thursday, January 27

2:40 p.m. - Jason S. Weaver, 35, of Mitchell, was arrested on a warrant and charged with failure to appear on a check deception charge.

Saturday, January 29

9:10 p.m. - Jennifer Witt, 30, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

9:10 p.m. - Timothy Witt, 41, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

Sunday, January 30

10:30 p.m. - Carl Wiscaver, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

No injuries were reported. Capt. Akles was the investigating officer.

4:47 p.m. - Heather D. Witt, 29, of Shoals, was on S.R. 450 just west of Bill Fisher Rd. in a red 2008 Dodge Ram when a deer ran onto the roadway. Witt's vehicle struck the deer causing damage to the left lower bumper and the left front door. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.

5:39 p.m. - Kevin Graber, 37, of Shoals, was southbound on Butler Bridge Road approximately one mile off of U.S. 150 in a 1987 Ford F-150 pickup when a deer entered the roadway. Graber swerved to miss the deer, lost control of his vehicle, and ran off the east side of the roadway. His vehicle continued on and hit a utility pole owned by Daviess-Martin REMC. The crash caused the pole to snap off at the ground and also put power lines down across the roadway. Graber was not injured in the crash. His vehicle was a total loss. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller. He was assisted by G&M Wrecker and a crew from Daviess-Martin REMC.

Saturday, January 29

4:30 a.m. - Chad Norris, 26, of Oolitic, was eastbound in his 1999 Chevrolet Lumina, east of Deep Cut Lake Rd., when a deer ran onto the roadway. Norris swerved to miss the deer and ran off the north side of the roadway. Norris' vehicle hit the embankment causing the air bags to deploy. Norris complained of neck pain at the

scene. He was transported to Bedford Regional Medical Center by Martin County Ambulance. The vehicle was a total loss. Norris was cited for driving while suspended, false and fictitious registration, and operating a motor vehicle without insurance. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.

State police 2010 K-9 Program statewide stats

The Indiana State Police has released statistics from its K-9 program for 2010. According to program coordinator Sergeant Tony Knox, the 30 Troopers and their K-9 partners assigned statewide accounted for the following activity:

Searches	2415
Arrests	1101
Tracks.....	219
Apprehensions	88
Assists for other agencies.....	1131
Marijuana seizures (pounds) ..	5330.78
Cocaine seizures (pounds)	12.13
Meth seizures (pounds).....	4.75
Heroin seizures (pounds).....	1.83
Total cash seizures	\$1,348,345

The Indiana State Police is committed to the use of its K-9 program, as a valuable asset to the public and other law enforcement agencies, in addressing crimes and offenders with diligent, conscientious and proactive initiatives.

Loogootee Police log

Sunday, January 23

9:05 p.m. - Female caller advised her boyfriend was drunk and wanted him removed from her house. Sgt. Norris responded.

Tuesday, January 25

12:47 p.m. - First responders requested at Shady Estates for a female with chest pains.

1:51 p.m. - Cheryl Fields, of Loogootee, reported items stolen from her vehicle. Chief Rayhill completed a case report.

Wednesday, January 26

10:17 a.m. - Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle VIN check.

3:25 p.m. - Female caller requested to speak to an officer in regard to ownership of a dog. Chief Rayhill spoke with the female.

5:05 p.m. - Male caller reported indecent exposure at the swimming pool parking lot.

7:05 p.m. - Male caller reported he had received a text from his daughter stating that her boyfriend had battered her. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the parties involved.

Thursday, January 27

1:33 p.m. - First responders requested in Shady Estate for an unknown medical problem.

3:23 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance

in Shady Estates. Officers responded.

Friday, January 28

1:48 a.m. - Female caller reported a reckless driver. The vehicle was later located.

9:06 a.m. - Caller reported dogs running loose near Builder's Best.

12:08 p.m. - Male caller reported online fraud.

Saturday, January 29

3:38 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a business alarm on Highway 50.

8:20 p.m. - Male came on station to report harassment.

Sunday, January 30

9:44 a.m. - Male reported a dead dog on Butcher Boulevard. The street department was notified.

4:32 p.m. - Male caller requested a welfare check on a female on SE 3rd Street. Capt. Akles made contact with the female.

9:29 p.m. - Female requested a welfare check on her son. Sgt. Norris responded.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a swing set in the middle of the road. Sgt. Norris responded.

10:18 p.m. - Female caller reported her son was threatening her. Sgt. Norris talked with caller.

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 26

Jacob E. Jones, intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Daniel K. Moffett, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

January 19

Heather Andrews vs. Eric Andrews, petition for dissolution of marriage.

January 24

Deaconess Hospital vs. David Bledsoe, civil collection.

January 25

Eric Milligan vs. Clint Keller, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

January 24

Procol, Inc. vs. William Pilkerton, civil plenary, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suit Filed

January 25

David Holt vs. David Holt, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

January 18

Traci Kettinger and John Kettinger to Hoosier Accounts Service in the amount of \$1,282.32.

January 24

Janet K. Fox to Barbara D. Young in the amount of \$1,589.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

January 24

Toy's Auto Parts vs. Triple H Trucking, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

January 19 - January 25

Dewayne Decker, Loogootee, wrong way on a one-way road, \$94.

Christopher Lee, Colleyville, Texas, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Kevin Moore, Linton, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Edward Teepe, Terre Haute, speeding 60 in a 45, \$119.

Amy Willoughby, French Lick, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

January 28

Wayne Dennis Souerdike of Loogootee and Terri Elaine DeWitt-Laurenzana of Loogootee.

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92 new jobs coming to Southeast Indiana by 2013

Southeast Indiana firms, G.F. Munich Welding, Talon Logistics Services LLC, Shoe Sensation Inc. and Nexgen Mold & Tool announced plans today to expand their operations in Southeast Indiana, creating up to 92 combined jobs by 2013.

"We are in constant competition with our neighbors for new investment and nowhere is that more evident than Southeast Indiana," said Mitch Roob, Secretary of Commerce and chief executive officer of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "The announcement of four companies investing and creating new opportunities in Indiana shows that we are winning those competitions."

G.F. Munich Welding, a steel fabricator of structural components and machinery for the wastewater, mining and power generation industries, will invest more than \$2.2 million to purchase equipment and additional real estate at its Jeffersonville manufacturing operations, creating up to 30 new jobs. The state of Indiana offered up to \$150,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans.

"Munich Welding is looking forward to growing our business in Southern Indiana. The training grant will help us enter new markets and improve the skill sets of our employees. Indiana has really been very business friendly to us and we look forward to being here for a long time to come," said Joseph Papalia, president of G.F. Munich Welding.

Talon Logistics Services LLC, a provider of distribution, warehousing and brokered freight services, will invest more than \$900,000 to consolidate operations currently located in Louisville, Kentucky to its Clarksville distribution hub, creating up to 30 new jobs. The state of Indiana offered up to \$175,000 in performance-based tax credits based on Talon's growth plans.

"Indiana understands what we are trying to do and has been supportive of our efforts, from the first time we sat down to talk to the One Southern Indiana and the IEDC and in every step we took to make our final decision," said Darren Pavey, president and chief operating officer for Talon Logistics Services, LLC. "This type of forward thinking played a major role in finalizing our decision to move our facility and place our future in the state of Indiana."

Shoe Sensation Inc., a regional shoe retailer, will invest more than \$695,000 to lease and improve additional space at its Jeffersonville headquarters and distribution center, creating up to 20 new jobs. The state of Indiana offered up to \$80,000 in training grants based on the company's growth plans.

"The state of Indiana and the city of Jeffersonville have been invaluable partners as we update our office and distribution facilities and continue to grow the number of Shoe Sensation retail stores that we operate throughout Indiana and surrounding states. We are excited about the new job opportunities our strategic expansion creates for local workers," said Michael Zawoysky, chief executive officer of Shoe Sensation Inc.

Nexgen Mold & Tool, a provider of plastic injection molding and contract manufacturing services will invest more than \$3.1 million to construct and equip additional

production space at its New Albany facility, creating up to 12 new jobs. The state of Indiana offered up to \$48,000 in training grants based on Nexgen's growth plans.

"We are in an industry that is beginning to return to the levels of operation that were enjoyed by small manufacturers like ours prior to China's nascence in this industry," said John Lukes, president and chief executive officer of Nexgen Mold & Tool. "These types of programs will ensure that companies like ours will be able to grow successfully and regain prominence in many industries that were supplanted by foreign competitors. Many of our customers come from Indiana and the surrounding region and they are seeing the value of having their key suppliers in close proximity to themselves."

The city of Jeffersonville will consider additional property tax abatement for the GF Munich Welding and Shoe Sensation projects. The town of Clarksville is considering additional support for the Talon Logistics project. New Albany will consider property tax abatement for Nexgen Mold & Tool. One Southern Indiana will provide additional assistance in procuring local support for all projects.

"We don't want to take any business for granted - either new businesses or those that have been long-term members of our business community. We hope this pattern of growth is indicative of a new year full of more success stories like these," said Michael Dalby, president and chief executive officer of One Southern Indiana. "We also commend the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and local municipalities for their support of business and job creation."

The announced southeast Indiana expansions come just more than a month after Heartland Payment Systems announced its plans to invest more than \$6.2 million to add 50,000 square feet of additional office space at its current Jeffersonville service center, creating up to 140 new jobs by the end of the year.

Public questions could move to the top of election ballots

The Senate Elections Committee voted unanimously Monday to approve a measure that would place public questions at the beginning of election ballots. State Senator Frank Mrvan (D-Hammond), who authored Senate Bill 161, says the bill would allow for the issues that most directly affect voters to be placed where they are less likely to be overlooked.

"Local questions, referendums and constitutional amendments should be at the front of the voting process," Mrvan said. "These questions directly affect the lives of voters, and putting them at the top of the ballot will give them more prominence."

Currently, public questions are placed at the end of election ballots. Moving the public questions that deal with critical local and state issues, such as last year's property tax cap amendment, could help mitigate voting discrepancies for those voters who may skip over the end of the ballot.

Senate Bill 161 passed unanimously out of committee and will now be eligible for a second reading on the Senate floor.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Rep.
Mark Messmer



Health and wealth for Hoosiers

It has been an eventful week at the Statehouse. All committees have met and have been hearing multiple bills. I had a bill pass through the Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development Committee, of which I am Vice Chairman. The bill would help attract new businesses to the state by allowing local government new flexibility in providing businesses with incentives and tax abatements. House Bill 1007 would also help us reach our goals in the Strengthen Indiana Plan. It passed through committee by a vote of 11-0 and will be up for second reading on the House floor.

Another bill that I authored, HB 1297, passed its second reading on the House floor this week. It would change how- or if- financial institutions are able to hold public deposits of the state. This bill has also received support from the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions and the Indiana Bankers Association.

Two issues that have a lot of public interest were discussed at length were HB 1129, a ban on texting while driving, and HB 1018 a ban on smoking in public places. Both of these bills are concerned with the health and safety of Hoosiers.

HB 1129 would ban texting while driving a moving vehicle. Hands free devices would

still be allowed and a police officer would not be allowed to confiscate the device to determine compliance with the law. The penalty would be a Class C infraction, similar to receiving a ticket for speeding or not wearing a seat belt. HB 1129 passed its third and final reading on the House floor and will now be sent to the Senate for consideration.

HB 1018 would ban smoking in public places including enclosed places of employment, within 12 feet of a public entrance, in certain state vehicles, and in certain other public places. The bill was amended this week to exclude bars with an entrance age of at least 21, veterans' and senior centers, and fraternal lodges in addition to casinos and tobacco shops. HB 1018 has passed its second reading on the House floor and will be up for its third and final reading.

We are moving very quickly and there are many important issues still to be discussed and heard in the General Assembly. The Senate is moving quickly, as well, and when their bills come to the House I'll be sure to keep you updated on the work they are doing.

I encourage you to share your thoughts and opinions on the issues we are working on at the Statehouse and always appreciate hearing from you.

Indiana Health Information Technology, Inc. plan earns approval, extra funding

On Friday, January 21, Indiana Health Information Technology, Inc. (IHIT) received official notification of acceptance, as well as \$3 million in additional funding, from the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Indiana's Health Information Exchange (HIE) Strategic/Operational Plan.

The plan focuses on three primary activities - granting funds to subsidize interface development among the neediest providers and labs in the state; establishing the necessary technology and policy infrastructure to support interoperability and HIE between the five existing Health Information Organizations (HIO); and supporting bidirectional interface development between providers and the state immunization registry.

Initially granted \$10.3 million in March of 2010 to further enhance the quality and reach of Indiana's existing health informa-

tion technology delivery system, Indiana was one of only eight states in the country to receive supplementary funding for such a project.

"These latest funds further solidify Indiana's role as a leader in health information exchange," said Andrew VanZee, Statewide Health IT Director and CEO of IHIT, Inc.

The extra funding was granted as part of the "Health Information Exchange Challenge Program - Supplemental Funding Opportunity to the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program" and will be used to expand consumer-mediated information exchange, as well as to enable advanced query for patient care.

More information can be found on IHIT, Inc.'s website: <http://www.indianahealthit.com/>.

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Democrats present legislative proposals at press conference

Senate Democrats held a press conference last Thursday to call on Republicans to begin hearing a package of legislative proposals aimed at spurring business activity and creating new jobs in Indiana. Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville) and members of the Senate Democratic Caucus say the proposals would improve Indiana's job market and generate income to support families and communities.



-Photo provided

Senator Vi Simpson and members of the Senate Democratic Caucus during the Senate Democrat's press conference last Thursday.

The bills focus on fostering entrepreneurial ventures and leveraging small business investments as well as additional accountability for state funds directed at job creation. Funded through the redirection of existing resources from ineffective programs to those that better serve Indiana's employers and workers, the proposals require no new state funding or new taxes.

In a memo to Senate Commerce and Economic Development Committee Chair Sen. Michael Young (R-Indianapolis), the Democrats requested that four bills containing these proposals be scheduled for a hearing in the committee.

Included in the "Real Ideas, Real Jobs" package proposed by the Senate Democrats:

- "Small Business Concierge Team" for one-stop service to start-ups and expanding businesses (SB 348)

- Capital Access Fund for entrepreneurs and start-ups (SB 435)

- New hire tax credits for smaller employers (SB 583)

- Redirect job creation funds to successful initiatives (SB 435)

- Give preference in state contracts to companies that use Indiana labor (SB 369)

- Immediately begin work on state infrastructure and university construction projects

- Fast-track for small business - Senate Bill 348: To help Indiana entrepreneurs and small businesses, Senate Democrats want to create a "Small Business Concierge Team" to provide one-stop service for Indiana start-ups and businesses looking to expand. The 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. Critical to this service is that the state help entrepreneurs become "capital-ready" by connecting them with regional networks, universities, Certified Technology Parks, and small business incubators that offer management training and low-cost facilities.

- Capital access fund - Senate Bill 435: Indiana scores poorly in small businesses' ability to access capital, a critical factor for a state's economic performance. 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.

Senate Bill 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.

Redirect state dollars for job creation - Senate Bill 435: Also contained in Senate Bill 435, Senate Democrats want to re-establish the legislative Sunset Evaluation Committee to annually review state programs and suggest potential cuts from ineffective pro-

grams. Beginning with a focus on identifying IEDC job incentives that have not produced jobs and reinvesting in those that are successful, this committee would ensure that our limited state dollars are directed at the most effective programs benefiting job creation and income generation.

- New hire tax credit - Senate Bill 583: Providing Indiana's small businesses the same benefit now available to larger companies, Senate Bill 583 would increase access to a hiring incentive created in 2010. The tax credit approved last year under Senate Enrolled Act 23 provides a tax credit for 10 percent of the wages paid to qualified new hires during a two-year period, lowering an employer's labor costs for those new employees. Senate Bill 583 would remove the existing requirement that a business hire at least 10 new employees to qualify for the tax credit, opening the program to smaller employers. Other current eligibility requirements would be maintained.

- Indiana worker preference for public projects - Senate Bill 369: Taxpayer money spent on state contracts should help put Hoosiers to work, not profit out-of-state companies. Senate Bill 369 would require state contracts to contain a guarantee that at least 80 percent of the people working on those contracts be Indiana residents, resulting in reinvestments in Indiana businesses and workers. The requirement would also be applied to professional services contracts that are not competitively bid, such as consultants hired by state agencies.

Release state infrastructure project funds: Senate Democrats repeated their call for the state to immediately begin work on planned construction projects, state universities capital projects, roads and highways and other state infrastructure investments. Many projects have already been authorized by the General Assembly under the state budget signed into law by Governor Daniels in 2009, but have not been put out for bids.

Attorney General's statement on ruling in health care lawsuit

A federal court ruled Monday in the legal challenge brought by Indiana and 25 other states and found that the new federal health care law is unconstitutional. In his ruling, U.S. District Court Roger Vinson largely agreed with the plaintiff states that the law's individual mandate to buy health insurance is unconstitutional and struck down the new law.

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller, who joined the multistate lawsuit in May 2010 on behalf of the State of Indiana, today issued this statement:

"It was unprecedented for the federal government to claim it can require individuals to purchase a commercial health insurance product or pay a penalty. The sovereign states had an obligation to bring this respectful legal challenge to test whether this claim was constitutional. It is essential that the question be asked of and answered by the United States Supreme Court. Today's ruling in Florida finding that a portion of the law is unconstitutional under the Commerce Clause is historic, and an important check on the scope of the federal government's power," Zoeller said.

"As I have traveled around Indiana, Hoosiers consistently have said that some form of health insurance reform is needed, but they have serious concerns with the federal government mandating private purchase of their health insurance. Moreover, our lawsuit also had contended the federal government's mandating that states dramatically expand their Medicaid programs is an unconstitutional infringement upon the sovereignty of state governments," Zoeller added.

"Now that the Florida federal court has struck down the law, an appeal by the federal government defendants is anticipated. We expect that the United States Supreme Court eventually will hear the multistate case as well as the similar legal challenge Virginia brought - and decide the extent to which Congress can compel individuals to buy health insurance," Zoeller said.

On December 16, Judge Vinson heard arguments on the merits of the case U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Florida in Pensacola. Although today's

ruling agreed with the states in striking down the individual mandate, the Court agreed with the federal defendants on the expansion of Medicaid, and that portion of the ruling also is likely to be appealed by the plaintiffs. Today's ruling would be appealed to the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, Ga., and from there to the United States Supreme Court.

In addition to Indiana, the plaintiff states bringing the multistate challenge last year 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). On January 18, six additional states joined the case: Ohio, Kansas, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Maine and Iowa. The U.S. Department of Justice represents the federal government defendants.

Virginia brought a separate challenge to the health care law citing similar grounds and a different federal district court in December 2010 ruled in that state's favor, finding portions of the law are unconstitutional.

Zoeller has spent no additional tax dollars on the multistate 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.

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-Photo by Lori Mattingly

Shown above are nominees and winners of Homecoming King and Queen at last Saturday's Loogootee basketball game against Springs Valley. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are Mallorie Layton, Abby Hamilton, Erin Wittmer, Brittany Eckerle, and Homecoming Queen Leah Lottes. In the back row, from left to right, are Tyler Jacobs, Daniel Wildman, Stephen Bradley, Homecoming King Mitch Green, and Clinton Burch.

The Loogootee Boys' Varsity Basketball team hosted Springs Valley last Saturday night for the Homecoming game. The Lions finished with a satisfying defeat 64-47 making it their 8th win in a row and 12-3 on the season.

Loogootee pulled away early in the first half outscoring Springs Valley 13-6 in the first quarter and 19-10 in the second putting the first half score at 32-16. Conner Wittmer led in first half scoring with 12 points.

In the second half the Chargers matched points with the Lions only being outscored by two.

Conner Wittmer finished with a game-high 20 points followed by Ben Hogan and John Baugh with 13 each. Bryant Ackerman finished with 11 points, Clinton Burch had three, and Matt Mathies and Jon Sherrick had two each.

The Lions finished shooting 83 percent from the free throw line.

For Springs Valley Syllas Morin led in scoring with 18. Eight other Valley players finished in the scoring column including Curtis Crow with six, Lance Webster, Levi Weddle, and Sebastian Baggett with four each, Jacob Nachreiner, Daniel Mills, and Bo Webster with three each, and Trenton Hill with a bucket. Springs Valley shot 82 percent from the free throw line.

On Friday night the Lions host White River Valley and pulled off a close win 40-39.

John Baugh finished with a game-high 17 points including three 3-pointers. Conner Wittmer finished with 11, Ben Hogan with six, and Kirk Lengacher and Bryant Ackerman each had three points each.

The Lions only shot six free throws in the game hitting five. White River Valley finished at

73 percent from the free throw line. The Lions will travel to Southridge on Saturday night with a varsity tip-off at 7:30 p.m.



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Lady Rox fall to South Knox, defeat Medora

The Shoals Lady Rox suffered a defeat at South Knox on January 24, losing 37-52 despite deep scoring by Michaela Brockman of 24 points.

Shoals struggled right from the first quarter with Brockman and Nicole Harder the only team members to put up any shots. Brockman kept the firing and ended up on the free throw line five times in the second quarter nailing down 8 of 8 shots.

South Knox led at halftime 22-17.

In the third quarter South Knox smacked down four of five 3-pointers and outscored the Lady Rox 18-13.

The fourth quarter only clinched the win for South Knox with the Lady Rox only putting up seven points to their 12.

Following Brockman's 24 points, Nicole Harder also contributed eight, Briana Wagler had three, and Lezlie Hart finished with a bucket.

Brockman finished hitting five of 14 from field goal range and 1-3 from three-point range.

Overall the girls were 7 of 24 from two-point range and 3-11 from three-point range.

On January 26 the Lady Rox traveled to Medora where they came home with a win 48-30. The girls dominated from the opening seconds only allowing Medora to score into the double digits once in the third quarter.

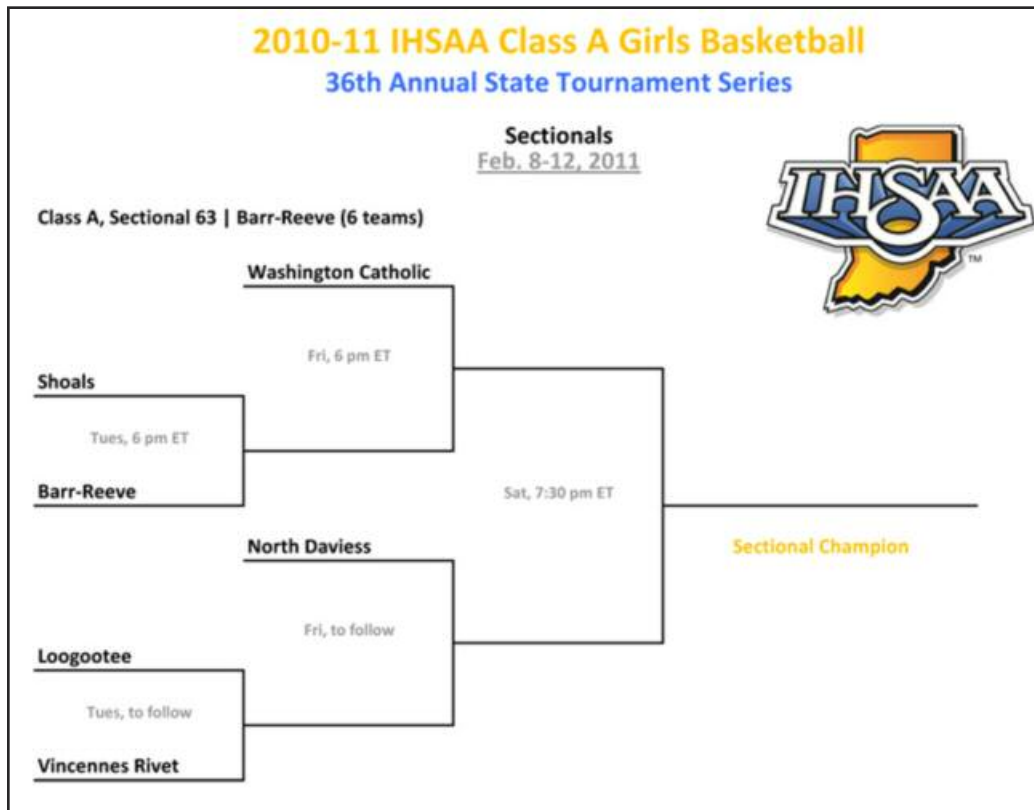
Shoals was 13-41 from 2-point range and 4-8 from three-point range. They were 50 percent from the free throw line.

Michaela Brockman led in scoring with 16 followed by Rachel Harder with 12, Nicole Harder with 11, Lezlie Hart with four, S. Tedrow and Briana Wagler with two each, and Jessica Bleemel with a point.

Loogootee Little League registration dates set

Registration for the 2011 Loogootee Little League Baseball and A Softball Season will be held on Sunday, February 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, February 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. or Sunday, February 27 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria at Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School.

Boys and girls who will be four (4) by April 30 are eligible to participate in tee-ball. Boys who do not turn thirteen (13) years old until after April 30 are allowed to play Little League Baseball. Girls who were twelve (12) years old or under on December 31, 2010 are eligible to play softball. Cost is \$40 for the first child in the family and \$30 for each additional child. Total cost of three or more players is \$100.



Lady Lions go down to Jeeps 37-50

The Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity team was defeated at home by Northeast Dubois last Saturday, January 29. The final score was Loogootee 37, NE Dubois 50.

The girls started off well in the first quarter outscoring the Lady Jeeps 9-7 but then fell in the second quarter only landing five points to Dubois' 15 putting the score at halftime 22-14 in favor of the Lady Jeeps.

Unable to find their stride the girls couldn't fight their way back in the third and fourth putting their season at 9-9.

Lion Sixth Graders get win over Rivet

The Loogootee Sixth Grade Boys' Basketball team traveled to Orleans on January 25 to play Vincennes Rivet. The Lions pulled off a win 30-15.

Leading the team in scoring was Landon Bell with 10 followed by Tye Collins with eight, Tokala Richardson with six, and Jordan Clark, Jake Nonte, and Wyatt Nonte with two points each.

Bell also lead in assists with four and steals with six. Tye Collins finished with five steals.

The boys will play North Daviess at home on February 3 at 6 p.m. and Shoals on February 7 with the fifth grade starting at 6 p.m.

Shoals Baseball meeting

There will be a Shoals Summer League Baseball meeting Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Shoals Schools Cafeteria. All parents and coaches are encouraged to attend.

Whitney Wagoner led the team in scoring with 14 points followed by Taylor Walker with nine, Tia Pennington with six, Gabrielle Ritchey with four, and Brooke Nonte and Christina Ziegler with a bucket each. The girls only shot and made on free throw on the night.

Northeast Dubois was led in scoring by Taylor Borden with 15 followed by Nicole Dodd with 12, Mackenzie Dorsam with eight, Mariah Seng with six, Emily Leuken with five, and Brittany Hopf with four. The Lady Jeeps were 62.5 percent from the free throw line.

The win put Northeast Dubois at 10-9 on the season.

Loogootee 6th grade girls finish out season

The Loogootee Sixth Grade Girls' Basketball team closed out their season Monday night, January 31 with a hard-fought victory over the visiting Shoals Lady Rox. Loogootee stormed out to a 12-2 first quarter lead, but the tenacious Shoals team battled back to within two points in the 3rd quarter.

The Lady Lions answered with a run of their own, winning 38-21. Meghan Mathies topped all scorers with 15, including one three-pointer.

Mayson Riley scored nine, with Mya Hedrick and Emily Brookshire each scoring five, and Kylie Hall adding four points.

The team ended the season with a 10-3 record, and 2-2 "B" game record.

Coach Sanders commented, "It has been a privilege to coach these girls. This is my second season with most of them, and the entire team has shown great improvement. The girls worked well together as a team, and always gave 100 percent. I look forward to watching many of them as they continue to play for the Lady Lions over the next several years."

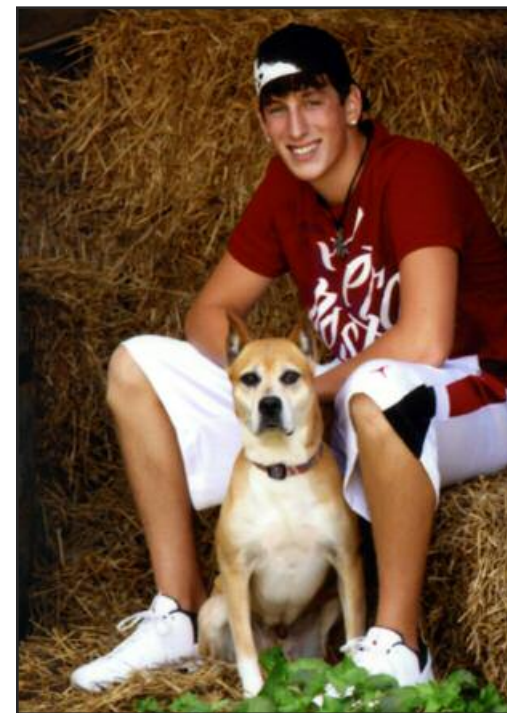
The sixth graders traveled to Northeast Dubois on January 29 where they defeated the Lady Jeeps 31-21. Leading a well-balanced attack was Mayson Riley with nine points. Kylie Hall hit for eight, Meghan Mathies knocked in five, including a 3-pointer.

Emily Brookshire and Mya Hedrick each scored four points, and Matty Jones chipped in a free throw. Coach Sanders was pleased with the total team effort, balanced scoring, and free throw shooting.



DEIDRE PENNINGTON

Deidre Brooke Pennington is the daughter of Mark and Brenda Pennington. Her favorite hobby is hanging out with family and friends. During high school she has been involved in basketball, track, softball, and was volleyball manager. She says her best memory of high school was teepeeing Mr. Smith with Shaelin and Hillary and a memory she will hold onto is when everyone got married on the playground in 2nd grade. After graduation, Deidre plans to attend college, get a good job, get married, and have a family.



JUSTIN FRANKLIN

Justin Michael Franklin is the son of Kimberly Kyger and Mark Franklin. His favorite hobbies are basketball, baseball, football, snowboarding, texting, and Xbox. During high school he was involved in soccer. He says his best memory is when he and Daniel Lagenour killed a goose another memory he will hold onto is when he failed a dunk in basketball and it went on YouTube. After graduation Justin plans to attend college to become an electrician.

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Shoals participates in the National Archery in the Schools Program



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Shown above is the Shoals Advance PE Class that joined in on learning about archery in the National Archery in the Schools Program. In the front row, from left to right, are Zach Clifton, Zach Baker, Jondavide Hopkins, John Harder, Daniel Lageneour, Brittany Hert, Kelsey Hardwick, and Eric McDonald. In the back row, from left to right, are Conservation Officer Tony Mann, Darek Turpin, Stevie Witt, Tyler Price, Austin Meyers, Zach Cook, Seth McCrary, Andrew Meriweather, unknown, unknown, Justin Franklin, Cody Dukes, and Conservation Officer Eric Doane.

Last week, more than 100 Shoals Jr./Sr. High students honed their archery skills during their normal PE classes. The students took part in a program known as NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program). The program, which originated in Kentucky in the nineties, is designed to teach youngsters the lifelong sport of archery. All students participate and enjoy the program.

During the week, Indiana Conservation Officers Tony Mann and Eric Doane provided instruction to the kids, who ranged from 7th grade to seniors. On Friday, each class held a mini tournament to find the top shooter in each class.

The winners included the following: 7th grader Steve Hammack, 8th grader Logan Albright, 9th graders Cole Hovis and Cody Erwin, 10th grader Nick Gerkin, and 11th grader Zack Baker.

Shoals High School began the program several years ago and acquired the gear through grants and donations from the National Wild Turkey Federation and Wright Timber.



-Photos provided

In the photo on the left, Mrs. Kerr's 7th grade class poses with Conservation Officers Tony Mann, far left, and Eric Doane, far right, after participating in the archery program. In the photo on the right, ninth grader Hannah Land pulls back on her compound bow and eyes her target.



-Photo provided

Eighth graders at Shoals Jr./Sr. High School shown above learn the 11 steps of archery during the National Archery in Schools Program.



-Photo provided

Eighth graders Austin Jones and Logan Albright proudly show their target and the arrows that remain there.

Loogootee Intermediate Honor Roll

Fifth grade

High Honors: Anaya Carrico, Marina Lents, Kenadi Rumble, Elizabeth Stoll, Ross Adams, Brandon Armstrong, Luke Callison, Lane Keller, Jody Seals, Katie Sims, and Dylan Arthur.

Honor Roll: Julianne Bell, Estralia Brewer, Shalyn Bruner, Haley Burch, Jordan Leatherman, Zachary Lythgoe, Jalen Pearson, Halle Sheetz, Kayla Taylor, Taylin Trambaugh, Anthony Bonte, Taiya Armstrong, Josh Daniels, Adam Greene, MKaden Gregory, Heather Harshaw, Dylan Jones, Zachary Koenig, Savannah McAtee, Carson Rayhill, Leighton Seals, Austin Woody, Candice Clark, Josh Cook, Monica Cowin, Chris Hager, Cole Harmon, Cora Hedrick, Kristin Norris, Emily Whitworth, Cade Wilcoxon, and Karika Young

Perfect Attendance: Julianne Bell, Kenadi Rumble, Kayla Taylor, Alissa Whitehead, Luke Callison, Josh Daniels, Adam Greene, Heather Harshaw, Dylan Jones, Lane Keller, Savannah McAtee, Carson Rayhill, Megan Street, Josh Cook, Chris Hager, Jamison Hennette, Ruger Hopkins, Jordan

Kaiser, Kimberly Rogers, and Emily Whitworth

Sixth grade

High Honors: Mya Hedrick, Breanna Hollaway, Eden Jenkins, Nolan Lottes, Mayson Riley, Clayton Thomas, Abbie Williams, Sara Bailey, Tristan Jones, Meghan Mathies, Justin Wagler, Blake Ziegler, Wilson Hatter, and Martina Stevens.

Honor Roll: Deanna Canell, Jordan Clark, Tyler Lythgoe, Wyatt Nonte, Jacob Simmons, Kristen Spears, Angel Stuckey, Justin Swartzentruber, Kevin Wagler, Abby Barker, Chase Carrico, Wade Coleman, Marcus Hopkins, Breigh Lamar, Megan Lampert, Tokala Richardson, Leah Wagler, Landon Bell, Emily Brookshire, Tye Collins, Kylie Hall, Kaleb Lyon, Jacob Nonte, Brandon Tolbert, and Kaitlyn Wagoner

Perfect Attendance: Deanna Canell, Cole Gillick, Kayla Abel, Marcus Hopkins, Tristan Jones, Willis Lawson, Leah Wagler, Eden Jenkins, Kaleb Lyon, Kendall Staats, Clayton Thomas, Brandon Tolbert, and Abbie Williams

LOOGOOTEE LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

DATES OF REGISTRATION

Sunday, February 13 from 1 to 3 p.m.
Wednesday, February 23 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Sunday, February 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.
in the LHS cafeteria

Cost is \$40 for the first child in the family and \$30 for each additional child. Total cost of three or more players is \$100.

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'The King in the Kitchen'

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Shoals Elementary Fourth Graders did a great job performing the play "The King in the Kitchen" recently. The students who performed in the above photo, in the front row from left to right, are Ryan Spurgeon, Lilly Thacker, Hallie Wyman, and Josh Richardson. In the back row, from left to right, are Harley Spurgeon, Chase Fromme, Kyle Montgomery, Evan Wagoner, Calli Wininger, Lori Albright, Olivia Stoll, and Georgia Bryson. Students performing in play below in the front, from left to right, are John Sukup, Maddy Gaines, Jarod Waggoner, and Melanie Hawkins. In the back row, from left to right, are Sean Davis (sitting Angel Hampton) Ryan Hawkins, Matthew Newkirk, Klayton Tichenor, Alyssa Hernandez, Amber Fields, and Calli Wininger.



Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY WEST Breakfast

Thursday, February 3
Cereal, sausage, applesauce, juice

Friday, February 4
Egg, sausage, biscuit, juice

Monday, February 7
Pancakes, sausage, applesauce

Tuesday, February 8
Breakfast pizza, hash browns, juice

Wednesday, February 9
Biscuits and gravy, sausage, juice

Lunch

Thursday, February 3
Turkey and cheese sandwich, scalloped potatoes, carrot sticks

Friday, February 4
Hot dog, French fries, apple

Monday, February 7
Ravioli, corn, peaches, bread

Tuesday, February 8
Chicken sandwich, green beans, pears

Wednesday, February 9
Chili and crackers, applesauce, cheese, carrot sticks, sweet rolls

LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

Thursday, February 3
Chicken noodle soup or pizza, peanut butter and jelly, cheese and crackers, fruit, salad plate, milk

Friday, February 4
Burritos or pizza, Mexican rice, corn, applesauce, salad plate, milk

Monday, February 7

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

Tuesday, February 8
Salisbury steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, fruit, green beans, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, February 9
Potato soup or pizza, tossed salad, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

Thursday, February 3
Cereal, muffins, juice, milk

Friday, February 4
Egg wrap, hash browns, milk

Monday, February 7
Cereal, granola bar, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 8
Pancakes with syrup, sausage, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 9
Cereal, muffins, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, February 3
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, yeast roll, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza

Friday, February 4
Chili with crackers, garlic bread, applesauce, milk

Monday, February 7
Breaded turkey sandwich, French fries, fruit, cookies, milk

Tuesday, February 8
Country steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, yeast roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

Wednesday, February 9
Macaroni and cheese, green beans, slaw, bread, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

College Goal Sunday is February 20 at VU, VUJC

College Goal Sunday is scheduled February 20, at 2 p.m. (EST), at both Vincennes University's Shake Learning Resources Center and at the New Classroom Building at the VU Jasper Campus. College Goal Sunday will take place at 39 sites in 32 Indiana communities.

The College Goal Sunday program offers help to college-bound Indiana students and their families to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). On-site help will be available from financial aid experts, primarily from Indiana colleges and universities.

For Indiana residents who hope to be eligible for state grants, the FAFSA must be received by the federal processor on or before March 10. Twenty-first Century Scholars are also required to complete and submit a FAFSA by March 10 to claim their scholarships. Most colleges, universities, and vocational/technical schools in the nation require students seeking federal financial aid, including grants and loans, to complete the FAFSA.

Students should attend with their parent(s) or guardian(s) and bring their parents' completed 2010 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 forms, and other 2010 income and benefits information. If students worked last year, they should also bring their income information. Students 24 years or older may attend alone and bring their own completed 2010 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2010 income and benefits information.

FAFSA on the Web Worksheets will be provided, but students are encouraged to bring their own FAFSA on the Web Work-

sheets and their U.S. Department of Education Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) if filing online. Parents will also need to obtain a PIN to file online. To obtain a PIN prior to College Goal Sunday, go to www.pin.ed.gov.

Students who attend any of the College Goal Sunday sites and submit a completed evaluation form will automatically be entered in a drawing for one of three regional educational prizes, worth \$1,000 each. In addition, College Goal Sunday Indiana will award \$1,000 educational prizes to an attendee from each site. The winners will be notified in March and prizes will be sent directly to the higher education institutions selected by winning students.

To learn more about College Goal Sunday or for answers to specific financial aid questions, call the Learn More Indiana hotline toll-free at 1-800-992-2076. Families needing assistance from a Spanish interpreter, sign language interpreter, or who may have other special needs should call 1-800-992-2076 to report which site you will attend.

Now in its 22nd year, College Goal Sunday is a charitable collaboration involving the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA) in cooperation with the Learn More Indiana, the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI), and the Twenty-first Century Scholars program. College Goal Sunday is co-funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc., Lumina Foundation for Education, and USA Funds which are three Indiana-based non-profits with a particular interest in higher education.



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Overcomers' group

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Loogootee JH Basketball results

On Monday January 24 the 7th and 8th grade Lady Lions went up against the WC Cardinals at Jack Butcher Arena. The seventh grade walked away with a 40-10 victory. Leading scorers for the evening were Macey Baxter and Emily Bateman, each with 12 points. Bailey Davis finished with eight points, Mariah Bridgewater with three points, Renee Whitman and Kimberly Bough each had two points, and Brittany Woody contributed one point.

The 8th grade ladies also defeated the WC Cardinals finishing with a score of 34 to 22. Leading the team in scoring was Allie Walker with 16 points. Also contributing with points were Kaelyn Nonte and Waylee Wagoner each with six points, and Whitney Pendleton, Ariel Jones, and Emily Bateman each with a bucket.

On Thursday, January 27 the ladies traveled to Wood Memorial and once again walked away with a 43-24 victory. Leading the 7th grade ladies that evening was Macey Baxter with 29 points, followed by Emily Bateman with 10 points and Bailey Davis with four points.

The 8th grade ladies were defeated after a hard battle with Wood Memorial 31-34. High scorer for the game was Allie Walker with 17 points followed by Kaelyn Nonte with five points, Waylee Wagoner with four points, Malorie Weisheit with three points, and Whitney Pendleton with a point.

On Saturday January 29 both teams traveled to the yearly Bedford Tournament. In game one for the 7th grade, they battled Oolitic and were defeated 15-28. Scoring were Macey Baxter and Emily Bateman with five points, Bailey Davis with three points, and Renee Whitman with a bucket. Game 2 matched the girls with Bedford Middle School. The Lions were defeated 28-47. Leading the 7th grade was Macey Baxter with 14 points followed by Emily Bateman with seven points, Bailey Davis with four points, Brittany Woody with two points, and Renee Whitman with one point. This brought the 7th grade Lady Lions' sea-

son to a close with a record of 6 wins and 14 losses. Congratulations on a great season 7th grade Lady Lions. We are proud of you.

The 8th grade Lady Lions were matched with Shawswick for the game one of the Bedford Tournament. They were defeated 33-57. Leading the 8th grade in game 1 was Allie Walker with 19 points followed by Waylee Wagoner with 12 points and Kaelyn Nonte with two points. In game two, the girls were matched with Bedford Middle School and walked away with a victory 40-36. Leading the team with points was Allie Walker with 20. Also contributing were Waylee Wagoner with seven points, Kaelyn Nonte and Malorie Weisheit with six points each, and Ariel Jones with a point. This brings the 8th grade Lady Lions to a season record of 8 wins and 12 losses.

On February 7 the 8th grade will battle the Shoals Jug Rox in their first game of the Blue Chip Conference games at 6:30 p.m. at home.

Loogootee 5th Grade Girls wrap up season

The Loogootee Fifth Grade Girls' Basketball team finished off their season at home Monday night, January 31 against Shoals Elementary. Loogootee pulled off the win 18-4. Leading in scoring for Loogootee was Julianne Bell with six. Alissa Whitehead and Megan Street both contributed four points and Jody Seals and Candice Clark each had a bucket.

Head coach Seals congratulated his team, Taiya Armstrong, Julianne Bell, Candice Clark, Heather Harshaw, Jody Seals, Katie Sims, Megan Street, and Alissa Whitehead, after the win and final game of the season. The girls finished with nine wins and six losses.

The girls traveled to Northeast Dubois Saturday, January 29 and were defeated 14-22. Jody Seals led in scoring with 10. Candice Clark and Taiya Armstrong each contributed two.

Twin Rivers staff is visiting schools

The Twin Rivers staff will be at the area high schools the week of February 7 to present information concerning career and technical education programs for the 2011-2012 school year. Sophomores and juniors will have the opportunity to meet with program instructors to ask questions and gain more information about the programs.

Students in a Twin Rivers program will attend their home high school a half day and the other half day the student will attend a career and technical education program. The students in a career and technical education program have the opportunity to earn college credit, learn entry level skills, and discover their interests in a program.

For more information students should come to the meeting and talk to their high school counselor.

Twin Rivers will be at the following schools on Tuesday, February 8 - Washington, Barr Reeve, Loogootee, and North Daviess.



-Photo by Leighton Seals

Loogootee's Ben Hogan is shown above dunking the ball during Homecoming festivities last Saturday night in Jack Butcher Arena.

Loogootee Post Prom looking for volunteers

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.

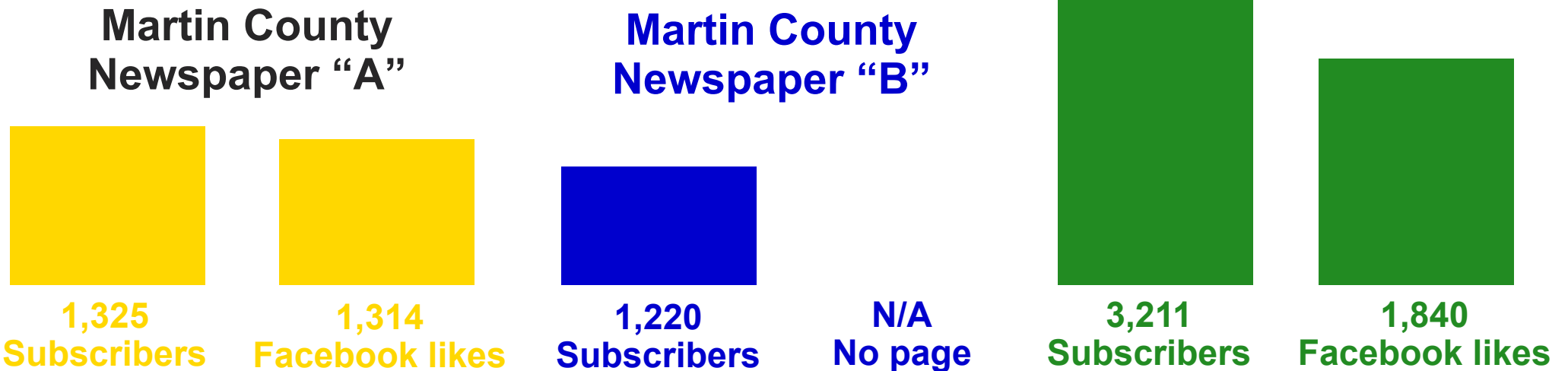
The Loogootee Prom will be held on April 30, 2011. Post Prom is designed to give all Loogootee juniors and seniors and their dates a safe, drug-free, and fun environment to go to after the Prom. Those juniors and seniors who elect not to attend Prom are encouraged to attend the Post Prom activities as 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.

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Indiana takes next step in tackling obesity

Building on the success of Gov. Daniels' INShape Indiana health initiative, the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity at the Indiana State Department of Health last Friday released a plan to continue the fight against obesity, "Indiana's Comprehensive Nutrition and Physical Activity Plan, 2010-2020."

"We've been encouraging Hoosiers to eat better and move more since launching IN-Shape Indiana nearly six years ago. Since then, I've heard many individual success stories, but we can't truly solve this issue without affecting change on a much broader scale. We're taking the next step with this plan," said Gov. Daniels.

In 2008, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded Indiana and 22 other state health departments a five-year grant to address the growing problem of obesity.

Through this grant, the Indiana State Department of Health's Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity developed the Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative. One of the first steps taken in this initiative was to form a task force of statewide partners to start working on a plan to fight obesity.

"Like INShape Indiana, the Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative's plan is a call to action for individuals and organizations to work together to ensure every Indiana resident can enjoy a lifestyle of healthy eating and physical activity within an environment that supports health, wellness, and vitality," said State Health Commissioner Gregory Larkin, M.D. "The goal of this plan is to make changes in local communities, schools, worksites, child care, health care, and faith-based organizations that have already been proven to improve nutrition and increase physical activity."

According to state health officials, only 41 percent of adolescents and 64 percent of adults meet the recommended levels for physical activity. When it comes to eating fruits and vegetables, only 16 percent of adolescents and 21 percent of adults consume the recommended amount.

Dr. Larkin says the plan also focuses on increasing the percentage of women who

breastfeed and on promoting healthy eating and physical activity among older adults.

Obesity and obesity-related diseases are costly. Indiana's obesity-attributable health care spending in 2008 was estimated at \$1.9 billion or \$435 per adult. If trends continue, by 2018, Indiana's obesity-attributable health care spending could be as high as \$7 billion or \$1,484 per adult. We all share the burden of paying for it.

Developed by members of the Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative Task Force, the plan seeks to achieve the following six goals:

- Increase access to and consumption of healthy foods and beverages.

- Increase opportunities for and engagement in physical activity.

- Increase efforts aimed at enabling people to achieve and maintain a healthy weight across the lifespan.

- Reduce environmental and policy-related disparities for breastfeeding, nutrition, physical activity, overweight, obesity, and chronic disease.

- Increase the capacity of communities and settings within those communities (e.g., schools, worksites, faith-based organizations, etc.) to develop and sustain environmental and policy support systems that encourage healthy eating and active living.

- Increase state and local strategic partnerships to more effectively coordinate efforts, share resources, and identify and reach priority populations.

"To achieve these goals, the plan calls for a broad and diverse group of partners to work together," said Dr. Larkin. "Everyone has a role to play in making this a reality in our state."

Dr. Larkin added, "I applaud the Task Force for the great work its members have already accomplished in developing this plan. With its leadership, I have no doubt Indiana will continue to move in the right direction."

For more information on the Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative and to see a copy of Indiana's Comprehensive Nutrition and Physical Activity Plan, visit www.in-healthyweight.org.

DNR to offer boater safety class in Jasper

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources will be offering a Boater Safety class on Saturday, February 19. The course is free and all ages are invited to attend the course. The class will be held at the Jasper Moose Family Center, at 2507 Newton Street in Jasper. The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This safe boating course allows those participating to get their Indiana boater safety course certificate so that they can comply with the Indiana boater education law.

All operators of motorboats must possess a valid driver's license or must be at least 15 years of age with an identification card and have passed an approved boat education course. This one-day course will meet that requirement.

The one-day course will include topics of instruction including float plans, navigational rules, U.S. Aids to Navigation, weather and other boating emergencies, and personal watercraft (PWC) basics. Some important topics that will be covered include: watercraft registration, required safety equipment, unlawful operation, boating under the influence, how to avoid accidents, enforcement, environmental restrictions, and rules on the water. Laws governing PWCs, as well as water safety guidelines will be discussed.

Indiana Conservation Officers will be the instructors for the class.

Pre-registration is encouraged and may be made by calling the District 7 Headquarters at 812-789-9538.

Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has this very nice Spitz. She is around two years old, and has always been an outside dog. She is very friendly and is just looking for a good home.

If interested in this dog, call Don at 812-296-0952.

The humane society will be delivering pizzas on Super Bowl Sunday, at Pizza & More, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you are having a party on this day, let the humane society deliver to you and your friends.

The humane society thanks everyone for their continued support.

Improper cow nutrition proves costly for beef producers

By Jennifer Stewart
Purdue University News Service

Thin cows can be economically devastating as beef producers head into spring calving season, said Purdue Extension beef specialist Ron Lemenager.

"Spring calving cows need to be in moderate body condition at the time of calving because it has a pretty significant effect on how quickly these cows will return to estrus after calving and, subsequently, when or if they conceive," he said. "If cows are thin at calving, producers can expect long postpartum intervals, which means they will calve later the following season."

That means instead of having a 365-day calving interval, producers may face 13-14 month intervals and, ultimately, a loss of productivity.

Thin cows also tend to have lower colostrum quality, which means calves aren't able to develop the passive immunity they need to protect them against disease, cold stress and other stress factors.

"In addition, these thin cows are going to have lower milk production, resulting in lighter weaning weights of their offspring," Lemenager said.

Ideally, cows should be carrying a moderate body condition score, which falls at 5-6 on the 1-9 BCS system. In order to evaluate whether cows are at a healthy BCS, Lemenager said producers need to

look past the winter hair coat the animals are carrying right now.

"There are three places on the cow that are the best indicators for body condition, starting along the top line. If you can see bone structure along the top line right under the hide, the cow is probably pretty thin," he said. "The second place is in the rib section. If the cow shows the 12th and 13th rib, she's borderline. If you can see more ribs - the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, the cow is too thin."

"The third place to look, and it's the least affected by muscle, fill and hair, is right along the loin edge between the 13th rib and the hooks. If a producer can see bone structure at the edge of the loin, the cow is too thin."

At this time of year, spring calving cows have advanced into the last trimester of pregnancy. Because of fetal nutrient requirements, correcting low body condition scores can be a challenge, but it's not impossible if producers can strategically supplement the animals.

Because corn prices are so high right now, Lemenager recommends beef producers look at some alternative feeds such as soybean hulls, distillers grains and corn gluten feed, which may be more economical. A chart to help producers make those decisions is available at www.thebeefcenter.com.

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Hey Kids - Today is Groundhog Day!

Phil Says Expect an Early Spring!

Phil's official forecast as read February 2, 2011, at sunrise at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA: Here Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Groundhog Day, February 2, 2011 Punxsutawney Phil was raised from his burrow by the call of President Bill Deely. He greeted his handlers, Ben Hughes and John Griffiths. After casting an inquisitive eye towards thousands of his faithful followers, he proclaimed that the Steelers are going to the Super Bowl! Back to the business at hand...he surveyed his surroundings carefully and found that there was no shadow around, So, an early spring it will be.

Happy Groundhog Day!

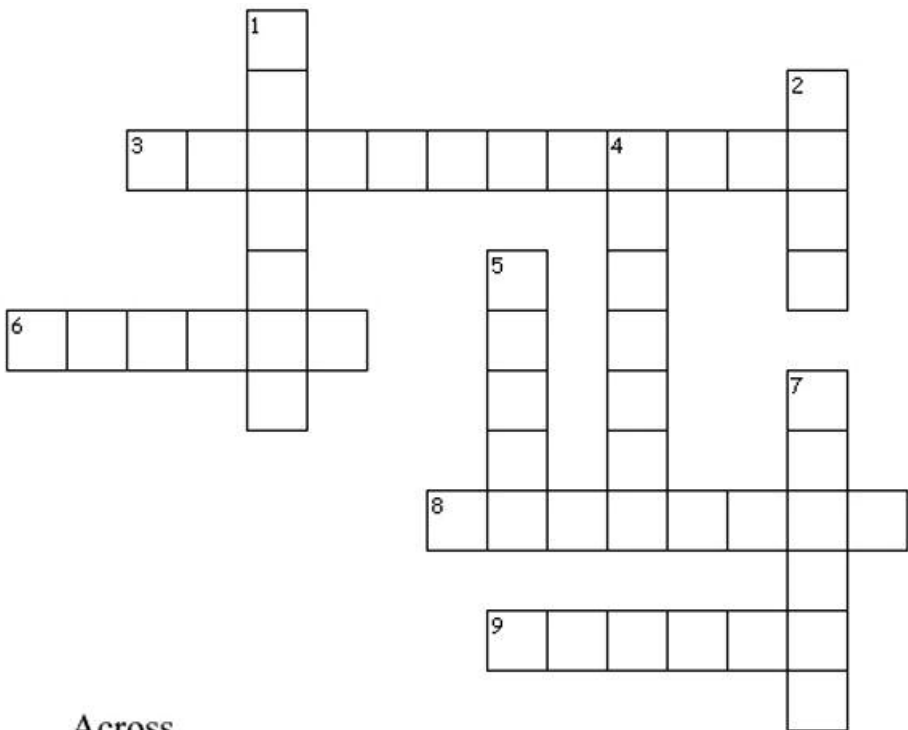


ALL ABOUT THE USA

Young readers of the *Martin County Journal*, We are continuing our way through the U.S. Presidents and the flags of each U.S. state this week. Can you guess who the next president will be in the Journal after Andrew Jackson? Email me at courtney@martincountyjournal.com if you know.



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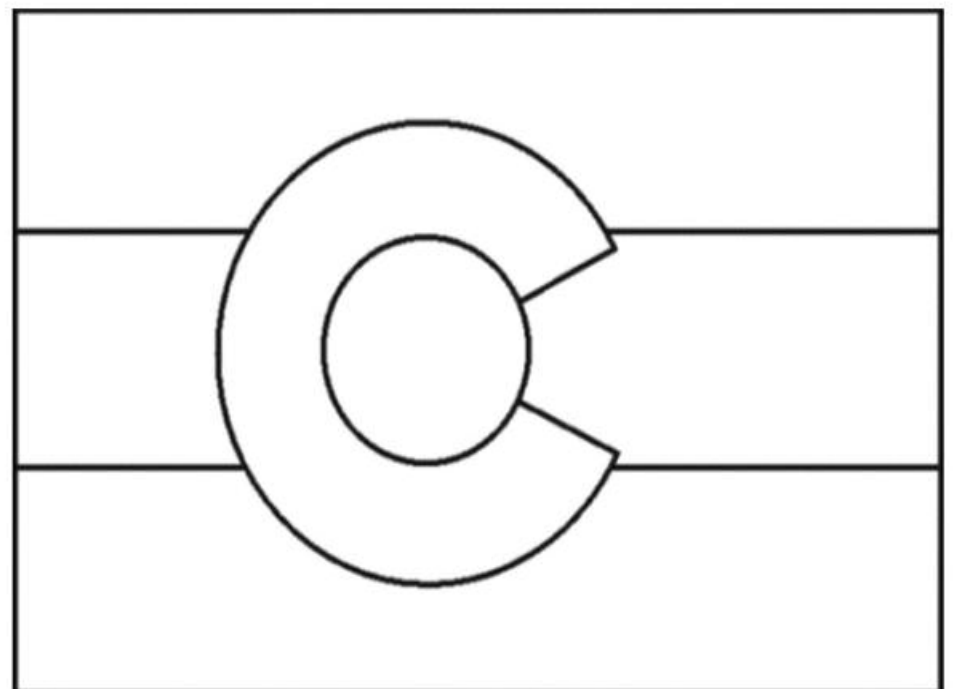
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- 6. Groundhog is celebrated in the _____ States
- 8. Month when Groundhog Day is celebrated
- 9. Phil met President Ronald _____

Down

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- 2. Groundhog Day started out as a _____
- 4. If the groundhog sees its shadow, it is six more weeks of bad _____
- 5. Phil also starred in a _____
- 7. If the groundhog does not see its shadow, _____ will be here soon

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