

Happy Valentine's Day

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Shown above standing with the hand-built model of downtown Loogootee by Tom Strange, from left to right, are former Loogootee residents Candy and Albert Kennedy, and District 63 State Representative Mark Messmer.

## Messmer visits Loogootee model with former residents

Yesterday, State Rep. Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) visited the model of the Town of Loogootee displayed at the Statehouse and created by Loogootee resident Tom Strange. Rep. Messmer viewed the model with former Loogootee residents Albert and Candy Kennedy.

The model, hand-built by Loogootee native Tom Strange, depicts Loogootee's

downtown square as it was in 1953, just as the town was celebrating its centennial.

What started out as a train set turned into a full-blown historical model when Strange ran across an aerial picture of Loogootee's town square in a 1953 school yearbook. The model has been displayed in Loogootee as well as the Indiana State Library, where it will be partially disassembled for the move

to the Statehouse.

"The dedication and care Mr. Strange took to create the model is very apparent," said Rep. Messmer. "I'm proud to represent and see one of Indiana's finest small towns to see."

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

## Commissioners hear resident complaint, road safety issues

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams reported he received a complaint of a safety hazard at the Poplar Grove Road and Davis School Road intersection to the Martin County Commissioners Tuesday night, February 8. He said it is currently only a three-way stop with only one stop sign and there is a blind spot in both directions when you pull up from Davis School Road. "There has been some real close calls right there at that intersection," he said. He said the only way to fix the road is to cut it down on both sides which is not feasible so the intersection will be changed to a three-way stop.

Williams also reported that the differential went out of one of the dump trucks. The repair was around \$1,200 to \$1,300.

Civil Defense Director Monty Wolfe spent some time discussing upcoming flood training classes with the commissioners including state requirements, etc.

Auditor Nancy Steiner reported that a Loogootee homeowner reported damage done to their property after a member of Martin County Civil Defense stepped through their ceiling while investigating the smell of smoke reported.

Wolfe told Steiner that it needed to be double checked to make sure the firefighter was with civil defense and not the Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department since it was in Loogootee's district. He said if the (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page two)



## Pizza for pets

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Members of the Martin County Humane Society delivered pizzas for Pizza & More in Loogootee on Super Bowl Sunday. The society was given the delivery fees and the tips totalling \$552.65 to go toward the shelter building fund. Shown above in the front row is Brady Taylor. In the middle row, from left to right, are Terri Dye, Teresa Lundy, and Candy Taylor. In the back row, from left to right, are Jennifer Randolph, Doreen Farley, Linda Sherfick, and Theresa Abney. The humane society, at last count, had approximately \$45,000 raised to go toward building an animal shelter this year. Other fundraisers are planned for the future including a large auction to be held March 26. If you would like to donate to the auction contact Courtney Hughett at 812-259-4309 or Don Greene at 812-296-0952.

## Councilman questions what is made public knowledge

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County Council member John Stoll expressed problems with the January minutes during the approval process at the February county council meeting Monday night. He said that when issues with the downstairs judge's offices were discussed at the January meeting, they were more detailed than what was portrayed in the minutes. With letters from Judge Lynne Ellis, along with employees of the courthouse being discussed at length, he felt that a one word line in the minutes made it sound different than what was actually talked about. "I think we covered everything on that letter and I don't think one line of she's having trouble with computers really tells what the problem was down there," he said.

"Well, I do things at my discretion John, I mean this was the facts," said Auditor Nancy Steiner who writes the minutes for the council.

"But that wasn't the facts because this is important that somebody knew what was going on down there," said Stoll.

Auditor Steiner said she has no problem changing the minutes but she would like for Stoll to tell her what to put down word for word and have the council approve it.

Stoll said he just wanted to see a set of minutes that told what went on at the meeting and if he doesn't see that he will just disapprove it.

Steiner said, "Ok, that's fine, what do you want me to put down?"

Council President Rich Summers asked Stoll, "So, are you stating you want a correction in the minutes?"

"I want it to say what went on in the minutes," said Stoll.

Stoll told Steiner that the audio recording she keeps should say what was said at the meeting so she would already know what to put down. Steiner replied that if she put down everything that was said in a meeting the minutes it would be 10 pages long.

Stoll said that he wanted stated that the new judge had to change a telephone line to her office, put in a computer line to her office, change the lights in her office, change the combination and keys to 45 doors. "And it went on and on," he said. "She didn't have any of the passwords, the main safe was open but the combination was gone and if you don't think anything like that is important to have in the minutes than your opinion of what should be in the minutes is completely different than mine," he said.

Steiner replied that their difference in what's important from each meeting would probably happen from time to time.

Stoll said that Steiner did think it was important to add that information to the commissioners' minutes but not the council minutes.

"If you want me to go back and put (See 'COUNCIL' on page two)

# Election candidate filings COUNCIL

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

John G. Frahley, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3

Noel Dale Harty, Democrat, Mayor

Joe Mattox, Democrat, Mayor

Nancy Jones, Democrat, Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer



## ~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

### 'We can no longer afford to sit around talking about it'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Don't believe the talk you'll be hearing about raising the government debt ceiling. Those who want to scare us into thinking the government will completely shut down the day we reach the current limit are not telling the truth.

I was reading an article in the Wall Street Journal about this subject. The research says that if Congress refuses to raise the debt ceiling, the federal government will still have far more than enough money to fully service our debt. After all, don't all of us pay taxes every day? Tax revenues will cover about 67 percent of all government expenditures, so why would the Chicken Little "sky is falling" mantra be necessary?

I'm not in favor of expanding the amount of debt our children and grandchildren have to carry. Heck, I don't even want to saddle them with the current amount of debt we owe. We must continue to hammer home to our elected officials that we need to see substantive work done on lowering our debt. We can no longer afford to sit around talking about it—we need to deal with it!

Please contact our legislators and urge them not to raise the debt ceiling. Don't let them continue to play "chicken" with our children and grandchildren's futures.

Diana Abell  
Loogootee

### 'The move to Eastern Time is now an outdated decision'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Many people think that Indiana moved from the Central to Eastern Time Zone in 2005. WRONG! Here is what really happened.

80 Indiana counties began moving from Central to Eastern in 1961 - fifty years ago - with 12 counties remaining on Central.

In 2005, Senate Enrolled Act 127 adopted daylight saving time AND, in Section 6, urged Governor Daniels to petition USDOT to hold hearings to determine which time zone was best for all Hoosiers. In his petition, Governor Daniels suggested appropriate locations scattered throughout Indiana for the hearings to be held.

On August 10, 2005, USDOT declined

holding statewide hearings because Indiana's request hadn't specified where the time zone boundaries should be located. Instead, USDOT agreed to allow individual counties to request a change of time zone and gave counties 36 days to file those requests. Even though this short amount of time caused great internal controversy, 17 counties filed requests to move to Central Time. This would have brought the total to 29 counties on Central and 63 on Eastern.

What was wrong with this picture?

The entire state is affected by our time zone situation, not just a few counties; yet, Indiana's citizens were denied statewide hearings because of a "technicality".

The confusion caused by having a state divided into two time zones is very divisive for its citizens and costly for businesses. USDOT's approach escalated the divisiveness.

House Concurrent Resolution 0011, is intended to correct the mistake made in 2005. It requests USDOT to restore all of Indiana to its correct Central Time Zone (with the exception of certain counties in southeastern Indiana located in the Cincinnati/Louisville metro-area). HCR 0011 has been assigned to the House Public Policy Committee and Hoosiers are waiting to see if we will again be denied the opportunity to be heard - this time by our own legislature.

Conditions have changed in the last 50 years. Today, Indiana is part of the global economy and modern communications allow instant interaction anywhere in the world, including the financial centers on the East Coast. The move to Eastern Time is now an outdated decision that is causing unintended and unforeseen health, safety, and welfare consequences for today's Hoosiers. Eastern's dark mornings are unsafe for students and commuters. Research proves that dark mornings and late evening sunlight negatively impact educational performance.

Restoring Indiana to the Central Time Zone costs nothing and would return Indiana to the sunlight schedule Hoosiers enjoyed when our summers were on "Chicago Time" (Central Daylight Time). The Central Time Coalition is urging Hoosiers to contact their legislators. More information can be found on [www.hoosiersforcentraltime.com](http://www.hoosiersforcentraltime.com).

Sue Dillon, President  
Central Time Coalition  
Carmel, IN

## Loogootee Little League registration dates

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.

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word for word I will John," said Steiner.

"I didn't say you had to put word for word, just about what I said would take care of it," said Stoll.

"I can do that; that's not a problem," said Steiner.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams from the audience suggested that Auditor Steiner attached the letter from Ellis to the minutes as an amendment. The council felt this was a good idea and approved adding Judge Ellis' letter along with the four from employees to the public minutes.

In other business, Council President Rich Summers discussed with the other council members options for bringing money into the general fund. The council was provided with a large booklet to look over pertaining to LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) and Summers said that he and Auditor Steiner spoke with Kim Chattin of the Department of Local Government Finance on what the county's options were. One option presented was imposing the wheel tax although Summers said that could be discussed at the next meeting; LOIT being the second option. He said that the COIT and EDIT funds are maxed out and no more money can be acquired for the county there. Property taxes are also maxed out. He noted that the wheel tax would not help the general fund but it would benefit the highway department.

At the end of the meeting Council member John Stoll addressed the other council members stating he was approached by two male residents in a public setting, one with questions concerning WestGate. The first question was when Martin County would receive monetary value for WestGate and how many employees at the tech park actually come from Martin County. He said that when WestGate was granted tax abatement one stipulation was that they would provide jobs for Martin County residents. The third question was how many jobs were created and how many were over \$50,000.

"I think he needs to go to a WestGate meeting and ask them this," said Council member Lynn Gee. "How come we have to?"

Council member Warren Albright told Stoll that the tax abatement given was not based on the amount of employees it was based on the amount of money given from the state. He said that once they reached 50 employees the state was to give them \$200,000 and the redevelopment commission received back a portion of that money.

Stoll's fourth question from the gentleman asked when the land was sold now occupied by WestGate and what did the county receive in payment for the real estate. The last question concerned a transfer of foreclosed real estate to the commissioners and then from the commissioners to the redevelopment commission.

Auditor Steiner told Stoll that all transfers of real estate are public record located in the recorder's office.

Stoll said that the resident's issue was that the property was never put up for bid and his main question was what did the county ever get out of WestGate?

Council member Gee said that the county got industry.

Council member Albright said that the

county receives property tax on the land and local income tax from the employees on the Martin County side.

After the discussion ended Auditor Steiner asked if the gentleman's questions should be included in the minutes for the record. Council member Randy Winger said that a name should be included with the questions. Stoll said he would ask the man if his name could be put in for the record.

Sheriff Rob Street reported to the council that he is currently getting estimates on what it will cost to repair the plumbing in 15 jail cells that are currently closed down.

He also reported that most of the outside lighting was not working. Duke Energy was responsible for four of the lights and Sheriff Street said they came last week to replace the bulbs. He said, however, that only five of the six lights located on the outside walls of the jail were out and the bulbs in those have been replaced but still were not operable. He said they look as though they have been burnt but is not sure if lightning was the cause. He is currently getting estimates for those as well.

The sheriff also reported that the jail's water bills are averaging \$3,000 a month due to the stools running which is more than double the average and has been going on for around eight months. Some of the valves have been replaced however more work is needed to repair some of the stools. He said Messmer Mechanical, of Jasper, came to the jail and said that there are enough parts available in house to fix six of the stools, so labor would be the only added cost. The sheriff said that he will be unable to house anymore Department of Correction's inmates until the cells are repaired. "We're losing money on the DOCs and we're losing money on the water bills too," said Council member Lynne Gee. The council verbally agreed to have the cells repaired and reopened as soon as possible.

The council approved the following additional appropriations:

From the judge for \$1,564 for law books from the general fund, \$21,815 from the Emergency Telephone System for dispatcher II, and \$276,028 from the Rainy Day fund for health insurance that was approved at budget time.

## COMMISSIONERS

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LVFD did the paperwork on the call then it would be considered their fire.

The commissioners discussed with Judge Lynne Ellis on work to be done in the downstairs and scheduling to bring in a contractor.

Chris Stevens was appointed as layperson to the Martin County Community Corrections.

At the end of the meeting Commissioner Dan Gregory corrected a statement he made at the last meeting about Martin County being debt free. He said there is still an outstanding bond associated with WestGate that will be paid off in three years. "Long term debt we're done, short-term debt we have a little bit to go," he said.

After the meeting Judge Ellis invited the board and auditor to take a tour of the downstairs and the improvements and changes that have been implemented so far.

VOTE KAREN A. HICKMAN

for Loogootee City Council District 3

- As a one time commuter back and forth for years, I know the desperate need to bring companies to Loogootee, so that we may create a business friendly environment that will attract all different ideas to our community.
- Being a mother and grandmother, I can see that our children and grandchildren do not have a variety of choices in activities locally. I feel it is important that we should build new, safe attractions for our children, or maintain, re-build or add to some of the attractions we have now.
- Crime and graffiti are something all of us cannot tolerate; it brings our community down. To resolve this, we must make a stand even harder on the criminals at fault. We have a good police force in Loogootee and I am sure they do their best to bring justice to the violators. It must continue to not get out of control.

I may not have all the answers or ideas but I do have the ears and the voice for the residents of Loogootee.

Your Vote is Sincerely Appreciated!

-Paid for by Karen Hickman for Loogootee City Council District 3

# New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL  
Pastor's wife

Be Sure! 2 Peter 1:3-4

Are you so sure of whom you are in Christ that it drives you to better things in your faith and in your life? Are you stronger now than you were a month ago, a year ago, five years? Too many Christians are still living in defeat, powerless and unsatisfied. They need a change in their prospective on who they are and what they have gained and what God has given them.

2 Peter 1:3-4, "For His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desires."

Jesus Christ is the one and only power source that provides you the power for living in peace, love and joy. So many times we hear that the power is within us to do whatever we want to do. That is true if you have the right power source. God is the one who holds all things together. When we trust in Him and are obedient to Him, He becomes the source we draw on. He is the vine we are the branches if we are not connected to the vine we will have no power to be over comers in this world. When we become a Christian His power has been given to us in full. Our faith in Jesus Christ and His death on the cross for the sacrifice for our sins gives us

the power in full.

The things that pertain to life and godliness have been given to us. When we came to know Jesus Christ as our personal savior we have what we need. He has given it to us. When we know Jesus as Lord and Savior personally you experience God's power and this power produces life and godliness. When we are born again into the family of God by faith in Christ you are born complete. You have been given everything that makes you eternally secure in your salvation and will persevere and grow because you have received everything necessary to sustain eternal life through Christ's power.

Just as a baby has a definite genetic structure that determines how he will grow, so the believer is "genetically structured" to experience glory and virtue. One day we will be like the Lord Jesus Christ. Progressive sanctification is a growing process to be more like Jesus. We have been called by God to be His and when you answered that call you became His child, His work, part of His kingdom, His witness on earth, holy and righteous.

The promises of God are what hold us together; it sustains us and helps us with life and the life that pleases God. In verse 4 we are told of his precious promises. Precious means their value is beyond calculation. The Bible is full of God's promises. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. If you confess your sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cast your care on Him

because He cares for you. God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability but with the temptation, He will also provide a way of escape that you may be able to endure it. The promise of the Holy Spirit; given for our help to endure it.

Through the promises of God we become partakers of the divine nature. When the sinner believes in Jesus Christ the spirit of God uses the word of God to impart the life and nature of God within. A baby shares the nature of its parents and a person born of God shares the divine nature of God. The lost sinner is dead, but the Christian is alive because he shares the divine nature. The lost sinner is decaying because of his corrupt nature, but the Christian can experience a dynamic life of godliness because he has God's divine nature within.

Nature determines appetite, the pig wants slop, the dog will eat his own vomit, but the sheep desire green pastures. Nature determines behavior, an eagle flies, dolphins swim because that is their nature, moles burrow underground, trout swim in water. Nature determines association, lions travel in prides, sheep in flocks and fish in schools. If nature determines appetite and we have God's nature within, then we ought to have an appetite for that which is pure and holy. Our behavior should be like that of the father and we should live in the kind of Spiritual environment that is suited to our nature.

At the time of salvation we escape the decay, the bondage, the defilement of this present evil age. If we feed the new divine nature in us the nourishment of the word, then we will have little interest in the garbage of the world. Godly living is the result of cultivating the new nature within. We have to live in the nature of who we are. We have to feed, nourish and grow in our new nature. Are you sure of who you are in Christ?

This Sunday we will be having our Valentine party pitch-in dinner following our Sunday morning service that starts at 10 a.m. with praise and worship. If you have any questions call pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

Winning name number one: Greg Clark, Martin County

## Four Rivers Resource Services awarded three-year CARF accreditation

CARF International announced that Four Rivers Resource Services has been accredited for a period of three years for its Community and Employment programs. The latest accreditation is the sixth consecutive three-year accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to Four Rivers.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a three-year accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable.

Four Rivers is a nonprofit organization with offices in Daviess, Martin, Greene, and Sullivan counties. It has been providing services to adult individuals with disabilities in the Washington, Loogootee, Lyons, and Sullivan area since 1986.

CARF is an independent, non-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

For additional information, contact Red Door at 295-4494.

# Obituary

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

AGNES MACY

Agnes Ireda Macy passed away at 10:35 p.m., Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at Randolph Nursing Home, in Winchester. A resident of Ridgeville, she was 92.

She was born July 8, 1918, in Franklin Township, Randolph County; the oldest child of Eli and Lyra Jane (Addington) Hiatt. She was a birthright member of the Bear Creek Friends Meeting. A 1937 graduate of Ridgeville High School, she married Marvin Edward Macy on February 16, 1938. They were married 61 years.

In 1965 Ireda and her husband purchased a hardware store in Ridgeville, from which they both retired after 16 years.

Prior to becoming hardware merchants, they were farmers in the Ridgeville area. She was a member of the First Church of The Nazarene in Winchester.

She was an avid gardener and board game and domino enthusiast. She also was very interested in her children's and grandchildren's lives.

Survivors include five children, Carolyn Sue Chambers (husband, John) of Ridgeville; Gail Edward Macy (wife, Sandra) of Clarkston, Michigan; Stephen Allen Macy (wife, Bertha) of Clearwater, Florida; Kenneth Armfield Macy of Shoals; and Martha Ruth Macy of Fairfield, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 14 step-great grandchildren and one brother-in-law, Ivan Barr of Anderson.

Ireda was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marvin Macy, January 4, 2000; sisters Ruth Anna Hiatt and Norma L. (Hiatt) Barr; and a brother, Richard O. Hiatt.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at First Church of The Nazarene in Winchester, with Rev. Danny Hines officiating. Burial was at Reitenour Cemetery, in Deerfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Winchester First Church of The Nazarene or the Gideons International.

The family thanks Dr. Wegg for providing her medical care and comforting prayers and the staff of The Randolph Nursing Home for caring for her this past year.

## Vincennes and Jasper are sites of Homeland Security Community Academies

The Vincennes University Jasper and Vincennes campuses will each offer a one-day Homeland Security Community Academy that is open to the public. The Jasper Campus academy will be held on March 26 at the Jasper Arts Center adjacent to the VU Jasper Campus and the Vincennes Campus academy will be on April 2 at the Beckes Student Union.

Sponsored by VU's Eta Sigma Iota Homeland Security Professional Society, the sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EST) and include a catered lunch. Topics that will be discussed include corporate security, international and domestic terrorism, emergency management, agroterrorism, community risk management and vulnerability, and weapons of mass destruction.

The presenters will be fourth-year VU Capstone Experience students who are enrolled in the Homeland Security and Public Safety baccalaureate degree program.

Although admission is free, applications to attend the Academy must be submitted by March 14.

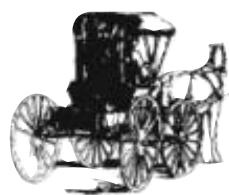
To request an application send an email to communityacademy2011@gmail.com or call 812-888-6830.



## More donations

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Brooke Gregory, owner of Pizza & More in Loogootee is shown above on the right presenting gift certificates to Theresa Abney, at left, of the Martin County Humane Society for the shelter fund auction to be held at the end of March. Shown in the center is Brady Taylor, who recently started his own campaign to help raise money for Martin County's unwanted pets and volunteered to deliver pizzas on Super Bowl Sunday - another fundraiser held to benefit the humane society. Brady is the son of Jonathan and Candy Taylor of Loogootee.



## Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant

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# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

## Tuesday, February 1

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle blocking a driveway in Shoals.

11:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:55 a.m. - Received a request for a salvage title check in Loogootee.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Main Street in Shoals.

4:33 p.m. - Received a call from a subject in reference to an animal that had been in her possession at the time she was arrested.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of a large tree blocking the roadway on Indian Springs Road, approximately 1/2 mile after the Bear Hill turnoff.

11:24 p.m. - Received a report of a tree partially in the roadway on U.S. 150, just past Fuzzy Duck area.

11:49 p.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the roadway on Truelove Church Road, approximately one mile off of U.S. 231.

## Wednesday, February 2

12:31 a.m. - Received a report of a power outage on Low Gap Road.

2:08 a.m. - Received a report of a large tree across U.S. 150, just past Singing Hill.

2:12 a.m. - Received a report of a small fire inside of a residence in Shoals.

3:51 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on the roadway on Windom Road.

4:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Truelove Church Road.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

5:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:19 p.m. - Received a report of a house fire on Graded Road.

6:11 p.m. - A female caller in Shoals re-

ported theft of tin from her property.

10:23 p.m. - Received a report of a house fire on Weisbach Road.

11:18 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance for a lady that fell.

## Thursday, February 3

6:05 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm at a business in Loogootee.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 150.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn on Mt. Olive Road.

2:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:14 p.m. - Received a report of harassing phone calls.

7:28 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off on U.S. 150 past Mill Road.

7:41 p.m. - Received an anonymous call about a speeding vehicle in Crane Village.

9:38 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on U.S. 150. The accident ended up being located in Orange County and Orange County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

## Friday, February 4

6:08 a.m. - Received a report of an out of control teenager in Loogootee.

6:15 a.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on U.S. 150.

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50 in Bramble.

7:55 p.m. - Received a complaint about an unknown vehicle blocking a subject's driveway.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a dog bite on Brooks Bridge Road.

11:38 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 150 near Asbell Road.

## Saturday, February 5

3:20 a.m. - Received a report of a Jeep traveling west in the eastbound lane on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

1:06 p.m. - A male caller reported that he had been involved in a minor accident on S. R. 450, close to the Lawrence County line. There were no injuries.

1:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Burns City. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:20 p.m. - Received a call about Chicken Farm Road being slick.

3:46 p.m. - Received a call about Mill Road being extremely slick,

5:26 p.m. - A female caller advised of a subject on her property and carrying a shotgun.

5:43 p.m. - Received a call about a male causing a disturbance outside of the Jay C Store in Shoals.

6:50 p.m. - Received several calls about

icy roads.

8:04 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Rusk Road due to icy conditions.

10:35 p.m. - The Martin Co. Ambulance advised that a subject had come on station that they were transporting to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## Sunday, February 6

12:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on S.R. 450. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:50 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol near a subject's residence that has been experiencing thefts.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Dorothy Emma Acker**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James M. Hart**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 2.096 acres, more or less.

**Gary D. Dorsey**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lois M. Payne**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 28 in Doe Run Subdivision.

**Ben Dorsett, Jr. and Judith E. Dorsett**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Delmar Knepp and Ida Knepp and Philip N. Stoll and Lois Stoll**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 0.472 acres, more or less.

**Lois Deann (Bailey) Weidenbenner**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jason E. Weidenbenner and Lois Deann Weidenbenner**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of a part of the north half of the north

half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, lying north and west of the County Road, in Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, and containing 1 acre, more or less.

**Stanley R. Knepp and Ervin R. Knepp**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stanley R. Knepp and Shannon Knepp**, of Martin County, Indiana, two acres in the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 4 West.

**Brian T. Ader and Lisa R. Ader**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Hembree Properties, Inc.**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, and containing 0.50 acre.

**Victor Lengacher and Laura Mae Lengacher**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Louis A. Graber and Linda Graber, Raymond A. Graber and Linda Kay Graber, and Amos A. Graber and Lillie Mae Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, 10 acres off the west side of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, and also 30 acres off the east side of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, all in Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 5 West.

**Carroll R. Rayhill**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tracy R. Rayhill and Kelly B. Rayhill**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 78, 79, and 80 in Keck's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

## Jail bookings

### Tuesday, February 1

10:30 p.m. - Juan Terry, 37, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamines and possession of precursors.

### Thursday, February 3

10:54 p.m. - Floyd D. Sollman was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

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# Martin County accident reports

## Wednesday, February 2

7:10 a.m. - Carrie Meriwether, 23, of Shoals, was traveling east on U.S. 50, near the overlook in Shoals, in a red 2001 Toyota when she struck a raccoon in the roadway. Damage was done to the front bumper of her vehicle. The investigating officer was Sergeant John Fischer.

## Saturday, February 5

9:28 a.m. - Richard McCain, 66, of Washington, was eastbound on U.S. 50, just west of Deep Cut Lake Road, when he stated he hit a patch of ice on the roadway. McCain then lost control of his vehicle, and ran off the south side of the roadway and struck a ditch. McCain was not injured in the crash. The 2003 Dodge Ram sustained damage to the front end of the vehicle. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.

9:54 a.m. - Craig Knepp, 33, of Montgomery, was eastbound on S.R. 450, north of U.S. 50, when he stated he hit a patch of ice on the roadway. He then lost control of his vehicle and ran off the south side of the roadway and struck a tree head on. Knepp was not injured in the crash. His 1996 Chevrolet Silverado sustained damage to the front end of the vehicle. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.

3:21 p.m. - Danny Clark was southbound on Dover Hill Road approaching a curve when he lost control of his 1994 Ford F250. Clark then went left of center colliding head on with Raysha Fuhrman who was northbound on Dover Hill Road approaching the

same curve. Neither driver was injured in the crash. Clark's vehicle sustained damage to the front end of the vehicle. Fuhrman's 2002 Pontiac Grand Am also sustained damage to the front end of the vehicle. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.

4:41 p.m. - Tracie A. Stuckey, of Loogootee, was operating a 2010 Ford on West Washington Street and due to icy roads she lost control of her vehicle and struck a pole. No injuries were reported. Sgt. Norris was the investigating officer.

6:01 p.m. - Robert Mermoud, 63, of Loogootee, was traveling north on Mt. Calvary Road, operating a 2003 Dodge Dakota when he lost control on the snow and ice covered roadway. Mermoud's vehicle traveled off the opposite side of the roadway, striking a utility pole. He was uninjured and his vehicle sustained approximately \$1,000 in damage. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan.

8:51 p.m. - Kevin Streete, 56, of Loogootee, was traveling south on Spout Springs Road operating a 1988 Jeep Cherokee when he lost control on the snow and ice covered roadway. Streete's vehicle slid sideways and off the west side of the roadway, striking a small culvert and a utility pole, causing his vehicle to overturn, coming to a rest in the southbound lane. Streete was uninjured in the accident and his vehicle sustained approximately \$2,500 in damage. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan.

# Loogootee Police log

## Monday, January 31

12:45 p.m. - Caller requested a VIN check on East Broadway Street.

7:00 p.m. - Female caller requested to speak with an officer about a lost or stolen cell phone. Sgt. Norris spoke with the female.

11:32 p.m. - Suicidal female called and requested to speak with an officer. Sgt. Norris spoke with the female who was later transported to the Vincennes Hospital.

11:00 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on SE 1st Street. Sgt. Norris responded.

## Tuesday, February 1

2:13p.m. - Georgia Cunningham, of Loogootee, reported her vehicle was struck in the rear. Chief Rayhill responded and both parties exchanged information.

2:26p.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle parked on SE 3rd St.

6:42 p.m. - Anna Huff, of Loogootee, reported a tree across the road on Third Street. Sgt. Hennette and Duke Energy were notified.

9:19 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on SW 2nd Street. Sgt. Hennette responded.

## Wednesday, February 2

8:16 a.m. - Female called stating she was having problems with her son not going to school. Chief Rayhill spoke with the juvenile.

8:54 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm on JFK Avenue.

11:25 a.m. - Caller reported the back door open at a local business. The owner was notified.

3:21 p.m. - Caller reported a green vehicle driving recklessly on US 231. Chief Rayhill was unable to locate.

3:27 p.m. - Female requested extra patrol at her residence.

5:17 p.m. - Male caller advised his daughter was receiving harassing text messages. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the complainant.

9:05 p.m. - Caller requested assistance in getting some of his personal belongings back from another residence.

## Thursday, February 3

6:02 a.m. - An alarm company advised of a business alarm.

9:32 a.m. - Pam VanMeter of Loogootee reported items missing from her vehicle. Chief Rayhill investigated.

12:01 p.m. - Caller reported dogs getting into trash on Nobles Court.

2:20 p.m. - An employee at IGA reported

finding a purse. The item was taken to LPD.

5:24 p.m. - Jamey VanMeter reported a theft from his vehicle. Captain Akles spoke with the victim.

5:55 p.m. - Caller reported speeding vehicles on Dewey Street.

10:25 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a business alarm on Broadway Street.

## Friday, February 4

6:02 a.m. - Female caller requested to speak with an officer in regards to her juvenile son. Captain Akles responded.

10:29a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on North Street.

3:50 p.m. - Larry Davis, of Loogootee, reported a theft from his residence. Captain Akles spoke with Mr. Davis.

## Saturday, February 5

1:40 a.m. - Female on North Line Street reported phone harassment. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the female.

10:00 a.m. - Male caller on North Line Street reported phone harassment.

11:48 a.m. - Male caller requested a VIN check.

1:10 p.m. - First responders were requested on 2nd Avenue in Burns City for an unresponsive female.

# Martin County court news

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

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New charges filed

#### January 31

Alan C. Moorhead, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jennifer L. Witt, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### February 1

Zachery A. Postin, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Robert A. McCormick, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Lucas J. Cunningham, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dexter T. Garrett, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### January 26

CitiFinancial vs. Mark Neukum, civil collection.

#### January 28

Springs Valley Bank vs. Phillip Sewell, Lois A. Sewell, Worldwide Asset Purchasing II, LLC; Greg Zoeller-Attorney General, Indiana Dept. of Revenue Commissioner, Joseph Hogsett-US Attorney for District of Indiana, and Eric Holder, Jr.-US Attorney General, mortgage foreclosure.

US Bank National Association vs. Donna Norman, Personal Finance Co., and unknown devisees or heirs at law, mortgage foreclosure.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### February 3

Warren Atkison to RAB Performance Recoveries, LLC in the amount of \$16,259.72.

Michael Chambers to Citibank in the amount of \$6,672.82.

Richard Diamond to LVNV Funding, LLC in the amount of \$1,811.25.

Matthew Haulk to Chase Bank in the amount of \$5,974.54.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

### January 28

Nationstar Mortgage, Inc. vs. Georgeanna and Rusty Seybold, State of Indiana c/o Attorney General, Indiana Dept. of Revenue, and unknown occupant, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suit Filed

#### January 26

Shirley Gibson vs. Rory and Charlotte Browder, complaint.

#### January 31

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Sylvester G. Labarge, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Larry L. Payne, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lori Moore, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Melissa D. Pierce, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Robin and Donna Haulk, complaint.

Toy's Auto Parts vs. Faulk and Faulk Construction, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### February 1

Debra Brim to Procol, Inc. in the amount of \$3,426.23.

Linda Hert to Procol, Inc. in the amount of \$1,464.28.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

### January 24

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

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

### January 26 - February 1

Janet Clark, Loogootee, speeding 41 in a 20, \$124.

Kyle Eason, Jasper, speeding 81 in a 55, \$125.

David Issacs, Springfield, Illinois, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Rahul Kavuri, Bloomington, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Brittany Saucerman, Worthington, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Kelly Springer, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

### February 4

Wilmer Roy Stoll of Montgomery and Jennifer Elizabeth Hembree of Loogootee.

# Body located in northern Perry County

On Saturday, February 5 at approximately 12:02 p.m. while patrolling the Indian Lake Recreation Area, a law enforcement officer with the U.S. Forest Service located a tan 1999 Oldsmobile Eighty Eight passenger car in the parking lot. After conducting a license plate check on the vehicle the officer learned that the vehicle belonged to an Owensboro woman that had been reported missing. Assistance was requested and additional personnel responded to the area. A search was initiated and the body of Ginger L. Schnepf, 38, Owensboro, was located in the woods not too far from her vehicle. The

Perry Coroner's Office responded to the scene and pronounced her dead.

Detectives from the Indiana State Police have taken the lead in the investigation. Preliminary information reveals that Ginger had last spoken to her husband on Wednesday night via a cell phone. It appears that she had been hiking and possibly was going to camp at the recreation area.

An autopsy was conducted this morning in Evansville. The official cause of death will not be determined until the toxicology results come back however no foul play is expected.

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## Week in review at the Indiana General Assembly

Along with many businesses and schools around the state, the General Assembly was shut down for two days due to the severe ice and snow storms that blanketed all of the Midwest last week. Legislative business picked up again Thursday with lengthy committee and session agendas. This brief summary highlights some of the bills moved through the Senate last week.

### Bills considered by full Senate

Senators were in session last Monday and approved several bills including Senate Bill (SB) 80 pertaining to provisional ballots. Gaining unanimous approval, the bill would require election material related to provisional ballots, excluding the ballots themselves, to be made available for copying and inspection under the access to public records law in the same manner as other election material. The bill passed by a vote of 49-0 and now proceeds to the House of Representatives.

Two bills dealing with driver education issues were considered this week. SB 101 would provide more training for teenagers behind the wheel of an automobile. The bill would authorize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to issue a learner's permit to a person at least 15 years of age (current law is 15 1/2 years). This change would provide a full 18 months of supervised driving time before teens could obtain a driver's license. The bill would also require new drivers who do not pass a driver education course to be at least 17 1/2 years of age and to have held a valid learner's permit for at least six months before a driver's license could be issued. This bill has not yet been voted on by the full Senate.

SB 127 would combine all driver training schools under the operation of the BMV. This would include moving to the BMV commercial driver training schools, motorcycle operator education, secondary school driver training, and truck driver training, all of which are currently operated under various state agencies. The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 44-5 and advances to the House.

Legislation affecting school referendum levies also passed the Senate. SB 323 provides that county councils would no longer be required to certify referendum questions, thus removing them from the school operating levy referendum process and simplifying those procedures.

### Committee activities

Last Monday, the Senate Elections Committee advanced a bill aimed at getting more voter responses to public questions on election ballots. SB 161 would require that local public questions be placed on primary and

general election ballots after the voting instructions and before the offices with candidates for nomination.

The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor approved SB 575. This controversial proposal would make numerous changes to teacher collective bargaining agreements, including limiting what topics could be contained under the agreements and limiting the duration of an agreement to the end of the state's two year budget cycle. Hundreds of teachers came to the Statehouse last week to oppose the bill. SB 575 passed the committee along party lines.

Both bills are now eligible for consideration by the full Senate.

Numerous bill hearings were cancelled this week due to the inclement weather. Among those cancelled was SB 590, a bill pertaining to illegal immigration matters. Numerous provisions in the bill have raised concerns among representatives of Indiana businesses, faith groups, and social service organizations. Some opponents think that immigration policy is a federal issue and should not be a patchwork of 50 different state policies. Others have expressed concerns about the "English only" provision, which would require that only English be used in public meetings, public documents, by officers and employees of state or local governments, and information provided by state and local government web sites. The bill has been rescheduled for a hearing by the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee February 9. Similar legislation has been heard by previous general assemblies, but has failed to pass both chambers.

### Important session deadlines

February 17 - Deadline for Senate committees to act on Senate bills

February 23 - Last day for Senate to consider Senate bills

February 28 - Senate begins work on House bills

### April 29 - Session adjourns

To stay informed about bills moving through the General Assembly or to track legislation, log on to [www.in.gov/legislative](http://www.in.gov/legislative). This site provides complete bill information as well as committee hearing dates and agendas. From this site, you can also watch House and Senate committee hearings and session floor debate.

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## Rep. Messmer's bill encourages job growth

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

### In summary, the bill would:

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

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

-Allow municipalities to pay hiring incentives for new employment.

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

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

-Enhance abatement schedules to allow

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

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

HB 1007 passed its second reading in the House. It will now go onto a third and final reading on the House floor.

"House Bill 1007 is going to help attract new businesses to Indiana and therefore put more Hoosiers back to work," said Rep. Messmer. "By giving local governments the necessary tools to encourage economic development in their communities Indiana will continue to lead the nation out of this recession."

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

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Rep.  
**Mark Messmer**



### Weathering the storm

Despite the ice and snow last week, we were able to make progress in the House and voted on several significant bills. The Speaker fast-tracked a bill from the Senate that would establish vote centers as an option for all counties. In addition, two other bills of public interest were discussed. The first would help Indiana pay back a major deficit and the second would amend the universal carding law created last year.

Senate Bill 32 would increase access for Hoosier voters and decrease the cost of future elections by giving counties the options to create a central voting center. This is in contrast to the traditional precinct voting process where residents are assigned to a specific polling location and on Election Day only.

Vote Centers were tested in three Indiana counties: Tippecanoe, Cass, and Wayne. All three counties saved thousands of dollars by establishing Vote Centers because they were able to cut down on rental costs of the polling locations and hiring volunteers to work the polls, as well.

Senate Bill 32 passed its second reading in the House. If it passes a third reading in the House then the bill would be put in effect before elections in May so that counties may have the option by the primary election.

On Monday, House Bill 1450 was discussed at length. HB 1450 focuses on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Currently, the fund is in a \$2 billion deficit. The state of Indiana borrowed the money from the federal government, but now must pay it back and this bill would allow us to do so

without hurting employers. One of our continued goals is to create jobs and put Hoosiers back to work, so putting more pressure on employers during this recession was not an option. HB 1450 would pay back the \$2 billion that the state of Indiana owes while maintaining the weekly the maximum benefit of \$390 per week.

Two fairness issues are also resolved by the bill. First, benefits are based on annualized wages which ensures two people making the same amount of money over a year receive the same benefit. This didn't happen in the past, as the formula favored those who worked seasonally.

The second fairness issue is in regards to who is eligible. Unemployment is intended to help those individuals who are between jobs and not receiving a paycheck. This bill closes loopholes so that an individual who takes a voluntary buy-out cannot also draw unemployment, and to make sure that severance packages are counted as weekly wages. Unemployment eligibility would begin the week after the severance package expires.

Finally, a bill that was passed last year has been reconsidered after listening to Hoosiers' concerns. House Bill 1325 would amend the law that requires everyone 21 or older to show ID before purchasing alcohol. It would now only require anyone who looks younger than 40 to be carded. The bill passed its third and final reading on the House floor this week and is being sent to the Senate for consideration.

As always, I welcome your feedback and will continue to keep you updated on our progress in the House.

## IRS to start processing delayed returns February 14

The Internal Revenue Service plans a February 14 start date for processing tax returns delayed by December's tax law changes. The IRS reminded taxpayers affected by the delay they can begin preparing their tax returns immediately because many software providers are ready now to accept these returns.

Beginning February 14, the IRS will start processing both paper and e-filed returns claiming itemized deductions on Schedule A, the higher education tuition and fees deduction on Form 8917, and the educator expenses deduction. Based on filings last year, about nine million tax returns claimed any of these deductions on returns received by the IRS before February 14.

People using e-file for these delayed forms can get a head start because many major software providers have announced they will accept these impacted returns immediately. The software providers will hold onto the returns and then electronically submit them after the IRS systems open on

February 14 for the delayed forms.

Taxpayers using commercial software can check with their providers for specific instructions. Those who use a paid tax preparer should check with their preparer, who also may be holding returns until the updates are complete.

Most other returns, including those claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), education tax credits, child tax credit and other popular tax breaks, can be filed as normal, immediately.

The IRS needed the extra time to update its systems to accommodate the tax law changes without disrupting other operations tied to the filing season. The delay followed the December 17 enactment of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, which extended a number of expiring provisions including the state and local sales tax deduction, higher education tuition and fees deduction, and educator expenses deduction.

## 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.

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.



# Rally for Independence to focus on senior issues

Older adults and advocates for senior issues from all over Indiana will gather at the State Capitol on March 29 for the Rally for Independence.

This event is being sponsored by AARP Indiana and the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging (IAAAA) to show their support for more state funding to enable older adults and individuals with physical disabilities to age in their own homes and communities.

Vincennes University's Generations Program will provide transportation to Indianapolis from points throughout its six county service area which includes Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin and Pike counties. A 30-passenger bus will leave

from the VU Student Union at 7:30 a.m. and arrive in Indianapolis around 10 a.m. The cost of transportation is \$5 per person.

Statehouse tours will be offered from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:15 a.m. in the North Atrium. The Rally for Independence will take place at noon and from 12:45 to 2 p.m. there will be opportunities to meet with legislators. The bus will depart for home between 2 and 3 p.m. and stop at Gray Brothers Cafeteria in Mooresville for dinner.

Registration reserves you a seat on the bus, a seat at the rally and a complimentary boxed lunch. To register for the event, please contact Jane Hall at Generations: 888-5138 or jhall@vinu.edu.

## Lt. Governor Skillman accepting Hoosier Rising Star applications

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced Monday that she is now accepting nominations for the Hoosier Rising Star Award. The Hoosier Rising Star, created by Lt. Governor Skillman in 2007, acknowledges Hoosier youth who have made a significant difference in their Indiana communities.

"When I travel the state, I connect with Hoosiers from all walks of life and our youth never cease to amaze me," said Lt. Governor Skillman. "This award celebrates Indiana's outstanding young Hoosiers, many who roll up their sleeves daily to make their communities stronger."

Hoosiers are encouraged to nominate an outstanding youth in their community. Any Indiana student enrolled in grades K-12 during the 2010-2011 school year is eligible for the Hoosier Rising Star Award. Priority will be given to students who have created and/or taken the lead on innovative projects that address targeted issues in their communities including economic development, environmental issues, tourism, education, and social issues (abuse, crime, hunger and poverty).

A completed nomination form is required. Nominations forms can be found on the Lt. Governor's website, <http://www.lg.in.gov/>. Nominations may be supplemented by the student's resume or biography, up to three letters of recommendation and any relevant press clippings.

## VU-Jasper to offer social services workshop

A half-day conference on Clinical Services in a Criminal Justice Setting will be held March 4 at the Vincennes University Jasper Campus. The conference will run from 8 a.m. (EST) to 12:30 p.m. in the New Classroom Building at VU Jasper.

The program is designed for social workers, psychologists, mental health counselors, addiction counselors, and marriage and family therapists. Topics for the breakout sessions include Batterer's Treatment Program, Clinical Services at a Secure Facility, and Sexual Offenders' Treatment Program. Upon successful completion of the program, participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance for 4.0 CEUs.

According to Dr. Laura Gibson, assistant professor of Social Sciences at VUJC, "This is relevant to many service providers because these clients will eventually return to their communities and their families. It is hoped that providing information about clinical services for this population will enhance continuity of services for clients, as well as provide a broader perspective for family centered services." The fee is \$55 per person and group discounts available for enrollments of three or more from the same organization. To register or for more information, contact Jim McFaul, director of Continuing Education, at 812-481-5909 or email [jmcfaul@vinu.edu](mailto:jmcfaul@vinu.edu).

Winning name number two: Gina Divine, Martin County.

The nomination form and any additional materials must be submitted by February 28, 2011.

For more information on the award and nomination process, visit [www.lg.in.gov/](http://www.lg.in.gov/) or call the Lt. Governor's Office at (317) 232-4545.

## Free Bluegrass Jam is February 13 at VU

The 11th Annual Old Post Bluegrass Jam is coming to Vincennes University on February 13. Admission is free and the public is invited to VU's Beckes Student Union to enjoy acoustic musicians as they jam together from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST). The student union is located at 1101 N. Second Street and free parking is available on Third Street, behind the building.

The VU Food Court and Grinder's Coffee Shop will be open.

"We invite area musicians to bring their acoustic instruments and be prepared to find folks to jam with. The Bluegrass Jam is a lot of fun for both participants and the audience," said Bill Stedman, one of the event organizers.

In addition to jams throughout the student union, there will also be groups performing on stage in the food court during the afternoon. Groups performing there include Mariah Creek at 1 p.m., White Knuckles at 2 p.m., Flat Mountain at 3 p.m., and Bales of Hay at 4 p.m.

For more information call 812-882-0429 (evenings).

# Calendar of Events

### 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.

### SummerFest meeting

The Loogootee SummerFest Committee will meet today, Wednesday, February 9 at 7 p.m. in the city council room in Loogootee City Hall. The committee will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the same time and location. All event chairpersons and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

### Tourism meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee will meet this Thursday, February 10 at the Martin County Community Learning Center at 7 p.m. Karen Whorral will give information about the Indiana Perennial Exchange. The committee is interested in using this information to make county highways more visually appealing to tourists. All are welcome 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.

### LUMC Luncheon

The Loogootee United Methodist Church will hold their annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon March 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$6. The menu includes potato,

chili, and chicken noodle soups, ham or chicken salad, dessert, and a drink. Phone ahead and carry out available by calling the church at 295-3049. The church is located at 208 West Main Street in Loogootee.

### 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.

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# Lady Rox defeated by BR in sectional first round

The Shoals Lady Rox kicked off the 2011 IHSAA Girls' Basketball Sectional Tuesday night going up against Barr-Reeve. Despite a close battle at times, Shoals finished up their season with a loss 60-44.

The Lady Rox came out firing in the first quarter and held pace with the Lady Vikings. Shoals' Michaela Brockman put eight points on the board and Nicole Harder fired a three-pointer at the first quarter buzzer putting the score at 16-13 in favor of Barr-Reeve. In the second quarter Shoals was unable to close the gap and three starters saw a bit of foul trouble including Rachel Harder who was forced to the bench with three. Brockman contributed five more points in the second quarter, Nicole Harder added four, and Jenna Bleemel had four putting the halftime score at 35-29 in favor of Barr-Reeve.

Turnover's plagued the Lady Rox in the entire game finishing up with a total of 26, 16 of those in the second half.

In the second half Shoals couldn't get anything to fall only scoring nine points in the next two quarters. Barr-Reeve didn't see much action through the hoop attempting 50 shots in the first three quarters. Shoals came

out shaky in the second half having the ball stolen twice early on and Barr-Reeve quickly extending their lead to 11. In combination with the turnovers and sending Barr-Reeve to the foul line the lead continued to extend for the Lady Vikings ending the post season hopes of Shoals.

Brockman finished with a game high 23 points. Nicole Harder added 14 points, Briana Wagler contributed four, Lezlie Hart had two points, and Jenna Bleemel had one point.

Barr-Reeve finished with a dismal 37 percent from 2-point range, and merely 20 percent from 3-point range. They shot 63 percent from the free throw line hitting 21 of 34 attempts.

Shoals finished 40 percent from 2-point range and 50 percent from 3-point range and were 63 percent from the free throw line hitting 10 of 16 attempts.

Barr-Reeve ended with 10 turnovers. The Lady Vikings will move on to face Washington Catholic Friday night in round two. Shoals ended their season with a 6-14 record.

On February 2, Shoals travelled to West

Washington where they were defeated 61 to 58. Michaela Brockman was leading scorer with 23 including three 3-pointers, Rachel Harder finished with 16 including two 3-pointers, both Nicole Harder and Briana Wagler had eight points each, and Lezlie Hart finished with three points.

For West Washington T. Packwood was leading scorer with 20 followed by S. Springer with 18, E. Wise with 10, K. Nice with seven, and S. Keller with six.

On Monday, January 31, Shoals hosted Wood Memorial and was handed a loss 45-28.

Nicole Harder finished with seven points

with two 2-pointers, a three, and two free throws. Michaela Brockman also ended with seven points with two 2's and three free throws, Lezlie Hart ended with 7 points hitting 3 of 4 two-pointers and a free throw, Rachel Harder finished with three points shooting 1-3 from field goal range and one of two free throws, Briana Wagler also finished with two points hitting two free throws.

For Wood Memorial Jessica Strickland had a game high 14 points, followed by Braelyn Cargal with 13, Kelsey Bailey with seven, Abby Howes with six, Andrea Nosset with 3, and Amber Reiner with a bucket.

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**Shoals High School Cheerleaders**

-Photo provided

Shown above are the Shoals High School Cheerleaders. From left to right, they are Ariel Hert, Ashley Hawkins, Nici Land, Amber Royston, and Samantha Boyd.

**Lady Lions end season with loss to Rivet**

The Loogootee Lady Lions faced a mountain to climb in the first round of the sectional Tuesday night with a draw of Vincennes Rivet undefeated at 21-0. The Lady Patriots ended up being too much for the Lions who were defeated 66-29.

Things started off bad for the Lady Lions when their first two possessions ended in turnovers. Freshman Demi Richardson demonstrated her nerves by turning over the ball the first three times she touched it. Rivet took the lead early and despite three blocks by Loogootee's Christina Ziegler, they finished the first quarter up 17-10.

Rivet continued to pull away in the second half outscoring the Lions 37-15. Loogootee had 20 turnovers in the first half of play which didn't help close the gap and didn't go to the free throw line once. They shot 6-14 overall to Rivets 15-28 in the first two quarters of play. Rivet also dominated the boards with 15 rebounds; the Lions had eight in the first half.

Christina Ziegler fouled out with no points around the three-minute mark of the third quarter. She had 3 rebounds. With only five points added to their total, the Lady Lions

were down 53-20 at the end of the third.

In the fourth Wynter Wagoner fouled out with two minutes remaining in the game. With her possible last game in sight, LHS Senior Tia Pennington put six quick points on the board in the third. Rivet's lead was substantial and with two girls fouled out the clock wound down quicker than shots could be fired.

Wynter Wagoner finished with a game high 14 points, Tia Pennington with eight points, Taylor Walker finished with three, and Gabby Ritchey and Hannah Lamar finished with two points each.

Loogootee finished shooting 33 percent from two-point range, 38 percent from 3-point range, and 35 percent from the free throw line hitting 10 of 28.

Rivet shot 52 percent from field goal range, 67 percent from 3-point range, and took a whopping 48 shots from the free throw line hitting 26.

Rivet doubled the Lady Lions in rebounds 25-12. Loogootee finished with 32 turnovers, Rivet had 15.

Cassandra Brocksmith and Sarah Young tied for a game high 14 points for Rivet.



**Thanking the coach**

-Photo by Lori Mattingly

Members of the Loogootee Sixth Grade Cheerleading squad presented their coach, Hannah Kidwell, with a thank you gift, a picture frame, at the last home 6th grade boys' home basketball game. The fifth grade cheerleaders were unable to be a part of the presentation due to the last 5th grade boys' home game being cancelled due to inclement weather. Shown above in the front row, from left to right, are Lindsey Lukens, Coach Hannah Kidwell, Breanna Lytton, Kaitlyn Wagoner, and Abbey Barker. In the back row, from left to right, are Jaylon Combs and Leann Trambaugh.

**Loogootee 6th grade boys battle Holy Family, ND, Shoals**

The Loogootee 6th Grade Boys' Basketball team travelled to Shoals Monday night, February 7 and brought home the win 32-15.

Landon Bell was the scoring leader with 14 points. Jake Nonte finished with six, Cole Gillick had four, Tye Collins and Wyatt Nonte each had three, and Jake Simmons finished with a bucket.

Bell also led in assists with three and finished with three rebounds and three steals. Nonte had two assists. Gillick led in rebounds with four, Justin Wagler and Marcus Hopkins each had three. Collins ended with three steals.

The boys will travel to the Pike Central Tourney Saturday with a start time of 11:45 a.m.

The sixth grade boys' "A" game at Holy Family February 5, finished with Loogootee suffering a defeat 12-33. Tokala Richardson and Cole Gillick led in scoring with four apiece, Jake Nonte and Landon Bell each had two. Gillick also led in rebounds with five, Bell and Richardson each had four.

The "B" game turned in favor of Loogootee, with a final score of 21-20. Jake Nonte had a game high eight points followed by Clayton Thomas with seven and Marcus Hopkins, Wyatt Nonte, and Jordan Clark with a bucket each. Justin Wagler led in rebounds with six followed right behind by Clayton Thomas with five. Wyatt Nonte finished with five steals.

Last Thursday, February 3, the boys' hosted North Daviess. In the "A" game Loogootee won 27-23. Landon Bell led in scoring with 12, Tye Collins finished with 11, and Tokala Richardson finished with four.

Richardson led in rebounds with six followed by Jordan Clark with five.

The final of the "B" game saw North Daviess victorious with a final score of 24-23. Jake Nonte was high scorer with nine,

**LHS junior parents' basket fundraiser**

Loogootee High School Junior Parents are currently selling tickets for seven pre-made baskets which will be given away at the last boys' varsity home ball game (you do not have to be present to win), Thursday February 24.

The first basket is a 119 piece tool set donated by Builder's Best of Loogootee, the second is a handy man's tool bag filled with assorted tools, the third is a ladies basket filled with cosmetics, jewelry, tanning lotion, hair and lip products donated by His n Hers, the fourth is a movie time basket filled with popcorn, candies, fleece blanket and two free movie rentals donated by Martin County Video, basket five is a gardening basket filled with gardening tools and supplies, number six is an auto detailing basket donated by Toy's Auto Parts with a certificate for a free oil change by Harder's Auto Service (\$31.94 value) and basket seven is a LHS-themed basket filled with a stuffed lion by Rosie's T-shirt Shop, Loogootee custom t-shirt donated by The Sign Shop, stadium chair, LHS Snuggie and two IHSAA boys sectional tickets. The junior parents ask that you thank and visit those businesses who have graciously donated to this worthwhile event. Chances are \$1 a piece or six for \$5. If you are interested in taking a chance on one of these baskets, please contact Sherri Wagoner 812-296-1034 or Bobbi Sue Nonte 812-296-1351 to purchase your tickets.

At this time the junior parents are also taking pre-paid orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts which will be freshly made and delivered February 27, 2011. Please contact Beth Wittmer to order at 812-709-1392, or any junior parent. The next scheduled post prom parent meeting is Sunday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. at LHS cafeteria. The parents will also have another meeting Tuesday February 22 at 6:30 p.m. at LHS cafeteria to turn in all monies for doughnuts and baskets.

Wyatt Nonte finished with eight, and Justin Wagler, Marcus Hopkins, and Blake Ziegler each had two points.

Wagler also had eight rebounds and Wyatt Nonte had five steals.



**DIAMOND WRIGHT**

Diamond Jim Wright is the son of Jim and Cheryl Wright. His favorite hobbies include hunting, four-wheeler riding, and traveling with his family and friends. During high school he was involved in the Beta Club, Student Council, helper in the Special Olympics, SADD, and track and field. One of his best memories of his childhood is growing up in Padanaram and one memory he will hang onto is when Mr. Gee shaved his head because everyone in the class passed the ISTEP test. After high school, Diamond plans to attend college or go into the family business.



**EMILY BRATTON**

Emily Annette Bratton is the daughter of the late John Bratton II and Ann Staats Bratton. Some of her favorite hobbies include Cosmic Bowling with Kim, Sammi, and Shaquille; spending time with family, and date night Mondays with Kim. During high school she has been involved in the choir. One of her best memories of her childhood was camping as a child. She says that she and her dad would go to his friends' campground and she would swing and sing on the swing he made her. After high school Emily says she plans to make something of herself.

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**Résumé writing and career planning**  
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Indiana Drug Education and Awareness Solutions are conducting an ongoing Overcomers' Recovery Support Group at the center. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and newcomers are invited. There is no cost for participation. For further information, contact Jason Underhill at 812-653-1908.

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Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. (EST) at the Beckes Student Union, located on Second Street, and walking tours of campus follow the information sessions. The program is free and lunch is provided with advance registration. After March 13, PreVU Days will begin at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

To register or for more information call toll-free, 800-742-9198, or visit the VU website [www.vinu.edu](http://www.vinu.edu).

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**Lunch**  
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**Friday, February 11**  
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**Monday, February 14**  
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**Tuesday, February 15**  
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**Wednesday, February 16**  
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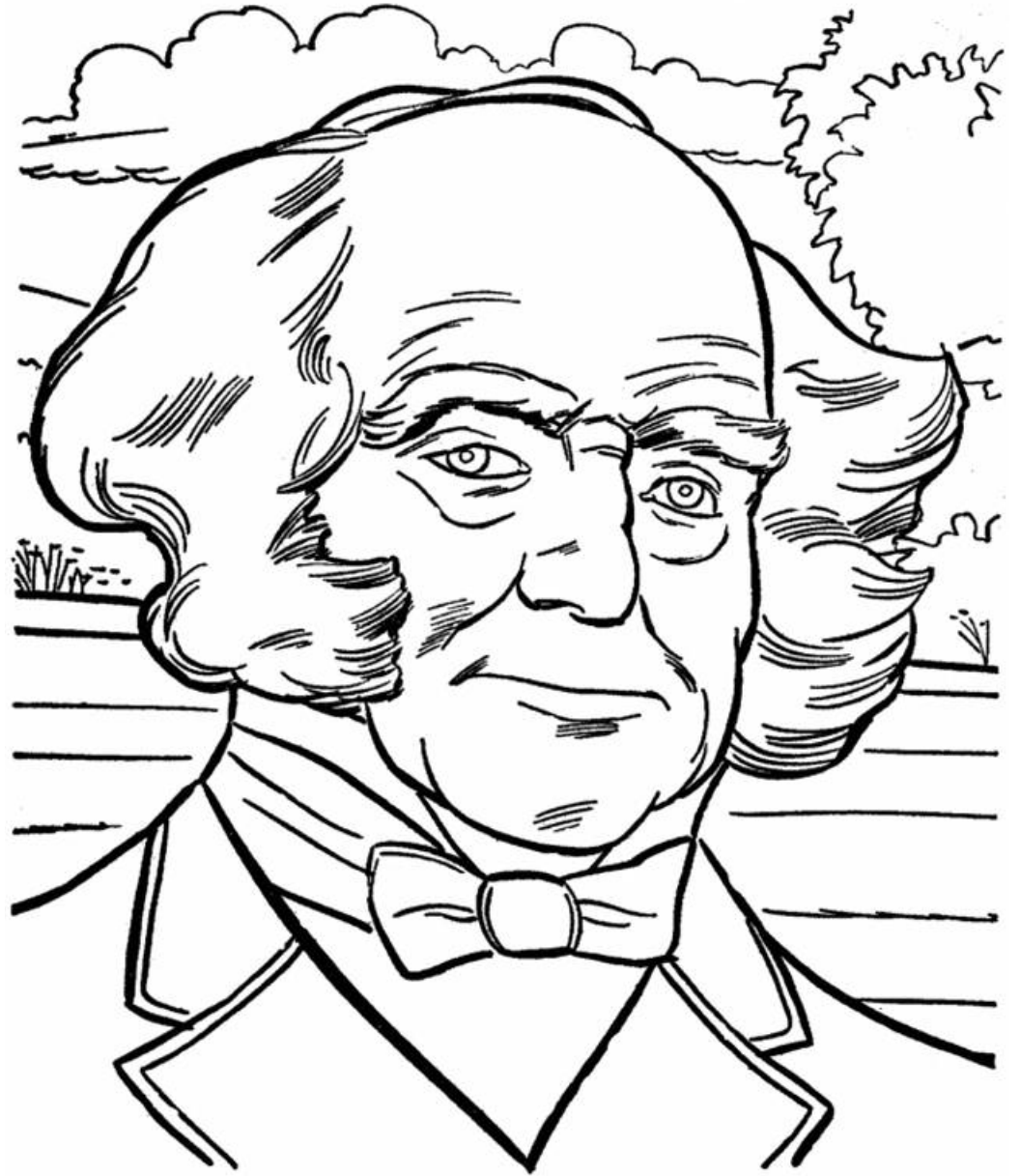
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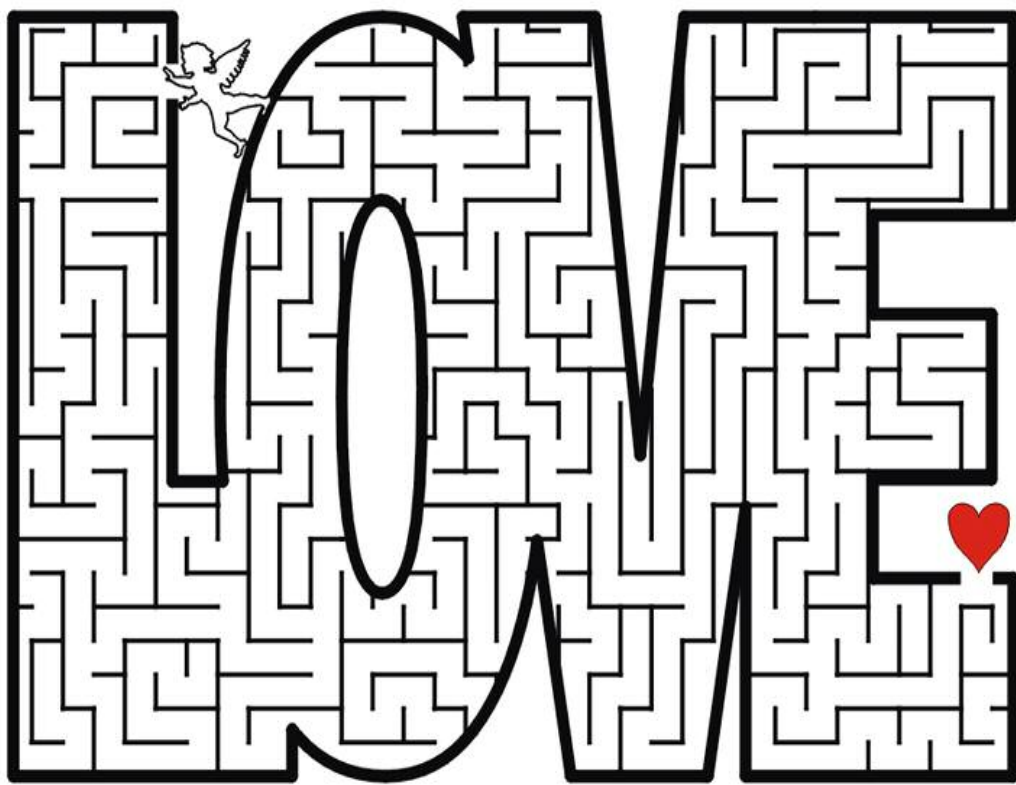
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