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## County being historically surveyed for the first time



-Photos provided by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology  
In the photo on the top is the Bateman Schoolhouse located on Windom Road in Lost River Township. The building dates back to 1897. In the photo on the left is the Gwin Schoolhouse located on Lumpkin Road and the building dates back to 1880. Both buildings are included in the historical survey currently being done in Martin County by the DNR.

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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For the first time in recorded history Martin County is currently being surveyed by the State Preservation office through Indiana DNR for landmarks with historical significance. The project, funded by INDOT, is being done for all counties associated with I-69 Project. For Martin County, that work is being performed by surveyor Tim Miller.

Miller, currently living in Jasper, and originally from Greenville, Ohio, has been working in Martin County since November, traveling every mile of Rutherford, Lost River, and Center townships. He is currently working in Halbert Township and will follow that with Perry and Mitcheltree. Miller said his work will continue through the spring. Miller has a BA from Youngstown University, and AA from Edison Community College, and an Associate of Applied Science from Belmont Technical College.

Locations that are being surveyed for historical value include residential homes, commercial buildings, cemeteries, bridges, churches, and schoolhouses. Miller said he uses two maps of the county, one being a USGS quad topographical map, the other is the standard Martin County map, to find any known locations of these items. He doesn't walk any private property; he simply does what he calls a windshield survey which is done from the roadway when possible. He uses his knowledge of history, architecture, and experience to identify features of a property to help date it. When possible he will knock on the door of a residence to ask about any information known on a particular property. He said that, so far, the residents of Martin County have been very knowledgeable and most helpful.

A total of nine counties affected by I-69 will be or have been surveyed including Pike, Gibson, Warrick, and Daviess. The main purpose of the survey is to ensure that the Interstate 69 does not interfere with anything historically significant.

Miller said that he has found a few errors on the Martin County map while he has been covering every inch of the land. Those corrections have been noted to the courthouse and will most likely be changed on the next installment of county maps.

As far as cemeteries, Miller said he documents their condition, gives a description, lists more common family names, if any; the perimeter, the number of stones and their type. He also notes if there are missing stones, along with whether any have been moved, been broken, or have fallen over. He also said that some of the cemeteries he has looked for are a single grave which makes it even harder to locate. He said there are 139 cemeteries on one list he has for Martin County but this list does not include ones that have been destroyed or are missing. He only surveys a cemetery if there is a physical presence; if no stones are visible or destroyed he is unable to include those in his findings. Also, cemetery names are recorded if they are visible and legible which Miller says quite often is not the case. One particular single-burial cemetery that he finds interesting is of a man with the last name Baker who was buried on East River Road in the early 1900s. Miller said he was told that the man chose the location so that on Resurrection Day when he was brought back he could be looking out over the river.

Most of the buildings Miller looks for are over 40 years old but must have integrity. He said that if the homes or buildings have been altered beyond recognition they typically do not qualify to be listed as having historical value. Most of the homes surveyed so far have been in a state of disrepair. Miller said he is glad to have been able to have the chance to document them before they disappear.

Some of the sites that Miller says he has found quite interesting include the Bateman School on Windom Road, the old county jail, the Willow Valley train tunnel, an area of Deep Cut Lake Road with six truss bridges and two railroad bridges over Beaver Creek, the Albright Store on Mill Road, the Singing Hills Holiness Camp on Hwy. 150, and he has found several interesting old log cabins some of which are vacant. Only halfway through his endeavor he says that list will only continue to grow because Martin County is filled with beauty and interesting landmarks.

The old Martin County Courthouse, which currently houses the Martin County Museum, is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Routh House, a private res-

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## Loogootee Council split over the purchase of SUV for LPD

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, February 14 and is already in debate on expenditures exceeding what was budgeted this early in the budget year. The request from the Loogootee Police Department was to purchase a new 2011 Ford Explorer SUV for the department at a cost of \$23,000. There is only \$18,280 available in the budget – the rest was spent on new computers for the department. The SUV is intended to be driven by Rick Norris, a Loogootee Police Officer and a city council member. Norris asked if money could be borrowed from the Rainy Day Fund and paid back at a later date. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said she was unsure and would have to speak to the State Board of Accounts.

It was also discussed that money from the county was unlikely due to its own budget troubles.

The last vehicle purchased for the department was in 2009 for \$20,094 and prior to that in 2007 – but those were both regular cars, not SUVs.

Council member Phyllis Parker said,

### Clarification

In last week's county council story an additional appropriation of \$21,815 was approved for the Emergency Telephone System, Dispatcher II not for the office of the Martin County Judge.

"Why is it that we feel like we need an SUV?"

Police Chief Kelly Rayhill replied that SUVs are becoming popular police vehicles, they have more room for carrying equipment, and that winter conditions have prevented the department from reaching accident scenes in their cars. He said they have wanted an SUV for awhile.

"We had a quote on a car also but it's actually more money," said Council member Norris. Three quotes were acquired by Norris but they were on three different vehicles.

Council member Parker said that while a car and an SUV might be comparable in price the cost to run and maintain an SUV is substantially more expensive.

"Actually, the fuel mileage on this is way better than the fuel mileage on the cars," argued Norris.

Parker said that she would have to disagree with that because she has been driving an SUV for years and they do not get good gas mileage.

Norris explained that the new SUVs are front wheel drive and only use rear wheel drive when needed.

"If we don't know how we are going to pay for it then we are not going to do anything on it tonight are we," said Council member Sue Brewer.

Norris then read through other funds, the Donation Fund and the Continuing Education Fund, to see if money could be pulled from there to cover the \$5,600 needed to buy (See 'COUNCIL' on page three)

## Tourism committee looking for help from the community

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Can Martin County benefit from tourism? That's what a group of people have been diligently working toward finding out for awhile now. The Martin County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month to discuss strategies and goals related to drawing tourists to the county and therefore improving the economy. The "committee" consists of business owners, residents, and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce.

What the committee lacks is participation from a wide array of area business owners.

The committee has, so far, developed several ideas for promoting tourism, most of

which have been completed including Martin County Night with the Dubois County Bombers, a brochure about Martin County delivered to areas throughout the state, the creation of Martin County ambassadors, the Jug Rock Festival, the Martin County Farmers' Market, the Familiarization Tour, designed to get media and business owners familiar with the county; Plien Air Artists, and restoration of the view at Overlook Park.

One idea that the group has hoped would bring in larger benefits for the county is the www.visitmartincounty.org website. An attempt to receive information from area businesses proved unsuccessful with zero replies received with company information. The service, provided free of charge to any Mar- (See 'TOURISM' on page three)

# SURVEY

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idents dating from the mid-1800s, located on Mount Pleasant Road, is on the State Register of Historic Places.

Through this project all survey results are being posted online for public viewing at [www.in.gov/dnr/historic](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic). Visitors need to click on the State Historic Architecture and Archaeology Research Database (SHAARD) link at the bottom right of the page. The site lists all known information on a particular property including photos and a site drawing.

**Next week: Information on registering your property on the state registry. Plus, more results from completed townships.**

## SURVEY RESULTS Rutherford Township

### Cemeteries

Mt. Zion Cemetery – approximately 70 stones; earliest burial 1927; most recent burial 2010; prominent names: Gibson, Hunt, Burress, and Street.

Helpistine Cemetery – approximately 7 stones; located on Alfordsville Road off a short trail; earliest burial date 1845; most recent burial date 1869

Inman Chapel Cemetery – approximately 137 stones; located on Inman Cemetery Road; earliest burial 1857; most recent burial 2004; prominent names: Burress, McCord, Inman, and Gibson

Truelove Church Cemetery – approximately 409 stones; located on Truelove Church Road; earliest burial 1846; most recent burial 2010; prominent names: Truelove, Cochran, Lingenfelter, Huebner, and Jennings; grouped burials: masons and Knights of Pythias

Holtscaw or Holtsglow Cemetery – approximately 32 stones; located on Holtsglow Cemetery Road; earliest burial 1853; most recent burial 1924; prominent names: Holtscaw, Sutton, Fry; grouped burials: veterans

South Martin Cemetery – (a/k/a Ledgerwood Cemetery, Saint Martin Cemetery); approximately 357 stones; located on South Martin Church Lane; earliest burial: 1856; most recent burial: 2010; prominent names: Hembree, Workman, Chattin, and Waggoner; grouped burials: veterans

White River Cemetery – approximately 60 stones; located on White River Cemetery Road; earliest burial: 1842; most recent burial: 1880; prominent names: Rutherford, Steel, Hilburn, Kilborn, and Holloeway; grouped burials: veterans.

Graffiti

### Churches

South Martin Church – located on South Martin Church Lane. The church closed in 1948. The steeple was shorted in about 1940. The church bell came from Germany and is still in the tower. The church is owned by the South Martin Cemetery Association.

### Residential notables

Craney Farmstead – circa 1850

Lumpkin Road Farmstead – circa 1880

Hembree Farmstead – circa 1890

### Bridges

Brooks Bridge – (a/k/a County Bridge 68); circa 1894; located on Brooks Bridge Road

### Schoolhouses

Gwin Schoolhouse – located on Lumpkin Road; circa 1890; The schoolhouse closed in 1951 when a modern township school was built.

## Lost River Township

### Cemeteries

Wallingford Cemetery a/k/a Walls Cemetery – approximately 16 stones; located on Butler Bridge Road; earliest burial date 1872; most recent burial date 1875; prominent name: Hall.

Emmons Ridge Cemetery – approximately 307 stones; located on Emmons Ridge Cemetery Road; earliest burial date 1891; most recent burial date 2010; prominent names: Emmons, Qualkenbush, Wineinger.

Anderson Cemetery – approximately 185 stones; located on the south side of Anderson Road about 1/10 of a mile west of Em-

mons Lane; earliest burial date 1854; most recent burial date 2008; prominent names: Anderson, Jones, Powell, Newland, and Pinnick.

Connell Cemetery a/k/a Stanfield Cemetery, Connell-Stanfield Cemetery, and Conel Cemetery, located at the end of Connell Cemetery Road which is off of Emmons Ridge Road; earliest burial date 1857; most recent burial date 2002; prominent names: Emmons, Stanfield, Connell.

Johnson Cemetery – approximately 13 stones, located on the west side of Peggy Hollow Road in a wooded patch in a farm field across from the Pawpap Marsh Wildlife Viewing Areal earliest burial date 1832; most recent burial date 1884; prominent names: Taylor, Ballard, and Walker.

Clark Cemetery – approximately 25 stones, located east of 5374 Emmons Lane next to a farm field and woods; earliest burial date 1834; most recent burial date 1910; prominent names: Archer, Newland, Freeman, Killion, and Mills.

Abraham Corson Cemetery – approximately one stone; located on the south end of the ridge on Roland Lane, near the steepest part; only burial date 1843; name of buried: Abraham Corson. According to local sources, Corson's wife is buried in the cemetery but either the stone is missing or it was never made.

Edwards Cemetery – one stone; located in the front yard of the house on the north side of the lane on Butler Bridge Road; burial date c.1845; last name: Edwards. According to the owners, the cemetery was rediscovered while the front yard was still a farm field. The stone was discovered while plowing. The name and the death date are both missing.

Jones Cemetery – approximately 43 stones, located on the north side of Butler Bridge Road about 3/4 a mile south of Davis Lane and about a mile north of Simmons Creek Road; earliest burial date 1863; most recent burial date 2006; prominent names: Jones and Wininger; grouped burials: veterans.

Simmons Cemetery – approximately 26 stones; located on the west side of Cooper Road at the bottom of the hill in a farm field; earliest burial date 1850; most recent burial date 1954; prominent names: Simmons and Stevens.

Ann Edwards Cemetery a/k/a Edwards Cemetery – approximately two stones, located north of Blue Creek Lane along the power lines; earliest burial date 1902; most recent burial date 1902; prominent name: Ann Edwards.

Double Oak Cemetery – approximately 30 stones, located on the west side of Double Oak Road back a short lane; earliest burial date 1901; most recent burial date 1992; prominent names: Braun, Hacker, Neukam. The site was home to St. John's Lutheran Church from about 1900 to 1932 when the congregation disbanded and joined other neighboring congregations. The double oak that the site is named for is gone.

Green Cemetery a/k/a Greene Cemetery – approximately 55 stones, located on the east side of Abel Hill Road at the intersection of Jackman Hill Road on top of the hill; earliest burial date 1842; most recent burial date 1953; prominent names: Green, Wininger, Waggoner; grouped burials: veterans.

Seth Waggoner Cemetery – one stone, located south of Ridge Road and north of the end of Blue Creek Road north of the high voltage lines, burial date 1896; name: Seth Waggoner.

Waggoner Chapel Cemetery – approximately 250 stones, located at Waggoner's Chapel on the northeast corner of the intersection of Windom Road and Progress School Road; earliest burial date 1861; most recent burial date 2006; prominent names: Waggoner, Abel, Kail, and Jones; grouped burial: veterans.

Butler Cemetery – approximately 98 stones, located on the west side of Butler Bridge Road back a lane about 1/4 a mile south of Butler Bridge; earliest burial date

1852; most recent burial date 2008; prominent names: Butler, Tinkle, and Murray.

Milburn Cemetery – one stone visible, located on the west side of Abel Hill Road over a mile south of Kale Cross Road under the power lines on the second hill under the third set of poles; burial date unknown; names of buried: Milburn and Bateman; according to the history at the library, the dates of the historic stones are unknown.

Walker Cemetery – approximately three stones, located on the east side of Butler Bridge Road about 1/3 of a mile south of Wagoner Lane east of some old turkey barns on top of the hill in a farm field; earliest burial date 1881; most recent burial date 1885; prominent names: Clark and Walker; grouped burials: veterans; the township trustee plans to restore the cemetery in the near future.

Kalb Cemetery – one stone visible; located in a wooded patch in the farm field west of the lane for 8156 Simmons Creek Road; burial date 1881; name of buried: Simmons; According to a resident there were once at least five stones in the cemetery about 40 years ago.

### Schoolhouses

Bateman Schoolhouse a/k/a Bateman Community Center – located on Windom Road; circa 1897; the school began as first

through eighth grades and a two-year high school. The high school expanded to three years in 1911. The high school ended in 1917 and high school students transferred to Shoals. The school closed in 1964 when the township schools merged with Shoals. Soon after the school became the township community center. The interior is still mostly original. The original blackboards are still on the walls. The second story has a stage, some water damage, and some of the banister is missing. Outside is a privy because there is still no interior bathroom.

### Church

Waggoner Chapel Church – located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Progress School Road and Windom Road; circa 1893

### Bridges

Bridge on Abel Hill Road, located over the Lost River where Simmons Creek Road begins; circa 1910.

Butler Bridge a/k/a Martin County Bridge #73, located on the west side of Butler Bridge Road over the Lost River about 1/10 of a mile south of the township line and about a quarter of a mile north of Peggy Hollow Road; circa 1905; the bridge has been replaced and the road moved to the new bridge. The historic bridge remains but is extremely rusty.



-Photo provided by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology  
Shown above is the Craney Farmstead located in Rutherford Township. The house dates back to 1850.



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Shown above is the South Martin Church located on South Martin Church Lane. The church closed in 1948. The steeple was shorted in about 1940. The church bell came from Germany and is still in the tower. The church is owned by the South Martin Cemetery Association. The photo on the right is the inside of the church.



**GLEN CHARLES 'STEVE' CRANEY**

Glen Charles "Steve" Craney, 93, died Friday, February 11, 2011. A resident of Cannelburg, he was 93.

He was born February 28, 1917, on the family farm in Cannelburg; the son of Charles James and Margaret (Ward) Craney. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a member of All Saints Catholic Church. In 1935, he played in the IHSAA State Finals at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis as a member of the Montgomery High School basketball team coached by Cabby O'Neill. After graduating from Western Michigan University, he returned to Daviess County and farmed, taught school, and coached at Montgomery High School, Winslow High School, and Washington High School. He met his wife, Betty, while both were teachers at Montgomery, and they remained married for more than 50 years. After 20 of coaching, he became superintendent at Barr-Reeve Schools. He was also athletic director at Washington High School when the current Hatchet House was built. Prior to his death, he was said to be the oldest living basketball coach in Indiana.

He is survived by three sons, Glen C. Craney Jr., of Malibu, California, George Craney of Loogootee, and James Craney of Bloomington; one daughter and son-in-law, Sally and John Muessel of Madison; and three grandchildren, Rachel Muessel, Michael Muessel and Brittany Craney.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty (Carr) Craney; his parents; and all seven of his siblings, Herman Craney, Camilla Craney, George Craney, Louis Craney, Kathleen Craney, Robert Craney, and Lillian Craney Petroff.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, February 15 at St. Peter's Church in Montgomery, followed by a graveside service and burial at St. Peter's Cemetery in Montgomery.

Brocksmith, Blake and Wagler Funeral Home, in Montgomery, was in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**JACK TINKLE**

Jack Ray Tinkle, formerly of Shoals,

passed away at 7:37 p.m. Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at the Paoli Health & Living Center. A resident of Paoli, he was 77.

He was born on September 11, 1933; the son of David "Sy" and Ruth (Lindley) Tinkle. He married Dolly Spurgeon and she preceded him in death in 1994. He retired from National Gypsum, attended the Paoli Baptist Church, and was a member of American Legion Post #61 and V.F.W. #8589.

He is survived by three sons, Rick Spurgeon of French Lick, Richard and Lori Tinkle of Orleans, and Jason Tinkle of Shoals; six grandchildren, seven sisters, Brenda Tedrow, Linda Courtright, Janet Ragens, and Pam Blair all of Loogootee; Lana Bush of Linton, Yvonne Stone and Clarabelle Winger of Shoals; and four brothers, Carl Tinkle of Scottsburg, Harold Tinkle of Dubois, Tennis Tinkle of Loogootee, and Bill Tinkle of Shoals.

He was preceded in death by parents, his wife, brother, Danny Tinkle and sister, Sue Taylor.

The funeral was held Saturday, February 12 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

**JOHN ZIEGLER**

John R. Ziegler died at 9:27 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2011 in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, he was 90.

He was born October 29, 1920 in Martin County; the son of William and Phoebe



(Hunt) Ziegler. He married Merties Baker on August 19, 1945 at Christ Lutheran Church in Haysville. She preceded him in death on May 3, 1987. He was a WWII Army Veteran and retired Boone Township farmer. He was a past-president of the Haysville Water Board — served as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Haysville Ruritan Club, served on Christ Lutheran Church Council and a member of the V.F.W. Post #673.

He is survived by a daughter, Cherly Fenton and husband, Tom, of Seymour; two sons, Van and wife, Nancy Ziegler and Ken and wife Darlene Ziegler both of Jasper; six grandchildren, Jennifer Nigg, and Meaghan, Andrew, Jeremy, Kristin, and Christopher Ziegler; long-time friend and companion, Elize Kieffner, of Haysville; and one sister,

He was preceded in death by his wife, sisters, Eldena Ziegler, Sophia Street, Mabel Ziegler, and Lavada Ziegler; and half-brother, Raymond Ziegler.

Funeral services were held at Tuesday, February 15, 2011 in Christ Lutheran Church with burial following in Community Cemetery in Haysville. The Rev. Timothy Kraemer officiated. V.F.W. Post # 673 conducted military grave side rites.

Becher and Kluesner North Chapel, in Jasper, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Lutheran Church in Haysville or to a favorite charity.

**NORBERT STRANGE**

Norbert S. Strange, formerly of Martin County, died at 4:15 a.m. February 8, 2011 at Union Hospital. A resident of Brazil, he was 99.

He was born October 5, 1911 in Martin County; the son of William Leo Strange and Mary Susan Miles Strange. He married Cleo

Dunn on February 15, 1936 and she preceded him in death on September 16, 2001.

As a young man he worked as an electrician for REMC in Martin and Daviess counties. In the early 1950's, he moved the family to the Brazil area to join his brothers in business. Together they owned and operated the Strange Furniture Mart, Inc. located in the 12 Points area of Terre Haute. Norbert was a member of the Annunciation Church of Brazil and a past member of the Knights of Columbus.

**NORBERT STRANGE**

He is survived by his children, Bernie Strange and wife Joyce of Clinton, Ron Strange and wife Patricia of Ormond Beach, Florida, Jerry Strange of Terre Haute, and Patty Deakins and husband David of Brazil; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Cleo; one sister, Agatha Bobbitt; six brothers, Harold Strange, Rev. Bernard Strange, Rev. Flavin Strange, Damon Strange, Martin Strange, and Joseph Strange.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, February 10 at Annunciation Church with Father Harold Rightor officiating. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery in Terre Haute.

**TOURISM**

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Martin County business, would list all pertinent information including location, contact information, and website address to potential web surfers. The fact that not single business in Martin County took advantage of the free publicity baffles the tourism group. Local photographer, author, and county historian Bill Whorrall said in last Wednesday night's tourism meeting, "What we need is participation from area businesses." He went on to say that despite invitations sent to area business owners to attend the tourism meeting, there is still a very low turnout. "Asking once and getting turned down is not good enough; we have to keep asking and keep trying to get participation." Whorrall also added that what business owners do not understand is that they are all affected by tourism whether they understand it or not.

The tourism meetings are open to the public and simply consist of area business owners discussing ways of promoting tourism. There are no membership requirements or appointments that need to be made to attend. Everyone is welcome to express their ideas, solutions, or even complaints. The committee welcomes new ideas and insight to help improve the economy in Martin County.

Things in progress through the tourism committee include promotion of Hindostan Falls, buying a Martin County lodging website from Go Daddy, and getting signage for Highways 50 and 150 as a historical highway. At last Wednesday night's meeting an idea was presented by Jason Jones to create a movie of Martin County to house on various social media and regular websites showing what the county has to offer.

Any business that would like to be listed on the [visitmartincounty.org](http://visitmartincounty.org) website should contact Karen Mattingly at [mccc@mccl.us](mailto:mccc@mccl.us). Provide your business location, contact information including phone number, fax number, email, and website, if applicable. The website is owned by the Martin County Commissioners.

**COUNCIL**

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the vehicle.

Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that money could not be pulled from those funds for that reason.

Council member Brewer asked about additional money for lights, etc above the \$5,600 already needed. Norris said that a new light bar would also have to be purchased but no cost was for sure but estimated at \$800 to \$900; he said everything else was transferable.

Norris then brought up using Rainy Day Fund money again with the possibility of putting it back in next year's budget. The Rainy Day Fund currently has \$46,000.

"Well, I disagree with having an SUV," said Council member Parker. "I don't think you can justify having an SUV for another vehicle in town, that's just my opinion."

She then asked about the cost of insurance. Council member Norris said that the cost shouldn't be that different since the department has a fleet policy.

Council member Rich Taylor then motioned to order the SUV with Norris making the second.

"I think we need to find out where the money is coming from first," said Council member Brewer.

Council member Norris replied, "If we have to we can get it from Rainy Day."

The two then had a discussion about taking the money from that fund. Brewer said, "I think the Rainy Day Fund should be exactly that, a Rainy Day Fund, and a Rainy Day Fund to me is an emergency fund."

A question was asked by Tim Pinkham with the Washington Times-Herald to City Attorney Mark Jones if Rick Norris could legally vote on purchasing the vehicle since he is the one on the police department that would be receiving it without having a conflict of interest.

"It's not for him it's for the department," replied Attorney Jones.

"Do they drive them home?" asked Council member Parker to Chief Rayhill.

"Yes," he replied.

"Do they take them out of town?" she asked.

"When they have to, yeah," replied Rayhill but not when they are off duty.

Council member Norris added that the vehicle would be available to anyone in the department when there was a snow day as well.

After more discussion the final vote was 3-2 with Norris and Taylor voting in favor of the purchase and Brewer, Parker, and Mattox voting against the purchase.

"I just saying that I'm not against them buying a car, I'm just against the way they are doing it," said Brewer.

"I feel the same way," said Council member Mattox.

It was decided to table the discussion until

the next meeting when more information on funding sources could be found.

Chief Rayhill asked the council for guidance on what he should provide at the next meeting.

Council member Parker said that he should stay within the \$20,000 dollar range on quotes but Council member Taylor said, "We're just looking for \$5,600."

Another discussion regarding the police department was the possibility of combining the city dispatching with the county. Mayor Bowling explained in his notes that with the advent of the 911 program and the expansion of the equipment and facilities throughout the state, many, in fact almost all of the small cities and towns have done away with their dispatcher programs. He said this idea has been discussed in Loogootee since 2003 but at that time the 911 program was not up and running. The budget for the LPD dispatcher program is around \$80,000 per year. The mayor stated in his notes that at least half of this amount could be saved with some major changes to the dispatcher program. He said that the current set-up for city dispatchers is 24/7 with some eight-hour shifts not receiving a single call.

The mayor explained that turnover is part of the city's problem. He said that in recent past the police department has had to hire and train several dispatchers with the training being quite expensive.

The council discussed matter but nothing was decided. They considered holding a special meeting in the future to discuss it further.

At the request of a council member Mayor Bowling reported that a water department employee would be attending an eight-week training program to become certified. The employee's request has already been approved by the mayor and the supervisor. The cost of the training is \$350 paid by the city, a vehicle will be provided if available, and the employee would still receive pay while in training.

In other business the council approved a change to the Utility Rate Ordinance to the raise the annual fire hydrant free from \$100 to \$200 and to change the reconnect fee when a customer's water service is disconnected from \$30 to \$50. Public hearings were held prior to the Board of Public Works meeting for any residents who had issues or concerns. No residents were present at the meeting.

The mayor also reported that thanks to additional negotiations by Utilities Manager Bo Wilson, the final cost for cleaning of the water wells has been reduced to \$8,000 per well for a total cost of \$16,000. The pumps inside the water wells were not pulled to check for repairs which could have resulted in more charges. According to the mayor, the wells seem to be in good working order. The cleaning was completed last Thursday.

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# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

## Tuesday, February 8

2:00 p.m. - A female caller requested to speak to an officer about an animal complaint.

3:37 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding and reckless semi driver, northbound on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

4:10 p.m. - Received a call about a dog complaint.

4:30 p.m. - A female caller requested to speak to an officer about harassing text messages.

6:21 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee.

10:56 p.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler at a residence in Shoals.

## Wednesday, February 9

6:03 a.m. - Information was received on a stolen vehicle from Jasper.

9:30 a.m. - A female caller spoke with an officer about personal property being destroyed.

10:00 a.m. - A female called about a neighbor's dog.

10:10 a.m. - A female called about personal property that she loaned that has not been returned.

12:20 p.m. - A female in Shoals reported small items stolen from her property and requested extra patrol.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle speeding and crossing the centerline on U.S. 231S, just entering Loogootee.

4:22 p.m. - Received a call from the Shoals School about a student.

4:51 p.m. - Received a call from a female regarding her neighbor's dog.

5:32 p.m. - Received a call about a possible wanted subject.

5:35 p.m. - A male caller reported a speeding vehicle in the Doe Run area.

6:05 p.m. - Received a call about threatening text messages.

6:32 p.m. - Received a report of a battery in Loogootee.

8:03 p.m. - Received another report of a battery in Loogootee.

8:14 p.m. - Received a report of lost keys.

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

## Thursday, February 10

1:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Gibson Lane.

4:54 a.m. - Received a report of a car over an embankment on Spout Springs Road.

8:28 a.m. - A female caller requested to speak with an officer about her truant daughter.

9:15 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

9:33 a.m. - Received a report of harassing phone calls.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

12:16 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver heading east on U.S. 50 from Loogootee.

12:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn on Weisbach Road.

1:39 p.m. - Received a report of a fire on E 1100 N. The Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

4:58 p.m. - Received a report of a small fire on Truelove Church Road.

5:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Nolley Lane. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:22 p.m. - Received a request for a wel-

fare check.

## Friday, February 11

7:03 a.m. - Received a report of a large field fire in Whitfield.

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi driver on U.S. 231, southbound from Loogootee.

10:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary. A family member transported the subject.

Unknown time - Received a report of a controlled burn on Cale Road.

12:19 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute in Crane Village.

2:05 p.m. - Received a call about a large piece of metal on U.S. 50 near Peek's Cut Road.

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of a subject in a field, carrying a rifle, in the Trinity Springs area.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on S.R. 550.

7:31 p.m. - Received a call from the Loogootee Police Department. They advised a subject was on station there about a property dispute in Crane Village.

9:43 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer about a personal property dispute and threats.

11:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:42 p.m. - A female called about found property.

## Saturday, February 12

1:15 a.m. - A male caller advised of a suspicious vehicle around a business near Shoals.

2:25 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, northbound from the Haysville Bridge.

3:20 a.m. - Received a report of a power outage on U.S. 150 and Windom Road.

4:00 a.m. - An abandoned vehicle was located in a field at the intersection of Weisbach Road and Red School Road.

9:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:48 a.m. - A female called about a property dispute with her estranged husband and threats.

12:33 p.m. - Received a report of an injured coyote on S.R. 550.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a possible illegal entry into a residence in Shoals.

1:03 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a locked vehicle.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report from a resident on Red School Road that a vehicle had hit a tree and lost a headlight on the roadway near his residence.

2:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231. No transport was necessary.

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of a yard fire in Shoals.

## Jail bookings

### Thursday, February 10

6:45 p.m. - Robert E. Taylor, 43, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Clinton County warrant.

### Friday, February 11

4:18 p.m. - Nathan Baker, 28, of Shoals, was arrested on a Martin County warrant and also for possession of marijuana.

8:15 p.m. - Dean Buchheit, 55, of Washington, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated with a minor passenger.

### Saturday, February 12

7:15 p.m. - Terry Clark, 56, of Odon, was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamines and driving while suspended.

10:20 p.m. - Shane Lents, 39, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with intimidation and domestic battery.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, eastbound from half mile curve, east of Shoals.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of a theft from a vehicle.

9:57 p.m. - Received a report of a battery in Shoals.

11:15 p.m. - A male caller reported a burglary at his residence.

## Sunday, February 13

1:20 a.m. - Received a request for assistance at the Crane VFW for a combative subject.

2:45 a.m. - Received a call from a mother that her 17-year-old daughter was refusing to return home.

12:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Sampson Hill Church on Lacey Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Haw Creek Road.

2:29 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on U.S. 231, northbound from Whitfield.

4:45 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire on Rama Dye Road.

5:31 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a locked vehicle in Loogootee.

7:19 p.m. - Received a call from a male in Shoals about a dispute with a neighbor.

8:21 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, near the Lakeview Golf Course.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 231, just north of the Alfordsville turnoff.

## Monday, February 14

2:35 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded semi on U.S. 231, near the stockyards, south of Loogootee.

9:47 a.m. - Received a report that a deer had been struck on U.S. 231, near West Boggs.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded garbage truck on Winger Road, blocking the roadway.

10:55 a.m. - A male caller requested to speak with an officer about an ownership dispute of a vehicle.

1:02 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle on Panhandle Road.

1:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Mt. Calvary Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on East River Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:20 p.m. - A female in Crane called about a property dispute.

5:53 p.m. - Received a call from a male concerned about a deer alongside the roadway near West Boggs.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

6:27 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance at Loogootee Nursing Center.

8:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:20 p.m. - A male caller reported a theft of tire rims.

## Tuesday, February 15

6:05 a.m. - A female caller reported a problem with her neighbor's dogs.

8:39 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 150, near Natchez Church.

12:37 p.m. - A caller advised they had found stolen property.

12:42 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject in the Rutherford area.

12:54 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

1:15 p.m. - Received a request for assistance to unlock a vehicle in Loogootee.

2:14 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals.

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# Martin County accident reports

## Tuesday, February 8

1:15 p.m. - Larry Welcher, 53, of Montgomery, was traveling north on U.S. 231 at the intersection of County Road 100S in a red 2001 Ford. He was stopped in the northbound lane waiting to turn left onto County Road 100S. Justin Crosby, 28, of Loogootee, in a black 2007 Dodge Caliber failed to see that Welcher had stopped and rear-ended a trailer the Ford was pulling, carrying livestock. There were no injuries reported to any livestock, but there was significant damage to the trailer. There was also significant damage to the front of the Welcher vehicle. Crosby was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital to check for any possible injuries. He was also cited for driving while suspended. The investigating officer was Sergeant John Fischer.

3:05 p.m. - Mark E. Sheetz, of Loogootee, was operating a 2007 Toyota and turning onto Elm Street when he struck a 2010 Nissan driven by Kathy M. Wallace, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Officer Branham was the investigating officer.

## Wednesday, February 9

6:20 a.m. - Tamara S. Thompson, 48, of Loogootee, was traveling north on U.S. 231, just north of Raglesville Road. She

stated that a deer ran out onto the roadway and she could not get stopped in time and struck the deer. Her yellow 2008 Jeep sustained damage to the front grill area. The investigating officer was Chief Deputy Tony Dant.

7:55 a.m. - Deidre B. Pennington, 18, of Shoals was traveling north on Spout Springs Road and lost control of her black 1998 Dodge Avenger as she was going through a curve and down a hill. There was a lot of sand and gravel on the roadway from recent snows. Pennington's vehicle started into a spin and spun around and drove off the left side of the road and struck a tree with the passenger's side of the vehicle. There was significant damage to the front passenger side fender and tire. The investigating officer was Sergeant John Fischer.

## Friday, February 11

3:37 p.m. - Jill Lake, of Loogootee, was operating 1998 Jeep on SR 550 when she drove off the road into a ditch. Lake over corrected her steering, which caused the vehicle to roll over in turn striking an embankment and tree. Jacob Melton a passenger complained of pain but did not request medical attention. Capt. Akles was the investigating officer.

# Loogootee Police log

## Monday, February 7

8:20 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint in Shady Estates.

9:45 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male subject on Williams Street. Chief Rayhill spoke with the male.

5:09 p.m. - Male caller reported a civil dispute.

7:04 p.m. - Sgt. Norris advised that a male had struck the fence at Citgo. An accident report was not required.

8:54 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a subject on Fairview Street. Sgt. Norris responded.

10:14 p.m. - A female on North Line Street reported a black and tan dog running loose.

## Tuesday, February 8

1:15 p.m. - Officer Branham assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department on a traffic accident two miles south of Loogootee.

4:00 p.m. - DCSD reported a 911 hang up on SE First Street. After further investigation it was learned that a domestic dispute had occurred. Officer Branham and Sgt. Hennette responded.

4:11 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a bank alarm.

6:22 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a business alarm.

8:47 p.m. - Female caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on North Line Street.

## Wednesday, February 9

Unknown time - Female caller advised that a male driver had struck her mailbox and left the scene. Chief Rayhill spoke with the female and will speak with the driver.

12:48 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a green 4Runner traveling at a high rate of speed on US 231. Chief Rayhill spoke with the driver.

7:50 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street. Sgt. Hennette responded.

9:08 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on North Street.

## Thursday, February 10

1:25 a.m. - Male caller reported dogs running loose in Shady Estates.

11:34 a.m. - Male caller reported a large tree limb on SE First Street the street department was notified.

12:14 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver eastbound on US 50. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

1:42 p.m. - Caller reported an unsecured load. Capt. Akles was unable to locate.

2:51 p.m. - Male caller reported animal neglect on a dog in Shady Estates. Capt. Akles checked the animal.

# Martin County court news

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

**Editor's note: Clarification - Criminal Charges Dismissed that were published in the January 19th issue of the Martin County Journal were done by the previous judge and dated December 29, 2010.**

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New charges filed

#### February 1

Frank M. Higgins, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### February 3

Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr., operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### February 7

Joseph D. Kellems, intimidation, a Class D Felony.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

### February 3

Bruce B. Fithian, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 363 days suspended, credit for 1/2 days. Defendant received one year probation.

### February 8

Adam M. Arvin, convicted of driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 327 days suspended including credit for 19 days. Defendant received one year of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### January 25

Karl Young, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### February 4

Richard Cox vs. Melissa Cox, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### February 7

Portia D. Fawks vs. Cody E. Fawks, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### February 8

ECI Services of Indiana vs. Douglas Inman, civil plenary.

Springs Valley Bank and Trust Company vs. Matthew J. Collins, Homer F. Collins, Indiana Department of Revenue, and Attorney

## Jasper ISP Post reports January enforcement activity

The Indiana State Police had the following enforcement activity for January 2011. The Jasper State Police Post covers Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer Counties.

Traffic Arrests (tickets) - 643

Warnings - 1923

Commercial Motor Vehicle moving arrests - 13

DUI Arrests - 17

Total Criminal Arrests - 75

Lieutenant Don Bolen has announced troopers will participate in Operation Pull Over Blitz 66.

In an effort to deter impaired and dangerous driving on Indiana's roadways, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) and

General Greg Zoeller, mortgage foreclosure.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### February 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff, Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC, and against the defendant, Donna Boyd, in the amount of \$1,448.57.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suit Filed

#### February 7

Phillips Well Drilling vs. Dave McCarty, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### February 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff, Jackie Davis, and against the defendant, Norbert Mattingly, in the amount of \$69.72.

### February 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff, Toy's Auto Parts, and against the defendant, Backwoods Stone, in the amount of \$330.36.

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

### February 2 - February 8

Justin Andis, Springville, maximum speed limits, \$119.

Justin Bowersock, Loogootee, driving without proof of financial responsibilities, \$139.

Jeremy Floerke, Williams, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Carrie Gee, Shoals, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Deanna Hert, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Duane Loudermilk, Wheatland, speeding 68 in a 55, \$119.

Norbert Mattingly, Loogootee, unregistered vehicle; expired plates, \$119.

Philip McGuire, French Lick, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Sean Michael, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, speeding 65 in a 55, \$119.

Pedro Paredes-Hernandez, Springville, speeding 63 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$124.

Daniel Rowlett, Orleans, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Thomas Schrock, Elnora, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

John Slaubaugh, Loogootee, speeding too fast to avoid collision, 70 in a 55, \$124.

Robert Turner, Loogootee, speeding 70 in a 55, \$182.

Dustin Williams, Loogootee, following too close, \$124.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

### February 9

Cameron Edward Brown of Crane and Kimberly Anne Twigg of Crane.

the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving is joining with other state and local law enforcement agencies to launch Operation Pull Over Blitz 66.

The 17-day enforcement effort will begin on Friday, March 4 and will conclude on Sunday, March 20. The Indiana State Police will conduct sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols, to detect and arrest impaired drivers. Troopers will also enforce aggressive driving such as: speeding, tailgating, flashing headlights, and unsafe lane changes.

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## Real estate transfer

Steven R. Arvin, of Martin County to John Arvin and Marty Arvin, a one-half interest, and Jeremy Arvin, a one-half interest, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 0.499 acres, more or less.

## A week in review of the Indiana General Assembly

Senate committee hearings took place on several key bills targeting education reforms, illegal immigration and the state's unemployment insurance fund. To make up for time missed during the recent ice storm in Indianapolis, committee hearings were scheduled on Friday as well, a day usually spent by legislators in their home districts with constituents. This brief summary provides an update on a few of the bills moving through the Senate as well as other Statehouse activities.

### Teachers rally at the Capitol

More than 1,000 teachers and other supporters of public education rallied at the Statehouse last Tuesday to express their opposition to major education reforms proposed by the Daniels Administration. In the wake of a House vote on a bill that provides for additional charter schools, many carried signs that read "Rethink how to reform" and "Protect public schools" as well as "Support Indiana teachers." Organized by the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Federation of Teachers, many of the participants walked the halls and observed session, while others were able to meet with their legislators to discuss their opposition to efforts they believe will hurt public education and the nearly one million children who attend public schools. The charter schools bill, House Bill (HB) 1002, passed the House by a vote of 59-37. The proposal now advances to the Senate where changes may be considered.

### Education bills in Senate Committee

A bill targeting pay scales and evaluation of public school teachers, Senate Bill (SB) 1, received its first hearing in the Senate Education and Career Development Committee. One provision of the bill would establish a new salary schedule based on the results of a teacher's evaluation, the teacher's performance as an instructional or curriculum leader or mentor, and whether the teacher is in a high priority subject matter or grade level. Raises based on the completion of additional college degrees or graduate credit hours would be eliminated. Another provision would allow up to 50 percent of the teachers in a charter school to be unlicensed. Apprehension was also evident regarding the bill's failure to address due process rights and grievance procedures. The bill was held for further consideration.

SB 294 gained committee approval and would establish probationary teacher contracts. The bill specifies that a superintendent may hire a teacher who has not previously taught for that school corporation on a probationary 60-day contract, evaluate the teacher after 30 days and at the conclusion of the 60-day period, determine if the teacher should be offered a regular teacher's contract or terminate the contract.

The committee also took final action on SB 497, a bill that would provide a \$3,500 Early Graduation Scholarship for each high school student that graduates one year early. The bill provides that the student would have to complete necessary courses by the end of the junior year, apply for the grant, and enroll in an approved postsecondary education institution to qualify. State funding to the high schools attended by the scholarship recipients would be reduced by the scholarship amount. Concerns about the proposal include legal issues for universities presented by students younger than 18 and whether the scholarship use would be limited to in-state universities. The bill now goes before the full Senate.

Bill would cut education funding for children of vets

SB 577 has raised concerns among veteran organizations around the state and some lawmakers because the bill would reduce financial aid now available to veterans through several programs, including the Children of Disabled Veterans Tuition Assistance Program. Sen. Hume attempted unsuccessfully to amend the bill on the Senate floor to remove all references to education benefits to children of veterans. SB 577, which will reduce the amount of tuition provided to children of disabled vets from 100 percent (current law) to a sliding

scale based on the level of the parent's disability, was later approved by a vote of 32-17 and now advances to the House for its review. Indiana has paid 100 percent of tuition and normal fees for the children of disabled or deceased veterans for a post-secondary education since 1935.

(For audio from Sen. Hume speaking to the Senate Chamber regarding this bill, go here [www.in.gov/legislative/senate\\_democrats/files/Hume\\_VetTuition.2611.MP3](http://www.in.gov/legislative/senate_democrats/files/Hume_VetTuition.2611.MP3))

### Alcohol sales

Among the bills approved by the Senate Public Policy Committee, SB 78 would revise an unpopular law passed last year that requires store clerks to request photo identification including birth dates for all customers purchasing alcohol, regardless of their age. The legislation would require clerks to card only those customers who reasonably appear to be under the age of 40. Testimony indicated that the new law, which has been in effect for seven months, is working, and has helped to drastically reduce underage purchases of alcohol due to the ID requirement. SB 78 now advances to the full Senate. Similar legislation, HB 1325, has already passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 91-7.

### Unemployment Insurance

The Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee heard testimony on a proposal to reform Indiana's Unemployment Insurance benefits system and to repay more than \$2.6 billion borrowed from the federal government to cover benefits for unemployed workers. Approved on a House party-line vote, HB 1450 is being fast-tracked through the General Assembly and is the first House bill to be heard in the Senate. The proposal would repay the federal loan through a 13 percent surcharge on businesses and make changes to the schedule used to determine each employer's unemployment contribution rate. The bill would also change the calculation used for determining benefits paid to unemployed workers. The proposed method of calculation, known as annualization, is estimated to reduce total statewide benefits by about 25 percent annually. Average weekly benefits for unemployed workers would drop from \$283 to \$212. The U.S. average weekly benefit is \$295, and Indiana currently ranks 33rd in average weekly benefits. The bill would also eliminate benefit eligibility for seasonal workers, plant workers affected by pre-announced temporary shutdowns, and those workers held on an on-call or as-needed basis. The bill passed committee and now is eligible for consideration by the full Senate.

### Illegal immigration

A four-hour hearing of the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee was devoted to SB 590, a bill pertaining to illegal immigration matters. Some opponents think that immigration policy should be addressed at the federal level in Congress, not by Indiana's state legislature, a view represented by leaders from Indiana universities, faith leaders, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and other state leaders at a Statehouse press conference held prior to the hearing. These leaders have signed the "Indiana Compact," a written set of principles that they believe should guide the debate over immigration.

Based on Arizona's controversial law, the bill would require law enforcement officers to verify the citizenship or immigration status of individuals when making a stop, detention, or arrest if the officer has reasonable suspicion of the individual's status. Concerns have also been expressed about the "English only" provision of the bill, which would require that only English be used in public meetings, public documents, by state or local government employees, and information provided on government web sites.

The estimated cost to the state for the measure could be between \$1.4 to \$5.4 million for criminal and employment dispute investigations and enforcement. The bill was recommended to the Senate Appropriations Committee and will not yet be heard by the full Senate.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



### Strengthening Indiana through job creation

After the ice storm in Indianapolis two weeks ago, we spent last week catching up and discussing several very key bills that would help us reach our goals of the Strengthen Indiana Plan. One of our top priorities outlined in the plan is to create jobs for Hoosiers by revitalizing hard hit communities and focusing on entrepreneurship and small businesses. A bill that I authored, along with several others, are making their way through the General Assembly to accomplish those goals.

HB 1007, which I authored, passed its third and final reading on the House floor. It will help promote job creation by giving communities the tools they need to need to attract new businesses and investments to Indiana.

There are several ways in which local communities can offer incentives. First, individual counties would have the option to exempt new investments from business personal property. Second, HB 1007 would allow municipalities to pay hiring incentives for new employment, and to utilize a point system to enhance abatement schedules for both new and existing businesses. It would also remove the sunset date on the ability of municipalities to exempt enterprise information technology.

In addition, HB 1007 would reduce the age limit for the property tax deduction for rehabilitated property from 50 years to 25 years. And finally, the bill would enhance abatement schedules to allow up to eight years of 100 percent abatement if the business meets on point on a list of criteria.

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 economic development 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.

Our goal is to put Hoosiers back to work and to give communities the necessary tools to promote job creation. This bill will help us accomplish that goal. HB 1007 is supported by the governor and passed out of the House this week by a vote of 94-0. It will now be sent to the Senate for consideration.

Two more bills that will help us reach our goals in the Strengthen Indiana Plan are House Bills 1005 and 1006. HB 1005 has been dubbed the dinosaur building bill. It would lower the requirements for vacant buildings so that more communities can take advantage of the tax credit. This would help communities make their vacant buildings more attractive for potential investors by providing a tax credit on the rehabilitation expenses.

HB 1006 would help encourage entrepreneurship and small business by making it easier to acquire new and existing business licenses and permits. The bill would require the Secretary of State's office to set-up a one-stop-shop website to register with state agencies. Other states, like South Carolina, have created similar sites that have been very successful and helpful to business owners.

We are working diligently to create the best business climate possible for companies to grow private sector jobs for Hoosiers, and to continue to allow Indiana to lead the way out of this recession. House Bills 1005 and 1006 were voted out of committee this week and will be heading to the House floor for second reading. I'll be sure to keep update on their progress.

As always, I welcome your feedback and opinions. You can reach me by e-mail at [h63@in.gov](mailto:h63@in.gov) or call 1-800-382-9841.

## 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 16. 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

Harold Green, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 2

Ronald (Ron) Gilbert, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 2

Karen Hickman, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3

Pat Burcham, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3

Dwight Glenn Schultheis, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3

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

Phyllis Parker, Democrat, Loogootee City Council At-Large

Fred A. Dupps, Democrat, Loogootee City Council At-Large

Noel Dale Harty, Democrat, Mayor

Joe Mattox, Democrat, Mayor

Brian Thomas Ader, Democrat, Mayor

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Nancy Jones, Democrat, Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer

## LOOGOOTEE LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

### DATES OF REGISTRATION

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.



# Shoals School Board goes over regular business

The Shoals School Board met in regular session Thursday, February 10.

Superintendent Dr. Tony Nonte provided the board with the scores of the students who took the End of Course Assessment re-test in the subjects of algebra and English in December of 2010. He noted that 82.6 percent of the algebra students and 66.6 percent of the English students passed the ECA re-testing.

Rebecca Harmon, Kelly Springer, Christina Henninger, and Jessica Hembree were approved to serve as substitute teachers during the 2010-11 school year.

The following ECA recommendations

were also approved: Tim Howell – boys' varsity track; Dave Qualkenbush – boys' varsity assistant/JV track; Teri Kerr – girls' junior high track; Pat Garrett – varsity baseball; Tim Sorrells – varsity assistant/JV baseball; Harold Bleemel – volunteer baseball assistant; Luke Alstott – volunteer baseball assistant; Brian Harder – volunteer varsity softball; Aimee Farhar – volunteer varsity softball; Ann Stewart – volunteer junior high softball; and Julia Sanders – volunteer junior high softball; Chad Cundiff – volunteer assistant golf coach; and January Roush – volunteer assistant girls' track coach.

In other business, Dennis Thomas, Director of Business Relations for Chartwell's Cafeteria Service gave a Power Point presentation of how Chartwell's works with school corporations to provide educational dining solutions.

Cherie Arnett, representing Compass Point Behavioral Health Services, addressed the board concerning the counseling services they offer. She explained that Compass Point offers counseling and psychology services at their offices and counseling services on location at school. She stated that they require parental permission prior to providing any counseling service at school.

The board held a second reading of a corporation field trip policy. The policy was approved.

Dr. Nonte opened one quote for property casualty / workers compensation insurance from Cummings Agency Inc. as follows:

Comm. Property/Casualty, EMC Downey Insurance, \$38,786

Workers Compensation, Indiana Public Employers' Plan (IPEP), \$23,973

The board approved the 2011 contract to Cummings Agency Inc. in the amount of \$62,759 for property/casualty and workers' compensation insurance coverage.

The board discussed the possibility of hiring a contractor for grass mowing during the 2011 season, or possibly hiring another

employee in the maintenance department to take care of all of the mowing, weed eating, and athletic field upkeep as well as other maintenance duties when time allows. The board asked Dr. Nonte to bring additional information including a cost comparison next meeting for further discussion.

The board approved the request to continue providing transportation for the junior high softball team, to and from away games.

The board approved the first grade students to take a field trip to Wonderlab in Bloomington on Friday, April 15, 2011.

The board approved the following fundraisers: Pep Club to sell Valentine's Day items February 11-14, 2011, the sophomore class to sell lollipops February 14-25, 2011, and the Shoals Parent Association to sell t-shirts and scented pencils and pens to elementary students March 1 – April 1, 2011.

The board approved a contract with Indiana All Star Driving School to provide drivers' education classes during the summer of 2011 at a fee of \$315 per student.

Dr. Nonte provided the board with a copy of House Bill 1260 for their review. He explained that it contains many possible changes regarding school employee health insurance benefits.

The next meeting of the board will be a regular session on March 10, 2011 at 5 p.m.

## Charting a new course for Indiana education

House Speaker Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis), State Rep. Bob Behning (R-Indianapolis), State Rep. Mary Ann Sullivan (D-Indianapolis) and State Rep. Cindy Noe (R-Indianapolis) co-authored House Bill 1002, which will enable charter schools to prosper and lead Indiana toward offering more high-quality educational options for all students. The bill addresses many of the obstacles that have prohibited charter school expansion since charter schools were first authorized in Indiana in 2001.

House Bill 1002 made it out of the Education Committee after eight and a half hours of testimony and debate, to then be heard on the House floor for a second reading. The second reading lasted throughout the night at Monday's session. The bill faced 63 amendments, twelve of which were adopted on a bipartisan basis.

"We have been diligent in our quest to ensure bipartisan input," said Rep. Behning.

"This isn't a partisan issue, this isn't a Republican issue, this is simply about education options for Hoosier children," said Speaker Bosma. "Charter schools are no silver bullet, but they are a significant element of a balanced public school system with options for all students," said Speaker Bosma.

The Charter school bill passed in the House with bipartisan support and will now move to the Senate to be heard.

The main provisions of House Bill 1002 are:

Charter School Board - Establishes the Charter School Board (CSB) as an additional statewide sponsor of charter schools.

Sponsors - Allows the executive of a second class city and non-proprietary private universities and colleges approved by the State Board of Education to serve as eligible charter school sponsors.

Accountability - If a charter school has been placed in either of the two lowest categories or designations under the state school accountability system for at least three consecutive years and the school has been in operation for more than five years then the state board shall hold a hearing and invoke one or more of the accountability measures, unless there is justification for the school's perform-

ance under the state school accountability system

Charter School Charters - Adds student academic growth, financial performance and stability, and board performance and stewardship to the list of items to be included in a charter school's charter.

Transparency - To prevent sponsor shopping, organizer is required to list any applications submitted in the last five years in their charter proposal.

Conversion Charter Employees - Stipulates that a teacher in a conversion charter school may be an employee of just the charter school or of the charter school and the school corporation as determined in a charter school's charter.

Conversion Charter Schools - Stipulates that a school that has been in the lowest two designations for two or more consecutive years cannot be sponsored by that school's governing board.

Buildings - Allows charter schools to lease or purchase unused school buildings owned by school corporations for which less than 10 percent of the building is being utilized for direct student instruction and no offer to purchase has been executed.

Transportation - A charter school may receive a distribution from the resident corporation transportation fund levy based on the students who are enrolled in the charter school in the same county where they legal settlement in the school corporation's district. However, the school corporation and the charter may enter into a school transportation plan, whereby the school corporation would transport the charter school students without charge.

Grant and Loan Program - Provides that charters will have access to federal funds for the purpose of financing charter school facilities.

Health Insurance - Allows charter schools to opt into the state health insurance plans

Limitation on Severance Packages - A school board may not grant a severance package in excess of a year's salary to any public school employee. This provision applies to traditional public schools and charter schools.

## Indiana second in AP performance gains, first in AP access gains

Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett congratulated students, teachers and administrators last Wednesday after the College Board's 7th Annual AP Report to the Nation revealed Indiana had the nation's second highest one-year increase in the percentage of graduates who earned a passing score (3, 4 or 5 on a 1-5 scale) on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam and the highest gains in AP access.

Indiana's percentage of high school graduates passing an AP exam increased from 10.4 percent of the 2009 graduating cohort to 12.4 percent of the 2010 graduating cohort - more than doubling the state's previous highest one-year increase of 0.9 percent (2004-2005).

"I am proud to see this significant gain in the number of students passing AP exams and congratulate Hoosier students who are challenging themselves with these rigorous courses assessments," Bennett said. "I must also thank our educators for the hard work they have invested to increase AP opportunities in our schools."

Indiana also had the nation's highest increase in AP course participation, jumping

from 20.7 percent in 2009 to 29.3 percent in 2010. The percentage of Indiana's low-income graduates passing an AP exam increased by 27 percent.

After taking office in January 2009, Dr. Bennett and the Indiana Department of Education set a goal for 25 percent of students to receive a passing score on an AP or International Baccalaureate exam or successfully complete dual credit coursework.

Twenty-one schools met the 25 percent mark in 2010, up from 12 schools in 2009. The school with the largest one-year increase in AP success was Herron High School, which grew from 5 percent of its graduates passing an AP exam in 2009 to 38.8 percent in 2010.

"College preparation is one of the most important functions of our high schools. By providing challenging academic opportunities, we prepare our students to reach their goals," Bennett said. "I am thrilled to see the growth at Herron High School and encourage others to look to them as an example."

For more information on Advanced Placement in Indiana, visit [www.doe.in.gov/ap](http://www.doe.in.gov/ap).



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**Where did the time go?**



We love you so much, Mom, Dad, and Alex



# Help the MC Community Foundation win \$5,000

The Community Foundation Partnership (aka the Lawrence County Community Foundation and the Martin County Community Foundation) needs your help. They have an opportunity to win the \$5,000 prize that GuideStar USA, Inc., the leading source of nonprofit information, and KIMBIA, a group that empowers nonprofits and other organizations to increase giving, are making available through their Winter 2011 GuideStar-KIMBIA Nonprofit Giveaway. This generous gift could help the foundation accomplish their mission, specifically supporting and advancing projects that improve the quality of life for the people in Lawrence and Martin Counties.

"We know we are incredibly fortunate to have a passionate and committed supporters," said Jason Jones, Director of the Martin County Community Foundation. "If every supporter would take the time to write a review, we know we could be a contender for the GuideStar-KIMBIA Nonprofit Giveaway and could do great things with the prize money."

Reviews will show donors and other stakeholders that the foundation is making an impact, are working effectively toward their mission, and are benefitting their cause. Any-

## Bill to crack down on illegal immigration in Indiana approved by Senate Labor panel

Members of the Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor voted 8-1 to approve legislation co-authored by Sen. Phil Boots (R-Crawfordsville) cracking down on illegal immigration in Indiana.

Boots successfully amended the legislation to clarify the punishment Indiana businesses may face if they knowingly hire illegal immigrants by removing a previously proposed three-tiered process aimed at revoking business licenses.

"Because the federal government has failed to act on the growing problem of illegal immigration in our nation, states are being forced to take action," Boots said. "My co-authors and I want to send a clear message that Indiana is serious about cracking down on illegal immigration. At the same time, we do not want to go overboard and appear overly punitive toward entrepreneurs, investors, and employers who make honest mistakes."

Under his amendment, a business who knowingly hires an illegal immigrant will no longer be able to deduct expenses associated with that employee in the calculation of their state income taxes. The amendment provides immunity from the penalty for an employer who verifies the work status of an employee using E-Verify, a federal system, free to employers who want to confirm citizenship or legal employability.

Boots said his amendment also restricts an individual verified to be in the country illegally from receiving any public local, state, or federal benefits including unemployment benefits and college tuition assistance. Additionally, Boots' amendment also allows the Indiana Department of Workforce Development to recoup unemployment benefits from employers who knowingly employ illegal aliens.

Senate Bill 590 also includes several other provisions targeting illegal immigration across Indiana:

- Requires law enforcement that stops, detain, or arrest anyone for violating a law or ordinance to ask for proof that the person is here legally if the officer has "reasonable suspicion" to believe otherwise;

- Requires all state and local governmental units to use English only for all correspondence including websites, documentation and meetings;

- Asks the Indiana Office of Management and Budget to calculate an estimate of the total cost of illegal immigration on the state of Indiana and make a written request to the U.S. Congress for reimbursement of these costs;
- Prohibits a governmental body in Indiana

one with firsthand knowledge about the foundation who is not a paid employee of the Community Foundation Partnership - donors, volunteers, board members, recipients of their services—can write a review about the foundation on GuideStar. Your review will appear in the foundation's profile on both GuideStar and GreatNonProfits, GuideStar's partner that makes it possible to write and post reviews. There is no charge for writing a review, but you are limited to posting only one review for your organization.

About the Winter 2011 GuideStar-KIMBIA Nonprofit Giveaway

The giveaway began on February 1, 2011, and ends at 11:59 p.m. EDT February 28, 2011. The organization that has received the most number of reviews on [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org) and [www.greatnonprofits.org](http://www.greatnonprofits.org) during this period will win a grand prize of \$5,000.

To write a review for the Community Foundation Partnership, please click on [www2.guidestar.org/organizations/35-1889139/community-foundation-partnership.aspx](http://www2.guidestar.org/organizations/35-1889139/community-foundation-partnership.aspx).

For more information, see the official rules at [www2.guidestar.org/rxg/update-nonprofit-report/sweepstakes-official-rules.aspx](http://www2.guidestar.org/rxg/update-nonprofit-report/sweepstakes-official-rules.aspx).

from enacting a law or policy restricting law enforcement from cooperating with federal officials on illegal immigration;

- Requires state and local law enforcement to request the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to issue a detainer for a suspect verified to be in the country illegally, which gives local authorities the authorization to transfer the person to federal custody;

- Allows state and local law enforcement to transport an individual verified to be in the country illegally to a federal facility in Indiana or any other point of transfer into federal custody if the federal government agrees to the transfer;

- Provides illegal immigrants are not eligible for financial aid, grants or scholarships and are not eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at state colleges or universities;

- Requires all state agencies and local government units to use the E-Verify System to check work eligibility status of all newly hired employees;

- Bans state agencies and local governments from entering into or renewing a public contract unless the contractor verifies they do not employ illegal immigrants;

- Allows state agencies or local governments to terminate a public contract without penalty if the contractor knowingly employs illegal immigrants;

- Mandates the Indiana Department of Correction to make a reasonable effort to verify the status of all offenders committed to a correctional facility;

- Requires the Indiana Department of Workforce Development to verify citizenship before determining eligibility for unemployment benefits;

- Requires the Indiana Department of Agriculture and the Indiana Economic Development Corp. to include on its website a list of agricultural jobs and wage rates for each in which there is a critical need for workers;

- Requires the Indiana State Police to negotiate an agreement with the federal government, so state police officers can be trained to enforce federal immigration and customs laws;

- Establishes penalties for someone who knowingly or intentionally transports, conceals, harbors or shields from detection an illegal immigrant for commercial or private financial gain;

- Creates a new crime of false identity statement; and

- Makes it illegal to use or accept individual tax identification numbers or identification issued by consulates for purposes other than provided in federal law.



## My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett, Owner, MCJ

So, after being invited on numerous occasions, I was finally able to attend a meeting of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee last Wednesday. To be completely honest, I had felt horrible about being a no show at every meeting prior to this one, but by Wednesday night, when the meetings are always held, I am usually so exhausted from staying up most of the night on Tuesdays, I usually take a bath and shove off to bed at around 8 p.m. Last week was a slow news week so I wasn't up too late and actually made it up to the learning center.

Well, my guilt doubled when I actually sat through the meeting and listened to these residents and business owners at their wits end trying to figure out how to get community involvement in the tourism committee. They have such great ideas and a real passion for trying to help and yet there I had sat at home on my butt unable to take even 30 minutes of my day to stop by one of their meetings. Since I am considered "the media" I am more responsible than any of you about getting the word out about what this group has been trying to do – and I have failed in that regard.

This will sound strange but to be 100 percent honest, I am not a big fan of tourism. I was ruined a bit by my years living in Brown County and having been treated so rudely by tourist after tourist in my own community that I moved to get away from it. Trying to get across the town of Nashville to get my kids to ball practice proved to be enough to raise my blood pressure and make me consider just turning around and going home. Tourist homes popped up all over the place, including next door to me, so my country home 10 miles outside of Nashville was not even untouchable by wandering, curious tourists.

Growing up in Martin County I have a tremendous pride for where I live. I think Martin County is as beautiful, possibly more beautiful, than any other county in Indiana. There are so many different "natural" sites that they must be shared with others in my opinion. No, Martin County may not have gourmet restaurants, trinket shops, or many art attractions but what we do have is God-given natural beauty with history and legends to go right along with it. And, with the coming of a large interstate, an economy

down the pooper, and threats of our county being absorbed by those around us, I figure, why not? Why not attract tourists to add a little bit more money to our community and show it off at the same time? What I think is good about Martin County is that the attractions we do have are spread out enough and not centered to just one street or one town. The congestion would not be so jarring.

Who would benefit from added people visiting our community and spending money? Well, how many restaurants do we have in this county? Lodging places? Stores? Gas stations? And not just that, as was mentioned at last week's meeting, if more people visit any of the above locations regularly, then more money goes into their pockets, they are not forced to close their doors in hard times, employees benefit, more jobs are created, and so on. It's a win-win situation for anyone who lives here, not just those who own a business.

Another wonderful tool the tourism committee is trying to promote is the [www.visitmartincounty.org](http://www.visitmartincounty.org) website that is owned by our commissioners. According to the group, they have repeatedly ran articles in other local newspapers trying to get businesses to provide their information for the website but not a single solitary business has responded, so awhile back they sort of threw in the towel. This baffles me and actually scares me a little. Why would a business not want to have a free listing on a website that could potentially be seen by millions of people? They are still requesting this info so if you want a FREE listing for your business on the county's website, contact Karen at [mccc@mccl.us](mailto:mccc@mccl.us).

I would encourage any of you to please come to the next tourism meeting. You don't have to be a member, be appointed by anyone, fill out any paperwork, you just have to show up with an open mind and possibly an opinion or two about how you think Martin County tourism could be promoted.

The next meeting of the tourism committee will be Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the learning center at the fairgrounds. I will be there and I really hope to see some of you too. If you can't attend but want to help, email me and I will let the group know at the next meeting.

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

**'CHOICE is vital to the long-term care of Indiana's aging population.'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

On January 1, 2011, the first of 75 million baby boomers began to turn 65. Every day – for the next 19 years – about 10,000 boomers a day will turn 65! Pretty staggering isn't it?

We are an aging nation, and one that loves our independence. With age comes an inevitable need for assistance. Without exception, we would each prefer to stay at home for as long as possible rather than be institutionalized in a nursing home. This is not an unrealistic expectation.

The purpose of Indiana's CHOICE (Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled) program is to assist the elderly and disabled to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. This can be accomplished through caretakers providing in-home assistance with normal activities of daily living.

CHOICE is the only state source of funding for home and community-based services. It is unfortunate that combined federal and state long-term care funding is disproportionately distributed 24 percent to home

and community based services and 76 percent to nursing homes. But what is even more discouraging is the fact that CHOICE funding is on the chopping block.

CHOICE is vital to the long-term care of Indiana's aging population. This is one of those rare cases where it is not only the correct moral and ethical thing to do, but it is also the most economical thing to do. Providing care in a nursing home is four times more expensive than providing care in one's own home. If we can eliminate or prolong someone's entrance into a nursing home, we can not only improve their quality of life, but we save money while doing it.

According to Indiana FSSA statistics, the typical CHOICE client is an 85-year-old woman who lives alone and needs help with three or more activities of daily living. This is hardly someone who is going to march on the capital and lobby for their independence. We are going to have to do this for them – and us.

Continued cuts to CHOICE will deny independence and needed care to thousands of aging Hoosiers, forcing them into a nursing home. This is an option that few want and the state cannot afford.

Laura Holscher Smith  
Assistant Vice-President  
Generations/Vincennes University





BRENDA and TRACY MOORE

### Couple celebrates 20th Anniversary today

Tracy and Brenda Moore, of Loogootee, will be celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary today, February 16, 2011. The couple was married February 16, 1991 at the Somerville Wesleyan Church in Somerville, Indiana. Tracy is employed by Anthem Insurance and Brenda works part-time at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon while also homeschooling her three children, Alicia, 18; James, 16; and Damaris, 15.

### Bowling to seek re-election as Loogootee Mayor

Donald F. Bowling has announced that he will seek re-election as the Mayor of Loogootee in the municipal election on May 3, 2011. According to Mayor Bowling, "For many reasons it has been a difficult decision, one that I wanted to be absolutely sure was the right decision for the right reasons. I have resolved all the issues and am now prepared to ask the citizens of the City of Loogootee to give me the great support I have enjoyed for the last eight years."

Mayor Bowling said that dealing with the financial situation has been the big issue in these difficult economic times of the past few years and will be for the foreseeable future. He added that the present administra-



DON BOWLING

tion has worked hard to get the situation under control and is committed to continue to do so in the future.

### Humane Society PETS OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has these two Great Dane/Lab mix dogs. They are both females, both spayed, if you would like to give one of the nice dogs a home, call Sandy at 812-295-3388 or Don at 812-296-0952. The humane society is still collecting money for an animal shelter, if you would like to donate to this cause, you can send you donation to: Martin County Humane Society, P.O. Box 537, Shoals, IN 47581. All donations are tax deductible.

The society is also collecting new items for the upcoming benefit dinner and auction to be held on March 26. If you have anything that you would like to donate for the benefit, call Don at 812-296-0952 or Courtney at 812-259-4309. Society President Don Greene would like to thank Theresa Abney, Sandy Sherfick, Josh and Courtney Hughett and family, Bryan Greene, and any other people that helped with the dogs, while he was in the hospital, and while he is recovering.

# Calendar of Events

#### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Monday, February 21, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the superintendent's office at the high school. Items on the agenda include: automated cafeteria system, graduation date, 2011-12 calendar, and public library appointment. The meeting is open to the public.

#### SummerFest meeting

The Loogootee SummerFest Committee will meet Wednesday, February 23 at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers in the Loogootee Municipal Building.

#### 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.

#### Loogootee Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will hold a special meeting Thursday, February 17, at noon, in the council room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is for a presentation from CMI Computer Software regarding the upgrade of the current utility billing and clerk-treasurer accounting software. The meeting is open to the public.

#### Commission on Public Records meeting

The Martin County Commission on Public Records will meet Thursday, February 24, at 9 a.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse at 129 Main Street in Shoals.

#### Loogootee Little League registration

Registration for the 2011 Loogootee Little League Baseball and A Softball Season will be held on Wednesday, February 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Art exhibit opens February 22

An exhibition of photography by Mary Kathryn Wimberly and Leah M. Gose will open on February 22 at Vincennes University's Shircliff Gallery of Art. The exhibition will continue through March 24.

A reception will be held at the Gallery on March 17, 11:30 a.m. (EDT) to 12:30 p.m., and at 2 p.m. the artists will offer a presentation about their work.

Shircliff Gallery of Art is located at the corner of First and Harrison streets on the VU campus. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, 12-3 p.m. on Sundays, or by arrangement.

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# New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

**BY SHIRLEY CANELL**  
*Pastor's wife*

God Is Love 1 John 4:7-21

In the Old Testament the term steadfast love is used 250 times. It refers to God's gracious love. It is a comprehensive term that encompasses, love, grace, mercy, goodness, forgiveness, truth, compassion, and faithfulness. How do you describe Love from God? The very essence of who God is above all is love.

God's love for us has no conditions, it's an unconditional love. His love was shown to us even while we were still sinners.

Christ died for us. God's love is agape love. Unconditional, not the kind of love that says I will love you if you do this or that.

Love is! Love is patient, Love is kind and not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly, it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

God's love for us is agape love. Which is unconditional. You need not win God's love. You have God's love. Since you can't win it

you can't lose it. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Verse 10, "Love consists in this; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." Propitiation, not a word we use. It means appeasement or satisfaction. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross satisfied the demands of God's holiness for the punishment of sin. Obtaining for his people full forgiveness. God sending His son gives Christians not only salvation but an obligation to follow this pattern of sacrificial love. What have we done that was sacrificial because of love?

The experience of love is through faith in Jesus Christ and the sacrificial love that He poured out to satisfy the punishment that we should have received from a holy God. We experience God's love for us when we love others in the same way. Loving one another is the heart of Christian witness. Verse 7 begins with beloved let us love one another. We can't see God loving since His love is invisible, but people can experience love because love originated in God, was manifested in His son and demonstrated in His people.

By knowing God's love we know we abide

in Him, and He in us. We know the exactness of God's love because He, our father, has sent His son to be the Savior of the world. And whoever confesses that Jesus is the son of God abides in Him and he in God. Whoever... Whoever... God offers His grace to whomever. Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will acknowledge him before My father in Heaven. Matthew 10. Whoever finds, whoever believes, whoever is baptized, whoever drinks the water, whoever comes to me, whoever lives, whoever is thirsty. Whoever abides in love abides in God and God abides in Him. That means you.

By the external love we may have confidence for the Day of Judgment, confidence in God's love for us. The external shows up in how we love one another. You can't say you love God and hate your brother. How can you love God who you have not seen but hate your brother that you do see? So, do you love God? If you do, you have no choice you must love your brother. You say but you don't know what he or she did. You still must love! Forgive and love them for who they are in Christ.

Our faith helps us to overcome the world. The world loves on conditions; we are to love with agape love. That doesn't mean become a door mat. Sometimes love shows up

when we don't allow someone to continue sinning.

In Matthew 19:14, "Jesus said, Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." The Lord is leading us to help the children, directing us to not hinder them. I have been praying about a way to help them in a new and different way. In researching this I have prayed and God has opened doors for a new Ministry. We are calling it, "The New U.S. Ministry". We will be taking donations for new unopened packages of underwear and socks for school age kids. We will offer these items to needy kids for free. We will have guidelines in place and a check list to track distribution. We will be sending out letters to area churches for donations of unopened packages of these items. You can yard sale clothes and shoes but you can't really yard sale or pass on these two items very well.

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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' com-

pleted 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 Worksheets and their U.S. Department of Educa-

### Eighth grade Lions fall to the Shoals Jug Rox

On Monday, February 7, the eighth grade Lady Lions battled the Shoals Jug Rox in game one of the Blue Chip Conference. The Lady Lions were defeated in their final game of the season 28-33. Scoring points for the evening were Allie Walker with 10 points, Waylee Wagoner and Emily Bate-man each with five points, and Kaelyn Nonte and Malorie Weisheit each with four points. This brought their final season total to 8 wins and 13 losses.

tion 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](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

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.

### Lion 6th graders fall in Pike Central Tourney

The Loogootee Sixth Grade Basketball team traveled to the Pike Central Tourney Saturday, February 12. In the first match-up, the Lions were faced off against South Spencer where they were defeated 22-32.

Leading scorers were Landon Bell with 11 points, Tokala Richardson with four, Cole Gillick with three, and Jake Nonte and Blake Ziegler with a bucket apiece.

Richardson finished with three assists and seven rebounds. Collins had two assists and four rebounds. Other team members with assists were Gillick with five and Bell and Clark with four each.

## Classes and programs at the community learning center

### Proctoring services

Are you taking online classes this semester that require a proctor? Take your tests close to home at the Martin County Learning Center. Contact Kathy ahead of time to fill out paperwork and schedule testing dates.

### Computer Applications II

The Fathers Forever Coalition will be hosting a free computer course on Monday nights March 7 through April 11 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The class will go through Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint as well as creating a resume and cover letter. This is a great class for those who have some computer skills but would like to advance their knowledge of Microsoft 2007. Contact the learning center to sign up.

### USAJOBS workshop

USAJOBS provides access to more than 30,000 job listings daily as well as applications, forms, and employment fact sheets. Job postings are updated hourly and are available to job seekers in a variety of formats to ensure accessibility for those with differing physical and technological capabilities. Get all the information and advice you need to obtain a government position. The workshop will be held on February 22 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Call Kathy to sign up.

### Storm spotter training

The National Weather Service, along with the Martin County Civil Defense, will conduct a severe storm spotter's training Thursday, March 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A certified meteorologist will describe cloud and wind patterns associated with severe weather, how to interpret weather radar data, and how to remain safe during severe weather. The training session is free and is open to the general public. Registration will be at the event.

### Overcomers' group

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

Jason Underhill at 812-653-1908.

### Adult literacy and education

Do you know someone who could use some help with his or her reading skills? Anyone interested is encouraged to contact SOAR! at 812-709-1618 for further information.

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

### Meeting rooms

The learning center has meeting rooms

and two computer labs available for free to non-profit organizations who would like to host meetings. We have technology available such as computers, projectors, and 2-way video.

### Contact

Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email [kkerr8@ivytech.edu](mailto:kkerr8@ivytech.edu)

### Office hours

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## Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

### LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY WEST Breakfast

#### Thursday, February 17

Cereal, sausage, applesauce

#### Friday, February 18

Sausage, egg, biscuit, juice

#### Monday, February 21

Cereal, toast, sausage, juice

#### Tuesday, February 22

Breakfast pizza, hash browns, applesauce

#### Wednesday, February 23

Biscuits and gravy, sausage, juice

### Lunch

#### Thursday, February 17

Grilled chicken sandwich, peas and carrots, applesauce

#### Friday, February 18

Sloppy Joe, corn, peas

#### Monday, February 21

Chicken Alfredo, peas and carrots, applesauce, bread

#### Tuesday, February 22

Hot dogs, baked beans, mixed fruit

#### Wednesday, February 23

Taco salad, corn

### LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

#### Thursday, February 17

Popcorn chicken or pizza, tossed salad, fruit, corn, salad plate, milk

#### Friday, February 18

Spicy chicken or pizza, French fries, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

#### Monday, February 21

Breaded tenderloin or pizza, scalloped potatoes, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

#### Tuesday, February 22

Country fried steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, salad plate, milk

#### Wednesday, February 23

Beef and noodles or pizza, tossed salad, fruit, green beans, salad plate, milk

### SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

#### Thursday, February 17

Cereal, muffins, string cheese, milk

#### Friday, February 18

Sausage corn dog, hash brown, milk

#### Monday, February 21

Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, February 22

Pancakes with syrup, sausage, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, February 23

Cereal, muffins, juice, milk

### Lunch

#### Thursday, February 17

Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, broccoli, yeast roll, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza

#### Friday, February 18

Cheese bread sticks with spaghetti sauce, baked potato, apple crisp, milk

#### Monday, February 21

Hamburger, French fries, fruit, cookies, milk

#### Tuesday, February 22

Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

#### Wednesday, February 23

Fajita chicken over rice, green beans, fruit juice, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza



**ASHLEY HAWKINS**

Ashley Nicole Hawkins is the daughter of Mark and Melissa Hawkins. Her favorite hobbies are cheerleading and spending time with family and friends. During high school she has been involved in Pep Club, Homecoming Committee, Spanish Club, SADD, including club president; Student Council, Beta Club, and student publications. She has also been volleyball manager, track and field manager, varsity cheerleader, varsity cheer captain, and class treasurer. Her fondest memory was being named Miss Martin County in 2010. She also remembers when her friend peed her pants at the cheer clinic. Ashley plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana and receive a degree in elementary education. She wants to move back to Shoals, get a job at Shoals Elementary, get married and raise a family.



**TERRY NEWLIN**

Terry Gene Newlin is the son of Terry and Carolyn Newlin. One of his favorite pastimes includes hanging out with his friends. During high school he played one year of baseball. A few memories he will carry with him include his Palestine trip and when Cole shot a chicken with a bow. After high school Terry plans to go to college, have fun, and have plenty of money.

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# Another deer hunting season, another record

Indiana hunters established a record for the third straight year by reporting an overall harvest of 134,004 deer taken during the 2010 seasons.

Reports submitted from 461 check stations across Indiana topped the 2009 total by 1,252 deer, a 1 percent increase, and bettered the 2008 total by more than 4,200 deer.

"We're seeing a healthy number of deer throughout much of the state, and that is translating into success by our hunters during the hunting season" DNR deer biologist Chad Stewart said.

Martin County hunters harvested a total of 1,630 deer, including 712 antlered and 918 antlerless. Daviess County had 1,077 deer harvested - 414 with antlers and 663 without.

Greene County saw 2,097 deer taken with 821 antlered and 1,276 antlerless. Dubois County had 1,782 deer harvested with 676 with antlers and 1,106 without. Orange County's hunters took 1,947 total deer - 789 with antlers and 1,158 without.

The 2010 total was bolstered by a record 80,997 antlerless deer and 53,007 antlered deer, the second-highest antlered total in the 60-year history of regulated deer hunting in Indiana.

The results came despite a slight dip in deer hunting license sales. Hunters purchased 268,485 licenses in 2010 compared

to 271,951 in 2009. Resident firearms tags again topped the list (102,626), making up 38 percent of the license sales.

The deer hunting season began in urban deer zones on September 15, followed by a two-day youth only weekend (September 25-26) and the early archery (October 1-November 28), firearms (November 13-28), muzzleloader (December 4-19) and late archery (December 4 to Jan. 2) segments.

Hunters harvested 86,241 deer in the firearms segment; 26,342 in early archery (including urban zones); 17,400 in muzzleloader; and 1,684 in late archery. There were 2,337 deer taken during the two-day youth season.

Modern-era records were set in 29 counties, and another 20 counties showed harvest increases from the 2009 season. Thirteen counties set records for the second straight year.

"Hunters are continuing to put up high harvest numbers and see a lot of success in many northern counties" Stewart said.

The biggest year-over-year harvest increases were reported in Montgomery (up 356 over 2009), Fountain (up 289), La-Grange (up 253), Pulaski (up 184) and Putnam (up 180). The biggest year-over-year harvest declines were reported in Harrison

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(down 311), Brown (down 279), Perry (down 202), Steuben (down 154), and Jackson (down 141).

Harvest totals in the northeast Indiana corridor of Steuben, Noble and Kosciusko counties ranked first, fourth and second, respectively, for the second straight year despite Steuben and Kosciusko both reporting declines from their 2009 totals.

Hunters bagged 3,948 deer in Steuben, down from 4,102 the year before but still enough to make Steuben the top harvest county in Indiana for the sixth straight year. Hunters reported 3,578 deer in Kosciusko, followed by Switzerland (3,400), Noble (3,323), and Franklin (3,054).

The male to female ratio of the overall harvest was 50:50 for the third straight year. Male deer (antlered deer and button bucks) made up 50 percent of the total harvest.

The complete report of the 2010 season is online at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2717.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2717.htm) along with reports from 2000 through 2009.

Compiling deer harvest records is a thorough process that begins in October when check stations are supplied with report forms, metal tags and envelopes for submitting carbon copies of hunter-reported deer.

"The deer check process takes a while to unfold, but it has been done the same way for years, allowing us to look back and compare this year's data with previous years,

which is extremely valuable," Stewart said. "It may be frustrating not to receive updates throughout the year, but that is the trade-off we make by using the current system."

Some check stations submit reports on a weekly basis as requested; a few wait until the end of the season to return the information at one time. Sometimes, DNR personnel visit individual check stations to retrieve harvest records that have not been turned in.

The DNR makes every attempt to collect harvest records from each check station in order to accurately compile and analyze data before announcing a total deer harvest figure.

As check station reports are received at the DNR Bloomington field office, staff begins to enter data. The volume increases dramatically once the firearms season begins. Additional staff from other locations is called upon to assist in entering everything from tag numbers assigned to reported deer to the sex of the deer, equipment used by the hunter, and the county where the deer was taken.

The information is merged into one data base in early to mid-February. The pink carbon copies are sorted by county and stored in Bloomington for three years. The data base is then checked for accurate spelling and to ensure there are no duplicate tag entries.

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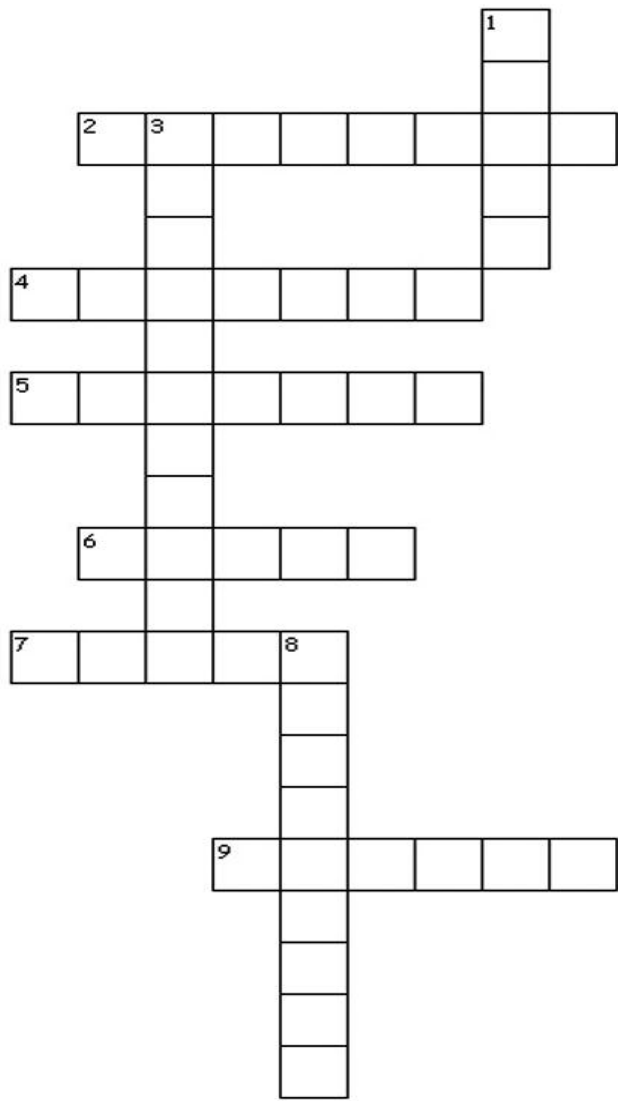
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- 4. He was nicknamed honest Abe
- 5. George Washington battled the \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. A house divided against itself cannot \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Lincoln was assassinated at \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre
- 9. Originally President's Day was in commemoration of \_\_\_\_\_ Washington's birthday

Down

- 1. George Washington is the \_\_\_\_\_ President of the United States of America
- 3. Abraham Lincoln was known as The Great \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Abraham was the \_\_\_\_\_ President of the United States of America

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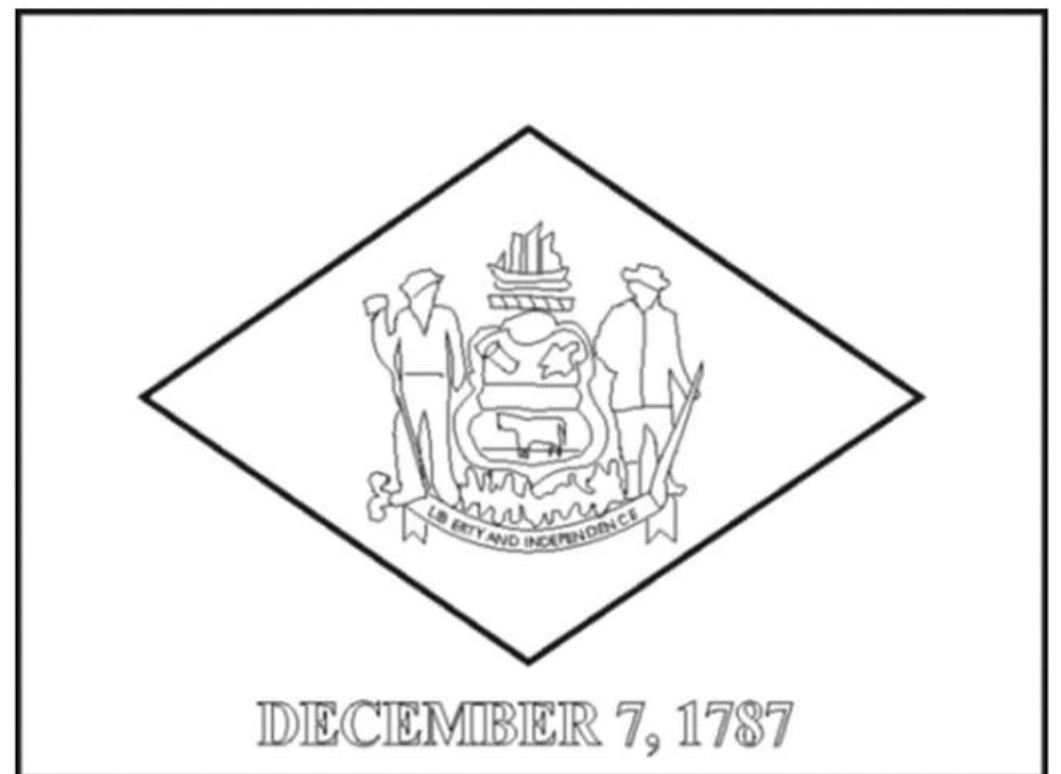
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