

## Two longtime Loogootee School employees retire

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
*Martin County Journal Publisher*

Two more longtime staff members' retirements were announced at last Thursday night's Loogootee School Board meeting. Debbie Truelove, who has been with the school for 30 years and Marsha Lukomski, who has been with the school for 24 years.

Truelove started at Loogootee Schools in August of 1984. Throughout her tenure she has served as student council advisor for 19 years, prom coordinator for 16 years, junior class sponsor for 14 years, costume and prop designer for 10 years, junior high student council advisor for five years, junior high cheer sponsor for four years, and Lionette co-sponsor for a year. She said after she retires at the end of this school year she plans to help her husband, Shawn, with his mowing business. She and Shawn also plan to become snowbirds by going to Florida each year from December to March.

Lukomski started at the school in 1990 as a part-time aide. She was moved to junior high/athletic secretary in 1997.

The school board thanked the ladies for their many years of service and wished them well on their retirement. High School Principal John Mullen also thanked the women for their service to the school and said they will be missed.

In other personnel, the board accepted the resignation of Jamie Wildman as girls' assistant tennis coach. The board approved Britany Bateman to take over that position.

The board approved Rhea Graves to serve as half-time musical stage director, Amber Smith for musical choreography, Jon Casper for musical props, Alisha Bailey for musical costumes, and Steve Sherohman for musical tickets and publicity. The board also approved Sandra LaMar to move from deputy treasurer/secretary to full treasurer replacing Mary Walton who is retiring.

Superintendent Laura Mattingly said they will be posting for the positions of deputy treasurer/secretary, junior high/athletic secretary and family/consumer science teacher.

On the sports side, the board approved Jon Casper as boys' junior high baseball volunteer and Brian Smith as boys' basketball volunteer.

Mattingly reported that the two snow days that the school applied for a waiver for were approved. The school will still receive fund-

ing for those days and they do not have to be made up. The board also approved paying the school bus drivers for those two days.

10 total school days were missed due to the weather; five were built into the school calendar and after the two were waived there are still three days to make up. Mattingly told the board that after receiving more than 400 votes on the school's website from the staff and the public, the school has decided to add the three additional days onto the end of the school year instead of extending the school day by one hour. School will now end on May 29. Graduation will still be held on May 23. Mattingly also reported that ISTEP testing will be moved to March 10 and the iRead testing will be moved to March 18 and 19. Term three will now end on March 18.

Mattingly asked the board's permission for Ronetta Bough to hold a meeting to see if any students would be interested in going on a school trip to Costa Rica in 2015. The board gave the okay.

The school board also honored the teacher of the quarter – Ernie Martin. High School Principal John Mullen spoke about Martin saying, "Ernie Martin has engineered his way into Loogootee High School history. The man has become a one-room schoolhouse. From a teaching standpoint, Mr. Martin spent a couple of decades honing students' skills in both the woods and metals



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Mr. Ernie Martin was honored with teacher of the quarter at last week's Loogootee School Board meeting.

shop areas across the hall; but, it is in the tech/CAD/engineering/electronics/manufacturing lab that he and his students currently occupy where Mr. Martin truly stands out." Mullen went on to say, "Mr. Martin has devoted 41 years of his life teaching in the Loogootee School system; he practically lives in (See 'SCHOOL' continued on page 2)

## Commissioners impose 10-ton weight limit on county roads

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Thursday, February 18. President Paul R. George and County Attorney J. David Lett were absent.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. He updated the commissioners on road conditions. Superintendent Padgett suggested a 10-ton weight limit be placed on all county roads. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to put in place immediately a 10-ton weight limit on all county roads. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Commissioner Boyd questioned Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn on several invoices from 2013 that were not paid

until 2014. A discussion followed. In the future, highway employees who purchase supplies are to provide the receipt/invoice to the clerk on the same day as the transaction.

Jason Sprung, Ball State University, came before the commissioners to request GIS data from 39 Degrees North. Sprung is working with the Hoosier National Forest in thesis research addressing the wildland-urban interface in South-Central Indiana. Assessor McGuire has no objections but would like Sprung to provide the county with a copy of his work and agree not to sell the information. Sprung will provide the county with a copy of his work and the research is for educational purposes only. The commissioners agreed to allow Sprung to receive the data (See 'ROADS' continued on page 2)

## Loogootee Fire Department gets funding for new equipment

The Loogootee Fire Department recently received a donation from Perry Township Trustee Jason Hennette to be used for the purchase of equipment. The fire department has used this donation to purchase two AEDs and one thermal imaging camera. The fire department now has a total of four AEDs and two thermal imaging cameras, all of which are placed on responding apparatus.

AEDs, or automatic external defibrillators, are portable devices used on an adult or child who is suspected to be in cardiac arrest. The AED will analyze for a heart rhythm and, if needed, it will send an elec-

trical shock to the heart to try and restore a normal heart rhythm. These particular AEDs allow the users to quickly change from adult to child by simply inserting a "key" into the AED. This reduces the energy sent through the heart and allows them to make the transition much faster than having to change pads from adult to child.

The TIC or thermal imaging camera is a handheld device that allows firefighters to see areas of heat through smoke, darkness, or heat-permeable barriers by rendering infrared radiation as visible light onto a TV-type screen. TICs are used to find the fire, (See 'FUNDING' continued on page 3)



DEBBIE TRUELOVE



MARSHA LUKOMSKI



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee Elementary students gave a Lego demonstration to the school board at last week's meeting. The students are in third and fourth grade. On the left are fourth graders, Jayleigh Harger and Brady Taylor (Not in photo on the left is Jacob Lengacher). On the right side, from back to front, are third graders Wayden Wagoner, Broedy Knepp, and Isaac Eagle. Board member Tim Bradley is shown at the front of the table and elementary teachers, Marcia Wagoner, Angie Callison, and Megan Jones, are shown standing behind Bradley.

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# SCHOOL

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the machine shop and in classroom 473. His enthusiasm for our community and this school is still readily apparent today. He has truly bled black-and-gold. Thank you, Mr. Martin, for your years of service, your technical expertise, your patriotism and loyalty, and most importantly, your unwavering passion for educating students at Loogootee Jr.-Sr. High School."

Students in third and fourth grade put on a Lego demonstration for the board. The Legos, provided by Crane, are part of the STEM program to teach students science, technology, engineering and math. The robots, that must be assembled by the students first, are then programmed to do certain tasks. The task the students demonstrated last Thursday was the robot following a line. The students explained the process of building the robots, the trial and error that went into the programming, and how much they have enjoyed learning about them. Megan Jones and Angie Callison are the teachers currently utilizing the robots in the classroom. The robots will move on to other elementary classrooms soon.

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty thanked board member Tim Bradley for attending the recent comprehensive plan meeting for the city. Bradley said it was a great meeting and encouraged more to attend the next one.

Board President Scott Hall thanked Mayor Harty for being such a supporter of the school and the community. "Hats off to our mayor who is doing a wonderful job," he

said.

The board offered their condolences to Mary Walton for the death of her aunt, Crystal Dyal; and Marsha Lukomski for the loss of her aunt and Karen Street for the loss of her great-aunt, Sandra Bleemel.

The board congratulated Seasonal Lawson on the birth of a son, Slade Ivan.

In school and student success, Elementary Principal Terri Smith reported that the math bowl team will be competing on February 28. She also recognized Brock Rayhill, a first grader, who won a state essay contest as a part of College Go Week. Brock won \$529 to go toward college. The essay contest asked students what their dream career is. Brock wrote about becoming a police officer like his dad.

Intermediate Principal Lacey Wade reported that after a few delays she was finally able to take the fifth and sixth graders who scored 100 points or more in accelerated reading to Stoll's Lakeview for lunch. On February 15, Mrs. Graves took 7th and 8th graders to the district band solo and ensemble. Students receiving gold were Madeline Strange, Julianne Bell, Chris Hager, Shalyn Bruner, Emily Whitworth, Haley Burch, Kayla Taylor, Marina Lents, Amber Page, Kalli Britton, Carson Rayhill, Hope Fisher, Sarah Bussinger, Madeline Cropp, Adam Greene, Zach Koenig, Ross Adams and Wyatt Crane. Receiving silver was Cruse Bridgewater. Wade also reported that the fifth and sixth grade math bowl will compete on February 27 at Paoli.

High School Principal John Mullen reported that high school students receiving silver at the district band competition were Matty Jones for flute, Justin Kiser for tenor sax, Sean Kiser for bass clarinet, and Nick Bowling for alto sax. Receiving gold were Justin Horney for trumpet, Christian Kilburn for trombone, Kendall Riley for the marimba, and the sax quartet of Nick Bowling, Mitch Daniel, Justin Kiser and Patrick Wagler. Gold winners will be heading to state competition on March 1.

New choral director Steve Sherohman then gave the board an update on what has been going on in his classroom since he was hired this year. He said students have held his feet to the fire this year and it has been a great transition. He admitted feeling intimidated after stepping into a position that was held by "a legend" for 41 years. He said students are on a crash course and are "reading music left and right." He noted that student retention in chorus from first semester to second semester was very good. He said that typically with a new teacher, you will have students dropping a class but he actually gained students from the first semester to the second. He said seven students were taken to district contest and now five are going to state competition. He said he changed the way students could enter into contest requiring them all to enter into the toughest group - at the collegiate level. The students going to state are Matty Jones, Ariel Jones, Jake Simmons, Kendall Riley, and Sara Bailey. Trenton Neely also made

it but is unable to go.

Sherohman said they are currently working on the musical. He chose Willy Wonka this year and said he did so to bridge the age gap for the musical so all students can participate.

He ended saying he hopes someone will have a hard time filling his shoes someday after he has been with the school for 41 years.

## ROADS

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but tabled it until Attorney Lett can draft a limited use agreement for the commissioners and Sprung to sign.

Monty Wolf, EMA/civil defense, updated the commissioners on recent activities. The new radios are almost ready to use. There will be a local emergency planning committee meeting Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. at the civil defense building.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to appoint Floyd L. Hawkins to the Westgate Authority Board. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Hawkins' term will be for three years beginning January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2016. Due to the resignation of Dale Brown from the Westgate Authority, Commissioner Boyd made a motion to appoint Jim Henry to finish out his term ending December 31, 2015. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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## SHIRLEY BELCHER

Shirley A. Belcher went to her heavenly home at 5:53 a.m. February 24, 2014 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 76.



SHIRLEY BELCHER

She was born in Martin County on August 8, 1937; the daughter of Frank and Carrie (Walton) Grafton. She married Coyeville G. Belcher on New Year's Day 1956 at the United Methodist Church in Shoals.

She graduated from Shoals High School. She worked as secretary at Laverne Terry Ford Town and as clerk for the Martin County License Branch. She was recently employed at Chastain's Flowers in Shoals. She was a member of the Loogootee Christian Church and served on the board of the Martin County Council on Aging.

She was a talented crafter and loved to make fleece blankets for friends and family. She deeply loved her family and most conversations with Shirley involved laughing and sharing stories about her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Coy G. Belcher of Shoals; one son, Darrin and Melody Belcher of Batavia, Ohio; two daughters, Sandra and Roger Wraley of Shoals and Leanna and Jim Potts of Shoals; grandchildren, Jasmine and Jared Sheetz, Taylor Belcher, Clayton Belcher, Brynnae Belcher, and Jamer Potts; and one great-grandson, Xander Sheetz.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Kathleen Killion and Doris Gardner; three brothers, Dale, Winston and Ralph Grafton.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday February 27 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. A funeral service will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Loogootee Christian Church. Viewing will be held on Friday from 10 a.m. until the hour of service at the church. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

## BEVERLY SUMMERS

Beverly Kay Summers died at noon Friday, February 21, 2014 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 49.

She was born August 21, 1964 in Washington; the daughter of Robert E. and Betty Lou (Lents) Summers.

She was a member of St. John Catholic Church and a 1982 graduate of Loogootee High School. She had worked at NSWC Crane for 25 years. She was a very optimistic person and she enjoyed shopping, spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by two sisters, Brenda and husband John Levrio of Lowell and Bobbi and husband Mike Breeden of Loogootee; six nieces and nephews, Dana Drew of De-

motte; Stacie Drew of Chicago, Illinois; Skip Drew of Lowell, Susan Drew of Crown Point; Jay Breeden of Bloomington, and Will Breeden of Loogootee; five great nephews and three great nieces.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert E. and Betty Lou (Lents) Summers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Reverend Fr. J. Kenneth Walker Tuesday, February 25 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

## CLAUDE "BUNNY" BOUGH

Claude Bernard "Bunny" Bough died Friday, February 21, 2014 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Dover Hill, he was 68.

He was born July 2, 1945; son of the late Claude and Lucy (Jewell) Bough. His wife of 45 years, Joy (Brassine) Bough, whom he married on July 6, 1968, survives in Dover Hill.

Bunny previously worked for Watterson Trucking Company, Indiana Limestone, Perfect Fit Industries and the Martin County Highway Department. He had been retired for a number of years due to a disability. He attended the Dover Hill Christian Union Church.

He is also survived by one son, James Darin Bough of Shoals; two brothers, Gordon "Pike" Bough of Shoals and William Joseph Bough, and wife Janice, of Martinsville; two sisters, Linda Melton and husband, Joe, of Yuma, Arizona and Loria M. Wilson of Shoals; sister-in-law, Barbara Bough of Loogootee; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Doyle Bough; one sister, Velma Tharp; and a brother, James Ernest Bough in infancy.

The funeral was held Tuesday, February 25 at the Dover Hill Christian Union Church. He was laid to rest in Mount Union Cemetery.

Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## NORMA JEAN DILLON

Norma Jean Bruner Dillon died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 2014 at the Loogootee Health Care and Rehab Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 93.

She was born November 17, 1920 in Ragsville; the daughter of Grover and Jessie (Winkleplek) Jackson.

She was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church and she enjoyed gardening, ironing, sewing, cooking, listening to music and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by one daughter, Rebecca

Jean and husband Denny Ramsey of Loogootee; four sons, Daniel Wesley and wife, Carol Bruner, of Paris, Illinois; James Michael and wife, Cherie Bruner, of Loogootee; David Cleveland and wife, Mary Bruner, of French Lick; and Randy Jerome Bruner and companion, Margo, of Loogootee; daughter-in-law, Kathy Bruner of Loogootee; 14 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Grover and Jessie (Winkleplek) Jackson; her first husband, Donald J. Bruner; her second husband, Carl Dillon; one son, Gary Richard Bruner; one brother, Jerome Jackson; and one great granddaughter, infant Emma Jean Horsting.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 25 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## PHYLLIS WILLIAMS

Phyllis D. Williams passed away Friday morning, February 21, 2014 at Jasper Memo-

# Purdue Extension helping people rise above poverty

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
*Purdue University News Service*

The latest installment of an online series on challenges and opportunities facing rural Indiana highlights Purdue Extension community programs that are helping to lift people out of poverty.

The article, posted Tuesday, February 25 on the website of *Agricultures* magazine, is the sixth of the seven-part "Giving New Life to Rural Indiana" series by the Purdue University Department of Agricultural Communication.

The article includes the experiences of a woman from Huntington, Indiana, who attended a Purdue Extension class, called Getting Ahead, that helped her to regain her sense of self-worth and find the resources she needed to successfully complete her nursing assistant certification. She now works in home health care and is financially stable.

The woman also is co-leading classes with Karen Hinshaw, Purdue Extension health

and human sciences educator in Huntington County.

Hinshaw, a native of Huntington, saw the needs of her county increase as factories and companies moved away, leaving the community of 38,000 about 20 miles southwest of Fort Wayne strapped for jobs.

Nearly 1 million people in Indiana are living in poverty, earning an annual income of less than \$11,000 for an individual, \$15,510 for a family of two and \$19,530 for a family of three.

Hinshaw notes that local Purdue Extension offices have resources that people need to become financially stable.

"To watch people come in feeling worthless and be able to encourage and empower them to figure out who they are, what they want, and how to get there - there's nothing more rewarding than that," Hinshaw says.

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## Sheriff's Department log

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

3:51 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 450.

6:31 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North

3:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

3:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

8:57 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals.

9:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

2:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 231 North.

10:56 pm - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:02 a.m. - Received a report of a property

damage accident on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

6:21 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, east of Loogootee.

4:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals.

11:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

4:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

5:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

## Loogootee Police Department log

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

11:10 a.m. - Caller reported a theft from his residence. Chief Rayhill filed charges with the prosecutor's office.

11:40 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported an ATV on the city street.

3:58 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US Highway 231.

9:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US Highway 231 South.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:20 a.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

1:55 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle parked in the road on Church Street.

1:45 p.m. - An employee at St. Vincent de Paul requested to speak with an officer.

4:13 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding trespassing.

5:00 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was requested to assist the ambulance with a medical call.

6:05 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of his vehicle.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported a parking violation.

1:20 p.m. - Caller reported a semi had struck some utilities wires near Chuckles.

1:55 p.m. - Caller reported a scam involving Publishers Clearing House.

2:02 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

2:35 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of an A/C unit on Park Street.

5:03 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on Truelove Drive.

10:35 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted Trooper Beaver with a theft call at Marathon.

10:36 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SE 3rd Street.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a theft from the Eldorado Motel.

12:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver.

7:18 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

1:03 a.m. - Loogootee Fire assisted the ambulance service with a call on South Kentucky Avenue.

7:25 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel at Chuckles.

4:57 p.m. - First responders were requested on South Kentucky Avenue for a medical call.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

3:30 a.m. - Female requested transient assistance.

3:35 a.m. - First responders were requested on Butcher Boulevard for a medical problem.

9:45 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm at the high school.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm on Cooper Street.

2:05 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding possible drug activity.

7:29 p.m. - Caller reported a male harassing people.

10:22 p.m. - Caller reported a dead animal in the road.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

12:21 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

4:54 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on US Highway 231.

11:09 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute.

## Martin County jail bookings

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

4:16 a.m. - Lucas Butler, of Williams, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on preliminary charge of operating while intoxicated.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

11:01 a.m. - Joseph Campbell, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain of Police Hennette on a Martin County warrant.

7:25 p.m. - Andy Holt, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain of Police Hennette on preliminary charges of burglary, residential entry, and possession of stolen property.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:44 a.m. - Edward Grooms, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant.

11:22 p.m. - Phillip Fellers, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on preliminary charges of theft and false informing.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:00 a.m. - Claude Jones, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert on preliminary charges of invasion of privacy, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia.

1:47 p.m. - Robin Russell, of Washington,

## Lifeline Law protects young people, encourages medical intervention

Because underage drinking and binge drinking by young people create unsafe and medically hazardous situations, State Senator Jim Merritt and Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller are visiting campuses to remind college students that the Indiana Lifeline Law exists to protect young people from arrest, if first they seek help for an alcohol-related medical emergency. They shared the message with students at the University of Evansville today as part of an alcohol awareness event at the Ridgway University Center.

"Our number one goal is to deter underage Hoosiers from drinking alcohol illegally and making unsafe decisions, however, we know mistakes can happen, especially on college campuses," Sen. Merritt said. "Tragically, more than two dozen Hoosier students under the age of 21 have lost their lives to alcohol poisoning since 2004. To help prevent such devastating and unnecessary deaths, young students must be aware of Indiana's Lifeline Law so that they do not hesitate to make a call, save a life."

"College students were the true leaders last year who helped organize and make the case for getting this new law passed in the Legislature. Now we need them to continue to lead in getting the word out that the Lifeline Law is in force to encourage medical intervention if their fellow students make mistakes with alcohol. If students understand how the Lifeline Law works, we hope they will not be reluctant to call 911 – and instead will readily seek medical help for impaired friends and not look the other way," Zoeller said at UE.

Out of concern that underage drinkers might not seek help for an intoxicated person in medical distress due to fear of being arrested themselves, college students from several campuses around the state proposed the Indiana Lifeline Law and advocated it at the Legislature, where the bill passed in 2012 and was signed into law by then-Governor Mitch Daniels.

Senator Merritt, R-Indianapolis, was the author of the original Lifeline bill, Senate Enrolled Act 274 of 2012, which took effect in July 2012 and now is known as the Indiana Lifeline Law. Merritt is an advocate of the law due to the tragic death of 18-year-old Brett Finbloom of Carmel, Indiana, who died of alcohol poisoning after an underage drinking situation where

medical assistance was not sought in time.

Intended to prevent alcohol-related deaths by encouraging prompt medical response, the Lifeline Law creates legal immunity for the person who calls emergency services.

"Legal immunity" means the prosecutor would not file criminal charges for alcohol offenses – such as illegal possession or public intoxication – against those who request help for an intoxicated friend and remain at the scene to cooperate with emergency responders.

The web site [www.IndianaLifeline.org](http://www.IndianaLifeline.org) explains the Lifeline Law. Merritt and Zoeller have visited several college and university campuses in Indiana to speak to student leadership groups conducting alcohol awareness events to remind students of the Lifeline Law and encourage them to discuss it with their peers.

"Underage alcohol consumption is illegal and not something we encourage, but if young people have made one mistake with alcohol they should not compound that mistake by failing to seek help when an impaired friend needs it. The Lifeline Law recognizes that treating a medical emergency and potentially saving a life is a higher priority, and so young people should know they can call 911 without incurring legal consequences," Zoeller said.

Sen. Merritt also is author of a proposed expansion to the Lifeline Law. Senate Bill 227 being heard in the 2014 legislative session would update the original Lifeline Law to provide additional legal protection from prosecution if underage callers seek help for other types of medical emergencies such as concussions, or are a victim of a sexual assault, or witness and report a crime.

Attorney General Zoeller supports Senate Bill 227, particularly wording in the bill that encourages first responders – including law enforcement and firefighters – to be equipped with Naloxone, a medication that counteracts the effects of an opioid drug overdose.

Senate Bill 227 would remove legal barriers to first responders utilizing the antidote to save patients' lives.

Having passed in the state Senate, SB 227 is currently before the Indiana House of Representatives and is eligible for a third reading vote.

was arrested by Loogootee Captain of Police Akles on preliminary charges of theft and check fraud.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

4:21 p.m. - Christopher DeMoss, 33, of Shoals, was arrested after Martin County Deputies Sergeant Keith Keller, Major T.A. Burkhardt, and Deputy Damon Baker went

to 709 Doane Lane to attempt warrant service. Deputies located DeMoss at the residence, where he was taken into custody without incident. DeMoss was transported to the Martin County Security Center where he is being held without bond on a Green County arrest warrant. The arresting officer was Sergeant Keith Keller.



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## Accident reports

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:45 p.m. - Sharon K. Wiles, of Crane, was operating a 2013 Toyota on US 231 when a deer ran into her path. Officer Nolan was the investigating officer.

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# Court News

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING February 4

Dustin A. Cramer, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 249 days suspended and credit for 58 actual days previously served plus 58 good time credit days. Defendant received 249 days of probation.

Anthony J. Hackney, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 42 days suspended and credit for 9 actual days previously served plus 9 good time credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

### February 6

Phillip T. Norris, convicted of intimidation, a Class C Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 1,266 days suspended and credit for 97 actual days previously served plus 97 good time credit days. Defendant received 1,266 days of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED February 4

Dustin A. Cramer, possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

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

### February 6

Phillip T. Norris, intimidation, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

## Martin County real estate transfers

Dubois County Grain, LLC, by Bartholomew and Becky A. Meyer, of Indiana to First Equipment, LLC, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 40.213 acres. Also, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West containing 40 acres, more or less. Also, the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West containing 40 acres, more or less.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed February 18

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Jesse Marshall, civil collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Margaret Shubert, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS February 19

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC, and against the defendant Opal Mesarosh in the amount of \$1,120.10.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS February 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jasmine Cunningham in the amount of \$413.94.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Henrietta Day in the amount of \$407.37.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Joel Boyd in the amount of \$427.92.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jakob Graber in the amount of \$4,008.86.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Christopher D. Hellums in the amount of \$2,021.53.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Tammy Ravellette Meredith in the amount of \$1,181.81.

### February 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Richard D. Grey and against the defendants Robert and Danielle Sprowl in the amount of \$2,104.

less. **Marvin E. Guthrie**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marvin E. Guthrie, individually, and Marvin E. Guthrie, Guardian of the Estate of Kimberly Dawn Guthrie**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 2 North, Range 3 West containing 2 acres, more or less.

**John R. Collins**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Matthew J. Collins**, of Martin County, Indiana, 40 feet off of the east end of Lot Numbered 101, 102 and 103 in the Town of Shoals.

## Catch the latest edition of "The Indiana State Police Road Show"

Catch the latest edition of the "Indiana State Police Road Show" radio program every Monday morning at your convenience.

Download the program from the Network Indiana public website at [www.networkindiana.com](http://www.networkindiana.com). Look for the state police logo on the main page and follow the download instructions. This 15-minute talk show concentrates on public safety and informational

topics with state wide interest.

The radio program was titled "Signal-10" in the early sixties when it was first started by two troopers in northern Indiana. The name was later changed to the "Indiana State Police Road Show" and is the longest continuously aired state police public service program in Indiana.

Radio stations across Indiana and the nation are invited to download and air for FREE this public service program sponsored by the Indiana State Police Alliance and Cops for Kids, a subsidiary of the Indiana State Police Alliance.

This week's show features Executive Director of the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center, Indiana State Police Captain Jeff Wardlow. Captain Wardlow discusses the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center and its functions as well as offering information on the services and assistance that can be provided to various agencies.

# Sheriff's department plans strong presence to deter drunk driving during March

Just as basketball is stirring up a great deal of activity this March, more than 250 Indiana law enforcement agencies are planning to launch action of their own. Beginning Friday, February 28, the Martin County Sheriff's Department will initiate a major enforcement effort to crack down on impaired and dangerous driving.

"We will have a strong and visible police presence aimed at deterring dangerous driving and getting impaired drivers off the street," said Sergeant Keith Keller. "If you plan to drink alcohol - don't drive. Designate a sober driver."

The increased enforcement effort, which lasts through March 23, encompasses St. Patrick's Day and many March sporting

events. Sergeant Keller recommends these easy steps for a safe March and St. Patrick's Day:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home.
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local police.
- If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take the keys and help that person make other arrangements to get to where he or she is going safely.

# Classified ADS

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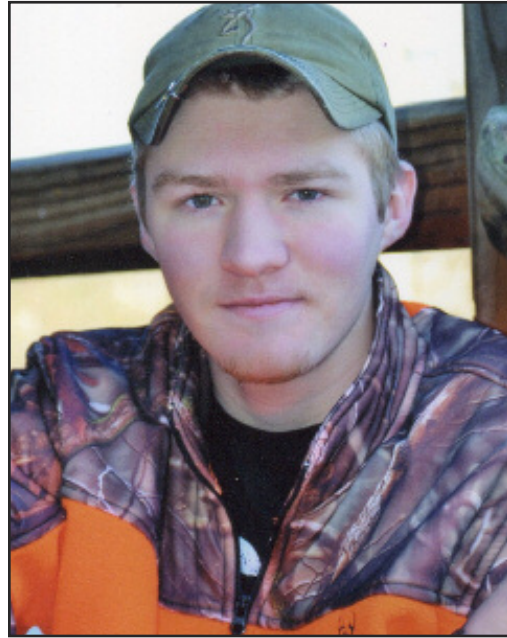


# 2014 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



**DAVID DONNERSBERGER**

David D. Donnersberger is the son of Lisa and Chris Donnersberger. While in high school he has been in student council all four years. He was in chorus and show choir in 9th and 10th grades, served as a cadet teacher and was in FACS club his sophomore year, was in Spanish Club in 10th and 11th grades, job shadowed in 10th and 12th grades, was in SADD his sophomore and junior years, spell bowl his junior year, Pep Club in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades; and played intramural basketball his senior year. He ran track all four years of high school and played basketball and ran cross country his junior year. David plans to attend Manchester University for athletic training.



**COLTON HENNINGER**

Colton J. Henninger is the son of Kiim Henninger and Mark Horton. While in high school he was in student council all four years, was in FACS Club his freshman year, and served as an intern his junior year. He played golf his sophomore year and baseball his junior year. Colton plans to join the Navy after graduation.



**REBECCA ADER**

Rebecca Lynn Ader is the daughter of Robert Ader and Carrie Ader. While in high school, she was in band, Spanish Club, and Lion Pride her freshman year; chorus in 9th and 10th grades, served as a cadet teacher in 11th and 12th grades and an intern her senior year. She ran track her freshman year. Rebecca plans to attend college after high school and study business management.

## Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

### LOGOOTEER ELEMENTARY

#### Breakfast

**Thursday, February 27**

Breakfast pizza, egg, fruit

**Friday, February 28**

Waffle sticks, sausage patty, fruit

**Monday, March 3**

Waffles, ham patty, fruit

**Tuesday, March 4**

Biscuit and gravy, sausage links, fruit

**Wednesday, March 5**

Cereal, string cheese, fruit

#### Lunch

**Thursday, February 27**

Mini corn dogs, baked beans, salad, pineapple, milk

**Friday, February 28**

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, milk

**Monday, March 3**

Breaded tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pears, milk

**Tuesday, March 4**

Chicken fajita, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, milk

**Wednesday, March 5**

Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, peas, peaches, milk

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

#### Lunch

**Thursday, February 27**

Mini corn dogs or pizza, baked beans, salad, pineapple, salad plate, milk

**Friday, February 28**

Salisbury steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, salad plate, milk

**Monday, March 3**

Breaded tenderloin or pizza, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pears, salad plate, milk

**Tuesday, March 4**

Chicken fajita or pizza, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, salad plate, milk

**Wednesday, March 5**

Fish sticks or pizza, macaroni and cheese, peas, peaches, salad plate, milk

### SHOALS SCHOOLS

#### Breakfast

**Thursday, February 27**

Cereal, graham crackers, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, February 28**

English muffin, sausage patty, fruit, juice, milk

**Monday, March 3**

Donut, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, March 4**

Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, March 5**

Pop tart, string cheese, fruit, juice, milk

#### Lunch

**Thursday, February 27**

Chicken taco, cooked carrots, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: beef and bean burrito or chef salad

**Friday, February 28**

Whole grain cheesy breadsticks with marinara sauce, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, juice cup, milk

**Monday, March 3**

Cheeseburger with whole grain bun, baked potato, salad boat, fresh apple, milk

**Tuesday, March 4**

Whole grain spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, pears, whole grain garlic bread, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: sausage pizza or chef salad

**Wednesday, March 5**

Chicken strips, fresh broccoli and grape tomatoes with ranch dip, mandarin oranges, whole grain roll, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: corn dog or chef salad

## Public comment on academic standards

The Department of Education and State Board of Education are now accepting online public comments for the proposed Indiana Academic Standards. For more information, visit [www.doe.in.gov/achievement/standards/public-comment-identified-k-12-content-standards-college-and-career-readiness](http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/standards/public-comment-identified-k-12-content-standards-college-and-career-readiness). Online public comments will be accepted through March 12, 2014.

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## Shoals High School 2014 SENIOR Spotlights



**SARAH HOLT**

Sarah Amanda Holt was born March 2, 1996. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Laura Holt. Sarah has three brothers, James, Matthew, and Michael Holt; and three sisters, Anelria and Rose Holt and Autumn Gibbs. While in high school Sarah participated in spell bowl, Spanish Club, chess club, drama club and was a teacher's aide. Her favorite song is Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen. Her favorite teachers are Mr. Macy and Mrs. Heckard. Sarah plans to get a career in entertainment.



**KANDI TICHENOR**

Kandi Layne Tichenor was born September 25, 1995. She is the daughter of Terry and Vicki Tichenor. Kandi has three sisters, Krystle Knisely, Kyndra Sicler, and Kyla Tichenor; and one brother, Clayton Tichenor. While in high school Kandi participated in track and field, Beta Club, and Spanish Club. She was also class vice president for two years. Her favorite song is Saving Grace by The Afters. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Johnson. Kandi plans to become a counselor.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Spring is coming. Last Saturday, we got a taste of spring-like weather. I even had three yellow crocuses in bloom on the south side of my house on Saturday. They were tiny, but their bright yellow hue evoked dreams of spring bouquets.

It was a good day for some late-winter clean-up jobs. We are sure to have more such days when warm temperatures make gardeners want to get out in the gardens. This is the perfect time to clean up debris that is still standing from last year's garden. Ornamental grasses should be cut to about four inches tall and other stems may be snapped off at ground level.

It is also time to start some late-winter pruning. Many fruit crops benefit from pruning at this time. Do not prune shrubs that flower in early spring, as they have already set buds and pruning now will take away this year's flowers. However, later-blooming plants that bloom on new growth may be shaped now.

It is also the best time for pruning most evergreens. I actually did some shaping on a topiary at Sandhill Gardens last Saturday. Hollies, yews, junipers and other evergreen

shrubs should be trimmed before the plants break from dormancy. It is best to cut no more than one-third of the plant's green growth to ensure the plant will survive.

It is also time to start spraying in orchards and vineyards. The first spray is a dormant oil spray, using a light horticultural oil. This application should be made when temperatures will stay above freezing for at least 24 hours. This oil will actually smother some insect eggs and disease spores. As soon as the weather moderates, it will be time to begin applications of fungicides to prevent fungal diseases on fruit crops. Whether you use chemical sprays or organic alternatives, fungicides must be used as a preventative measure. Once the disease is present, the sprays will not kill the pathogens. Since the sprays are preventative, it is necessary to re-apply them periodically, especially after every rain.

The combination of cold nights and warm days will get the sap running in maple trees. Some maple syrup operations have already started cooking and others will soon. Get out and take in one of the sweetest Hoosier traditions.

## Hurt: Expansion of beef cattle herds possibly on the horizon

BY JENNIFER STEWART  
Purdue University News Service

Recent record-high cattle prices and lower feed costs could offer producers the profit incentives they need to start expanding their herds after U.S. beef cattle numbers at the start of this year reached their lowest point since 1951, Purdue Extension agricultural economist Chris Hurt says.

The nation's beef cattle herd has been declining for many years, with the most recent phase beginning in 2007 when high feed prices led to large financial losses for producers. Since that time, major beef-production areas also have been dealing with drought. But if lower feed costs and high cattle prices hold steady, producers could start to slowly grow their operations.

"While the incentives have turned positive, they have not been in place long enough for the industry to begin registering signs of expansion according to U.S. Department of Agriculture numbers," Hurt said. "The rebuilding of the beef herd is expected to take multiple years."

Hurt said two main factors are driving increased beef profit potential. The first is that small herd numbers have kept beef supplies low. The second is that U.S. corn, soybean and forage crops returned to more normal yield levels, bringing with them more abundant feed and lower feed prices. The combination has resulted in record-high prices

for fed cattle and calves this winter.

While the USDA's most recent cattle inventory report showed that the number of replacement heifers held back for breeding is up about 2 percent, that increase isn't likely enough to grow beef cow numbers this year.

Whether the national beef herd grows or declines in the coming months and years will depend, in large part, on cow slaughter numbers, Hurt said.

"Some cow/calf operations will see 2014 as the golden opportunity to get out with record-high cow prices," he said. "But the greater tendency will be for producers to hold on to the cows for the profitable opportunities that are expected over the next three or more years."

Hurt also said the following would be hindrances to expansion:

- \* Retaining heifers to replace breeding cows is expensive for producers.

- \* Beef producers have struggled through a long period of narrow margins, so it will take a longer time of profitability to restore their confidence.

- \* Drought still has its grasp on large areas of beef-production regions.

But even with the challenges, Hurt said there seems to be plenty of expansion incentives over the next few years.

"The price outlook is extremely favorable for 2014 to 2016 for the beef industry," he said. "Beef supplies this year are expected to be down 5 percent, while domestic demand is expected to remain positive."

High beef prices are expected to reduce export demand, and beef will have some strong consumer competition from higher pork, turkey and chicken supplies.

"However, low beef supplies will dominate these drivers and likely push cattle prices to another record year," Hurt said. "Finished cattle prices are expected to average about \$135 per live hundredweight in 2014, exceeding the previous record high near \$126 in 2013."

Hurt's full report, Beef Cattle Industry Just Beginning to Transition to Expansion, is available via the Farmdoc website under Marketing & Outlook. Farmdoc is a service of the University of Illinois.



## Bald Eagle

-Photo by David Whorrall

The above Bald Eagle was recently spotted on the White River near Shoals. Bald Eagles can live a long time, with a longevity record of 28 years in the wild and 36 years in captivity.

## Purdue Extension to host Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar

Purdue Extension will be hosting the 13th Annual Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar on Friday, March 7 from 12-4 p.m. (EST) at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Clover Pavilion, located 6 miles south of Jasper on SR 162.

The seminar targets farmers, private applicators, and crop advisors. This year's focus will be on nutrient management, with topics geared towards maximizing crop production while reducing environmental impacts.

Featured speakers will include Amanda Bradshaw Burks, Alliance for Indiana Rural Water Source's Water Specialist, on hypoxia and watershed concerns; Kenneth Eck, Dubois County Extension Educator, on basics of plant nutrition and on fertilizer application regulations and record keeping; and Barry Fischer, USDA NRCS Soil Health Specialist, on strategies for optimizing fertilizers on conservation cropping systems.

This seminar counts for one of three meetings required for private applicator or

fertilizer applicator recertification. There is no charge to attend, however farmers attending this meeting for private pesticide applicator (PARP) credit will be charged a \$10 PARP fee, will need to bring their pesticide card, and must attend the entire program for certification. Four CEUs' have also been applied for in the area of nutrient management for certified crop advisors (CCAs).

Sponsors for the event include the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative, Crop Production Services, Dubois County Soil & Water Conservation District, Hopf Equipment, Perry County Soil & Water Conservation District, Precision Farming Solutions, Purdue Extension and Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District.

For additional information, contact the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at (812) 482-1782 or [duboiscs@purdue.edu](mailto:duboiscs@purdue.edu). More information for this event can be found at [www.extension.purdue.edu/dubois](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/dubois) under "Hot Topics".

## Southern Indiana Pork Conference to be held March 11

Purdue Extension and Indiana Pork are teaming up to host the fourth annual Southern Indiana Pork Conference and offer an update on the latest news in the pork industry. The daylong conference will be March 11 at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant, 393 Third Ave., Jasper. Lunch will be provided by Indiana Pork.

Kenneth Eck, Purdue Extension Educator in Dubois County, said swine producers, veterinarians and pork buyers should attend to learn about and discuss issues key to the swine industry. "We're trying to get three groups together - Indiana pork producers, Purdue academia and Indiana veterinarians and businesses - to talk to each other about what issues are most important to them and the industry," Eck said.

Farmers are particularly interested in new livestock regulations, as well as updates on swine production, health and environmental issues.

Topics, which run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, include:

- \* "Swine Theft and Biosecurity" by Eck and Stan Leinenbach, Dubois County Pork

Producer.

- \* "Feeder Designs - Impact When Considering Your Building Remodel" by Brian Richert, Purdue Extension swine specialist.

- \* "State Regulatory and Legislative Issues, and How They'll Affect You" by Josh Trenary and Ben Wicker, Indiana Pork.

- \* "Update on Reproductive Technologies" by Kara Stewart, Purdue Extension Reproductive Physiologist.

- \* "Health Concerns - Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV)" by John Baker, Warrick Veterinary Clinic.

- \* "Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA+) Certification" by Eck.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for meal by March 13 to Ben Wicker, Director of Producer Outreach, Indiana Pork Office at 317-396-9352. For additional information, contact the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at (812) 482-1782 or [duboiscs@purdue.edu](mailto:duboiscs@purdue.edu). More information for this event can be found at [www.extension.purdue.edu/dubois](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/dubois) under "Hot Topics".



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U.S. Representative Larry Bucshon speaks to the news media following a Coal Summit at Vincennes University on February 21. Bucshon voiced support for the mining industry and for VU's proposed development of the state's first simulated coal mine that would be used to enhance safety training.

## Support grows for Indiana to develop a simulated mine for safety training

Top coal industry, utility and government leaders voiced support on February 21 for the development of Indiana's first simulated coal mine to enhance safety training. The discussions took place at a Coal Summit at Vincennes University that focused on mining's contribution to economic development, sustainability, and high-paying jobs.

"One of the main purposes of the meeting was to look at a simulated coal mine to train people for safety," said U.S. Representative Larry Bucshon.

"We called together all the stakeholders to ask how we might facilitate this project along with Vincennes University. The goal is to enhance mine safety so that we don't have to train miners on the job."

Currently Indiana does not have a simulated mine for safety training. The closest ones are in Madisonville, Kentucky and Rend Lake, Illinois.

"The way regulation is going, at some point, every coal miner may need this kind of training. Right now we have teams designated for mine rescue but in the future, if we had to train all our coal miners because of regulation, not having a facility here in Indiana would be a huge problem," Bucshon said.

VU is Indiana's designated recipient of federal grant funding from the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to provide training and retraining of Indiana's miners. The training is for miners in all segments of the mining industry. VU is also a leader in programs in Advanced Manufacturing, an industry that thrives due to relatively low utility rates in a state in which 83 percent of electric power comes from coal.

According to the Indiana Coal Council, there are 6,210 Hoosier mine employees with 28,680 total mine related employees. Average coal miner annual income is \$87,341 compared to \$45,770 for all industry. In 2013, annual coal production in Indiana was a record 39,619,896 tons. Local property taxes paid by the industry total \$10.2 million annually.

Bucshon said he believes funding for the development of a simulated mine will come from a combination of federal, state, industry and VU dollars.

"We will be looking for funding in areas

like the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration that collects about \$285 million each year from fines on the coal industry. The question is, what is that money being used for? And can we access some of that money for training? At the state level, there are additional funds and what's why State Representative Mark Messmer was here. He is going to be looking into areas where we could reallocate money at the state level during next year's budget session, to direct that toward getting this facility built," Bucshon said.

VU has pledged \$250,000 to develop the facility.

Beyond construction of the facility, Bucshon said that plans need to be developed for a source of on-going funds to operate the facility, staff it, upgrade it, and to facilitate trainees coming from throughout the state.

"I'm hopeful I can find some federal dollars to help," Bucshon said.

"Indiana mines a lot of coal—in fact it had a record year last year—so it's appropriate to be able to train our own miners here without traveling miles away. It will be more cost effective for the coal miners and the companies that need the training."

Some of the participants in the Coal Summit included Bruce Stevens, vice president of the Indiana Coal Council; Rob Hochstetler, vice president of Power Production for Hoosier Energy; Brad Rigsby, general manager for Black Panther Mining; John Stachura, vice president and general manager for Solar Sources; Chris Hopple, general manager of Gibson County Coal; Tom Nowaskie, director of Operations for WIN Energy REMC; Kurt Phegley, district manager for Duke Energy; Dennis Wimer, deputy commissioner for Field Operations for the Indiana Department of Workforce Development; David Tucker, vice president for VU Workforce Development; Phil Rath, vice president of VU Financial Services and Government Relations; Greg Gibson, director of VU Mining Technology; Dan Schmidt, policy director of Energy and Environment for the Indiana Governor's Office, and State Representative Mark Messmer.

Staff members from the offices U.S. Senator Dan Coats and U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly attended.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative Mark Messmer



### Session Nearing the End

With only three weeks of session remaining, the deadline for the legislature's work is quickly approaching. The House has passed 146 of our own bills, and we are now hearing Senate bills. Of those Senate bills, there are a few I wanted to highlight.

Senate Bill 339 would allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at the Indiana State Fair. Indiana is an outlier when it comes to this, being one of only two states that do not allow alcohol to be served at state fairs. Additionally, alcoholic beverages are allowed to be sold on the fairgrounds 50 weeks out of the year; just not for the two weeks that the state fair is taking place.

Some people have had reservations about the presence of alcohol at a venue that is family-oriented and where many families bring their children. As a father, I understand why people are concerned about that. I too, want my kids to be in environments where they are safe and encouraged to be responsible. This bill, however, does not compromise the state fair environment, as the Indiana State Fair Commission would have total control over the specifics of alcohol sales.

In the House committee hearing, the commission testified that they envision a place set aside for alcohol consumption where you must be 21 years old to enter, and no alcohol could be brought in or taken out. This allows for the sale of alcohol on the fairgrounds without compromising safety.

Another bill that is working its way through the committee process addresses veterans. SB 180 requires the State Department of Health to study and report findings concerning the implementation of a program for the treatment of veterans who have traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

While we honor veterans often, giving them medals, mentioning them in speeches, and even presenting them with resolutions on the House floor, we must also address the issues that they are facing. This goes a step further, ensuring their safety, the same way they protected us. It shows them, through our actions, that we value their service to our country.

Veterans give a great deal when they decide to serve our country. Many of us have no idea what it is like to go to war. We cannot imagine the weight that is placed on the shoulders of a soldier that is fighting for the ideals of our country. We cannot imagine the things that they have seen on the battlefield and the friends that they left behind. I think that we owe it to them ensure their safety and this bill is a step in that direction.

I am optimistic about the remaining three weeks we have in session and am confident that we are making Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family.

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

## Global Management, Indiana contractors to build and operate I-69 Section 5

The Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) Board this morning made the preliminary selection of I-69 Development Partners, a team led by Isolux Infrastructure Netherlands B.V. to design, build, finance, operate and maintain I-69 Section 5 from Bloomington to Martinsville. Isolux has partnered with the local resources of contractors E&B Paving of Anderson, Force Construction Company of Columbus and Gradex Inc. of Indianapolis to preserve and upgrade the existing State Road 37 to interstate standards.

The preferred proposal would design and build the project for \$325 million. Construction will begin later this year and the 21 new miles of interstate is scheduled to open by the end of 2016, several years ahead of schedule. The contract will limit the length and duration of lane closures to help maintain traffic flow for existing S.R. 37 traffic.

"I am firmly committed to finishing what we started with I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis so products and people will be able to move even more freely, and towns will be open to commerce and opportunity for more Hoosiers," said Governor Mike Pence. "The private sector can harness a different character of innovation to find greater efficiencies, and this project will continue Indiana's strong track record of partnering to deliver quality projects on budget and ahead of schedule."

Indiana is a national leader in leveraging private capital and innovations to deliver transportation infrastructure sooner than expected and at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers. For I-69 Section 5, Indiana leveraged its stellar credit rating to attract low-cost private sector financing using an availability payment form of public-private partnership (P3).

Availability payment P3s transfer cost, schedule and quality risks away from taxpayers during such time that the private sector is responsible for construction, operations and maintenance. If the road isn't made "available" to the public in compliance with performance standards in the contract, the recurring, inflation-adjusted payments are re-

duced accordingly.

About the Interstate 69 Project The new Interstate 69 between Evansville and Indianapolis is a key component to the future economic vitality of southwestern Indiana, and will connect an entire region with improved access to jobs, education and healthcare. The 142-mile I-69 corridor was divided into six independent sections in the Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement, which was approved with a Record of Decision in March 2004.

The first three sections opened for business in November 2012 – under budget and years ahead of schedule – and save motorists more than 30 minutes travel time in the 67 miles between Evansville and Crane. Construction is underway on all 27 miles of I-69 Section 4 between Crane and Bloomington, which is expected to open to traffic in phases during late 2014 and early 2015.

More information about the I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis project may be found at [www.i69indyevn.org](http://www.i69indyevn.org).

Competitive Proposal Process: Over the past four weeks, separate technical and financial review teams of IFA and Indiana

Department of Transportation (INDOT) staff evaluated and scored the final proposals submitted by four short-listed contracting teams. The proposals from all four teams were responsive based upon pass-fail criteria in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The criteria that the IFA and INDOT used to evaluate the final Technical and Financial Proposals is listed in the final RFP published at [www.in.gov/ifa/2779.htm](http://www.in.gov/ifa/2779.htm).

Next week the IFA will publish more information on its website explaining the preliminary selection, including portions of the preferred proposal. The documents will also be available for public review at IFA offices, One North Capitol Street, Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204. The IFA Board will hold another meeting in early March, to make a final determination on the selected proposer, which is subject to Indiana Budget Committee review before a final decision is issued by the Governor.

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## Friends of the animals

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The Friends of the Martin County Humane Society held a wrap-up event for the "Flush Your Friends" fundraiser on the Loogootee Square last Sunday. From left to right are Mary Motyka (with Sasha), Chris Wilson (with Fay), Tina Wilson, Anna Wilson, Loogootee Mayor Noel Hart, Jennifer Northover (with Arthur), Linda Brittain, Ruth Smith, and Laura Albertson (with Coco). The dogs shown are available for adoption through the humane society. A total of \$1,801 dollars was raised with "Flush Your Friends".

## Calendar of Events

### Little league taking sign-ups

The Loogootee Little League will be having sign-ups Wednesday, February 26 from 6-8 p.m. Sign-ups will be held at The Lee Kavanaugh Gymnasium, formerly St. John Gym. If you cannot make the sign-ups, please return your registration form(s) and check(s), payable to Loogootee Little League, to any board member before March 2. The cost to participate in little league will remain the same as last season; \$40 for one child, and \$30 for each additional child, with the family maximum being \$100. To be eligible to play, boys/girls must be four by April 30, 2014. Boys who do not turn 13 years old by April 30, 2014 are allowed to play, along with girls who were 12 or under by December 31, 2013.

### LUMC Soup & Sandwich Dinner

The Loogootee United Methodist Church will host a soup and sandwich dinner Wednesday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 208 W. Main Street, Loogootee. Cost is \$6 for soup, a sandwich, dessert and drink.

### Talk to a lawyer for free

The next scheduled talk to a lawyer telephone clinic is March 6 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST or 5:30 p.m. to 8 EST. Volunteer lawyers will be available to answer general legal questions concerning Indiana law during that time. The telephone numbers are: 812-618-4845 and toll free 888-594-3449. Talk to a lawyer is co-sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., Evansville Bar Foundation and the Indiana Bar Foundation.

### Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Loogootee United Methodist Church, at 208 W. Main Street in Loogootee, will host a "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 4 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The custom of making pancakes comes from the need to use up fat, eggs and dairy before the fasting and abstinence of Lent begins. So this year the church is going to celebrate Fat Tuesday with a pancake supper. There will be pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. A free-will offering will be taken, with proceeds to go toward the youth camping program.

### Boy Scouts

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

joining.

### GED exam fees

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

### SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812.709.1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

### Solid waste board

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

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## VUJC students offer free tax assistance

Free tax assistance and basic tax return preparation will be provided by students majoring in accounting at the Vincennes University Jasper Campus. Those eligible to participate include residents with incomes less than \$45,000 and those older than 60 regardless of income. No appointment is required. Assistance is available on Tuesdays through April 8 in the Administrative Building, Room A103, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (EST). Clients should bring their driver's licenses or picture identifications; Social Security Cards for each adult and child; all wage and earnings statements (W-2, 1099, etc.); unemployment statements; all interest and dividend statements; last year's federal and state tax returns; landlord's names and addresses and total amount of rent paid in 2013; closing statements on purchase of a new home; proof of education expenses; child care provider's name, address, Social Security or tax ID number, and amount paid.

## SCOUTING MATTERS

By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

SOME Thoughts On - TRUSTWORTHY  
Keeping with my 2014 promised theme of breaking down the 12 points of the Boy Scout Law, this month I want to hone in on Trustworthy. Trustworthy is the first point of the Law and very simply states... a scout is Trustworthy. However, how is this attained for a scout or anyone and how do you teach such an important character trait so it has meaning and value?

Having a trustworthy reputation is something that must be earned over time. A history of reliability and honesty are personality traits that earn the trust of others. The degree of trust others have in you is based upon positive interactions with that person. Trustworthiness is earned, not granted. Others will not trust you just because you are nice, friendly, or serve in an important position. Trust is based on historical interactions over a period of time.

Trustworthiness joins several other factors that require personal action, action such as integrity. You simply cannot expect others to just trust you... you have to give them reason. For example, you have to be honest with yourself and with others. Personal integrity is necessary and honesty demonstrates integrity. The ability of others to trust you hinges upon your individual honesty and integrity. Reliability fosters trust. People are assured you will follow through on your word when you put your money where your mouth is. Keep your promises and be reliable. If you say you will do something, do it.

In troop operations, these three factors are very important when taking a team of youth into the wild. Everyone has assigned tasks (before-during-after an event) and it is important that each sequenced task be executed in accordance with the plan. When one individual cannot be trusted to follow through, it affects the whole, and chaos ensues, not to mention whining, yelling and finger pointing. As an adult leader, this is a beautiful thing, as we sit back and watch the boys try to work through their issues. Ultimately, it is this way in life for all of us, so building a foundation of being trustworthy early in life is paramount. This is what scouting teaches through active involvement and team interaction.

Some other considerations in trust building, be fair in all of your interactions. Taking advantage of those at a disadvantage breaks the trust others have in you. People are watching so treat others, as you want to be treated. Be consistent in your interactions with others. Realize that open and honest dialogue will be reciprocated. When you instill a sense of openness with others, they become more candid with you and trusting relationships build.

Understand that being compassionate breeds trust... my personal point of weakness. Take an interest in the struggles others encounter to foster a genuine sense of caring. Realize that your faithfulness to a friend, family member, co-worker, boss or subordinate earns their trust. Defend or protect others when you have the opportunity to do so. It is the right thing to do. Recognize that others have faults and make mistakes, giving them the opportunity to fix their errors and move past it.

Finally, never be the "know it all." Attempting to portray your expertise in an area you are unfamiliar will end in disaster. No scout knows it all, although sometimes a campfire conversation reveals a budding Einstein. Each scout has to learn to rely on the other and use teamwork. Trust is earned when you acknowledge your own limitations and offer to "help" find a solution opposed to always providing one. Know that your competency reflects how trustworthy others consider you to be. Acknowledge your limitations. If you prove yourself untrustworthy, it is difficult to re-establish this character trait with others.

All these things increase our personal character as being a trustworthy person. However, the best guidance I can share on trustworthiness is not mine at all and it is oh so simple. The words in Matthew 5:37, "Let your Yes be Yes and your No, No" are words to live by. When you say something, your actions must support your words.

In a culture of "cross my heart, hope to die" or political correctness and public relations attempts to say something that is ambivalent and thus cannot be attributed as a stand, people still hope to find those who say what they mean, whose Yes is Yes and No is No. We ultimately respect and believe someone who is as "good as his word," "his word is as good as his bond." Grandpa's generation use to do it with a handshake and a solid commitment... and it worked.

This is a first century idea relevant for our 21st Century world, say what you mean and then do what you say. Those around you will come to trust you when your actions are the same as your words. So the question is this, does your Yes mean Yes and your No mean No? Are you doing the things necessary to be viewed as... Trustworthy?

2014 has just begun; approaching our daily tasks with a spirit of Trustworthiness just might begin to make 2014 the best year ever.

If you would like to learn more about the scouting opportunities in your local area, give me call (812) 295-8417 and I will help you make contact with a local scouting unit.

Yours in Scouting, Scoutmaster Mike