

Martin County JOURNAL

Year Two, Issue Nine

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

13 Pages

Townships finish 2010 with surpluses

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

According to the Indiana Township Association's website, townships are a product of Indiana's early history. A township is a small geographic area, ranging in size from six to 54 square miles with 36 square miles being average.

Township trustees are elected officials but there are some that are volunteers – all of Martin County's trustees are paid. There are 1,008 townships in Indiana. Indiana is one of only 20 states that maintain some form of township government.

One of the main jobs of a township trustee is administering township assistance. Township assistance is provided to individuals who are in an emergency situation and have no other means to provide the basic essentials of life. Residents in need can request poor relief for utilities, rent, medical and dental expenses, prescriptions, vehicle repairs, fuel, groceries, and clothing.

In most cases in Martin County, the townships finished off each budget year with a surplus only adding to the ending cash balance to rollover to the next year.

The trustee also provides fire protection when the township is not incorporated into a city or town. This could include contracting with a local fire department to provide the services to the township residents. It can also include providing funds for buildings, equipment, and vehicles for the department.

The trustee also maintains cemeteries by contracting with companies to provide mowing services. Other duties can include helping with funeral expenses, providing and maintaining township parks and community centers, destroying detrimental plants, noxious weeds, and rank vegetation; and providing insulin to the poor.

Money is provided to the townships from property taxes, auto excise tax, and county option income tax. Interest earned from the rollover of cash balances is also included in

the budget.

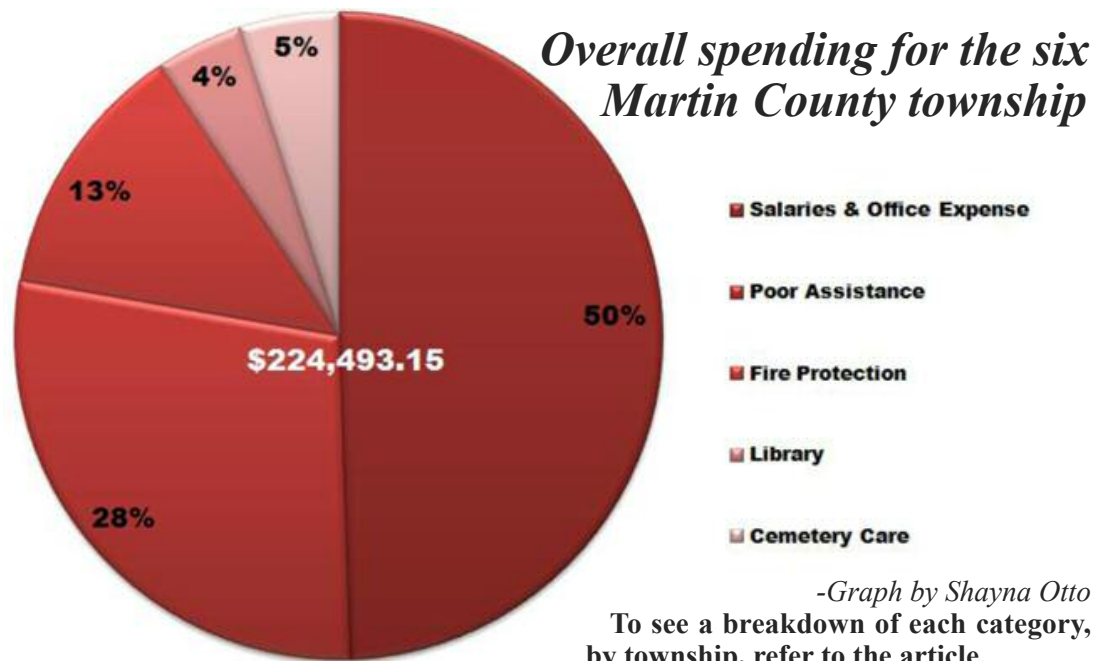
Rutherford Township
Rutherford Township's trustee is Janet Sue Hembree. Her clerical assistant is her husband John K. Hembree. The three-member advisory board consists of Lonnie Survance, Rosamary Street, and Jason Survance. In 2010 Rutherford Township began with a budget of \$76,572. After receipts and disbursements the township ended 2010 with a balance of \$92,445.26.

Of the \$27,243 that was paid out, \$16,210.95 went toward salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$5,100, her clerk's salary of \$1,980 and the advisory board member's salaries of \$543 each. Also, \$2,400 (\$200 per month) was paid in rent for the township office located and \$550 for mileage, \$325 for telephone, \$900 to John Hembree, \$1,000 to Shawn Truelove, and \$100 to Danny Berry Maintenance for cemetery care.

As for assistance, \$2,183.67 was given to those in need. Of that \$1,899.55 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$250 to Williams Bros. Pharmacy, and \$34.12 to East Fork Water on behalf of residents needing assistance. Also, Haysville Volunteer Fire Department was given \$7,200 and Bryan and Darrin Buchta were given \$240 each for fire protection.

Halbert Township
Halbert Township's trustee is Exzelia Montgomery. Her clerical assistant is Pauletta Montgomery. The three-member advisory board includes Stevie Horton, Travis Montgomery, and Jane Montgomery. Halbert Township started 2010 with a cash balance of \$79,274 and ended the year at \$105,656.

Of the money spent in 2010 \$19,216.46 was used to pay for salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$9,327.36 and the clerical salary of \$2,005.80. \$623.36 was paid to Keith Gibson, \$168.75 to Jane Montgomery, \$623.36 to Travis Montgomery, and \$508.25 to Stevie
(See 'TOWNSHIPS' on page two)



Overall spending for the six Martin County township

-Graph by Shayna Otto

To see a breakdown of each category, by township, refer to the article.

Loogootee to pay close to \$300,000 to provide insurance to 13 employees

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee City Council discussed the ever rising cost of employees' health insurance in a special meeting Wednesday morning, March 2. Proposals were received from IACT (Indiana Association of Cities and Towns) and Anthem, the city's current health insurance provider. The proposed amount estimated by IACT which would eliminate dental and vision insurance was \$257,000 annually paid out by the city. Anthem's estimate increased insurance coverage by 16 percent to \$263,344 – the portion the city is paying. The employees are responsible for an additional 15 percent of the cost. The city insures 13 employees under medical insurance and another four receive life insurance which is also paid by the city. The city also pays 85 percent of dental which is utilized by two employees. With the new numbers, the city pays \$20,257 per employee to provide health insurance to be effective April 1.

IACT quoted only a six percent increase for the next year which Clerk-Treasurer Jones said would benefit the city in the long run. The insurance increase from Anthem have been substantial over the past several years with 2009 being 25 percent, last year being 4.8 percent with increases in the deductibles,

and this year being 16.3 percent.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones pointed out that the price increase, along with salaries and the \$28,000 also contributed to employees' health savings accounts, could not be maintained on the current revenue coming in.

"I know I'm going to be unpopular but we are going to have to look at cutting benefits," said Jones. "Our revenues are not keeping up with what we are paying out."

The MVH (Motor, Vehicle, and Highway) Fund is currently \$12,000 in the hole and 99 percent of the fund is used for personnel. Jones said that if the city decided to forego looking at other options for insurance and stayed with the current plan with the 16 percent increase, money would have to be found somewhere else. She said the only options remaining were the EDIT Fund and the Rainy Day Fund. Mayor Don Bowling said that the EDIT monies are used for the city's special projects relating to grants and the matching money it takes to acquire those grants. He said that new grants are being sought and without any money to match those projects could not continue. He also noted that the Rainy Day Fund should be used for emergency only and not to pay the day to day operations of the city. "We may not have any alternative, we may have to use EDIT
(See 'LOGOOTE' on page three)

Martin Co. Humane Society designates March as Spay and Neuter Month

The Martin County Humane Society has designated March 2011 as Spay/Neuter Month. Veterinarians Chris Burch, of the Loogootee Veterinary Clinic, and Scott Wallace, of the Wallace Veterinary Clinic, have donated their time and talents to the cause.

Martin County residents may have their pets spayed or neutered for twenty dollars off of the regular price. 2011 Pet Celebrities Calendars are available to purchase at both offices for ten dollars. The calendar contains a coupon worth half off of spay/neuter. Therefore by purchasing a calendar, spay or neuter is less than half price!

Please do your part to help end the pet over-population problem. Call the Loogootee

Veterinary Clinic at 295-2226, or the Wallace Veterinary Clinic at 295-3808, to make an appointment.

National statistics estimate that somewhere between four and six million unwanted cats, dogs, kittens and puppies are killed in US shelters every year. There are several ways that you can help be part of the solution to end the killing.

- Spay or Neuter your pet.
 - Adopt a pet from your local shelter or rescue group. Do not buy a pet from a breeder or pet store.
 - Support animal organizations committed to ending animal suffering.
- (See 'SPAY/NEUTER' on page two)



Semi rolls over

-Photo by Keith Keller

At 3:35 p.m. last Wednesday, February 23, Bradley Dillard, 39, of Paoli, stated he was eastbound on U.S. 150, west of Morgan Curve Road, when he rounded a curve and his front right tire left the roadway. The soft shoulder pulled the semi tractor and trailer down into a field. The trailer, loaded with coal, then rolled onto its side. Dillard was not injured in the crash but his 2003 International had minimal damage to the rear of the semi tractor. It was driven from the scene. Dillard's 2000 ACH trailer was totaled in the crash. U.S. 150, between Shoals and Prospect, was closed for approximately two hours while authorities cleaned up the crash. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.



VERONICA O'NEIL and JOSEPH WEIMER

Joseph Weimer to wed Veronica O'Neil

Dr. Nicholas and Debi O'Neil of Lafayette would like to announce engagement of their daughter, Veronica Lynn O'Neil, to Joseph Earle Weimer, the son of Paul and Glenda Weimer of Bloomington.

The couple plan to be wed on April 30, 2011 at The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette.

Veronica is a 2005 graduate of Lafayette

Central Catholic High School and a 2010 graduate of Purdue University majoring in Elementary Education.

Joseph is a 2004 graduate of Eastern Greene High School and a 2009 graduate of Purdue University majoring in Industrial Management. Joseph is the grandson of the late William Glenn and the late Mary Alice Arvin of Loogootee.



Former Loogootee resident retires as head librarian in Chambers County, Texas

A. Lynette Parsons, formerly of Loogootee, retired recently after serving 16 years as Chambers County head librarian in Anahuac, Texas. After graduating from St. John's High School in Loogootee, Parsons received her Master's at IU and moved to Port Charlotte, Florida, where she served in various capacities, including head librarian, before moving to Baytown, Texas, as assistant city librarian and then to Chambers County in 1995.

During her tenure, the library's budget grew from \$288,000 to \$540,000. She was instrumental in automating the library system, going from two computers with only dial-up internet access to the present 56 computers with T-I access. The library circulated over 250,000 items last year and had over 170,000 site visits by those who may not have personal computers. Noting that the library also offers fax and photo-

copy services, meeting rooms, online databases, downloadable audio-books, e-books and video, Parsons said "We aren't your grandmother's library."

With her husband, Raybourne "Hank" Gupton (who writes monthly articles as "The Old Curmudgeon" for the Hometown Journey Magazine) she now shares her home with her father, Andy Parsons, formerly of Loogootee. She is the daughter of the late Wilma Parsons.

A long-time community activist, she is treasurer of the Baytown Humane Society, music and financial leader of Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, and an Oblate with the Holy Cross Monastery in Beaumont, Texas. Parsons was recently accepted into the Master Gardener Program.

Following are excerpts from an article by Ben Tinsley appearing in the Baytown (TX) Sun.

SPAY/NEUTER

(Continued from page one)

-Educate your children and others about responsible pet ownership.

A dog or cat that is spayed or neutered has no chance of developing uterine or testicular cancer. In females, the risk of breast cancer and urinary infections is drastically reduced.

Reproductive cancers are common among older dogs that have been bred.

Male dogs and cats that are neutered earlier are much less likely to roam, mark their territory (and your belongings) with urine, and show aggression toward other animals. Intact (unneutered) dogs or cats will go to great lengths to get to a female in heat—they will dig their way out of yards, break fences and leashes, run out back doors, and cross streets in heavy traffic if a female in heat is in the area. An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate! Altered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. Many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.

During heat cycles, an unspayed female dog bleeds for about ten straight days twice a year, and a cat three times a year. She bleeds on your carpet, your furniture, the interior of your car, and on the ground outside. As soon as she has marked your yard, you can anticipate a constant parade of male dogs and cats that will pace your lawn, howl, creep, meow, and bark. Have a fenced yard? They will dig their way in. Have her inside? They'll wait outside.

The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having and caring for a litter. Altered pets also have much lower risks of high-cost medical issues later in life. It also beats the cost of treatment when your roaming pet escapes and gets into fights with the neighborhood stray!

Misconceptions about spay and neuter for cats:

She needs to have one litter before spaying.

There is no medical research to support this supposition. In fact, spaying your female cat will not only save her the misery of frequent heat cycles throughout her life, but also will reduce her risk of mammary cancer, and eliminate the risk of uterine and ovary cancer, as well as pyometra. If none of these arguments are convincing enough, consider the possible complications of birth, which may

result in the death of mother and/or babies, not to mention the potential threat of eclampsia.

Spaying or neutering will make my cat fat and lazy.

All cats have the potential of getting fat and lazy. Feeding your cat an appropriate premium food and engaging with her in interactive exercise will keep her in prime physical condition.

TOWNSHIPS

(Continued from page one)

Horton. (Exzelia was unable to be contacted for explanation on the salaries prior to press time). Also \$2,383.49 (\$198.62 per month) was paid to Exzelia for the use of her home and phone as the trustee's office. For cemetery care \$200 was paid to Dan Jackman, \$400 to Gordon Johnson, \$600 to Jaron Gibson, and \$400 to Marlin Courtright.

Under poor assistance, \$16,018.45 was given for various household expenses such as electricity, food, water, rent, prescriptions, doctor visits – both medical and eye, and gas. \$9,679.34 was paid to the Shoals Fire Department and \$4,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

Lost River Township

Lost River trustee is Mildred Brown and her clerk is her husband, Dale Brown. The 2010 advisory board consisted of Alice Butler, Keith Emmons, and William Lee. At the beginning of 2010 the trustee's cash balance was \$75,046.67 and was \$79,249.27 at the end of the year.

For 2010, \$7,472.64 was spent on salaries including \$2,478.65 to the trustee and \$879.49 to the clerk. Board member and former trustee Alice Butler received \$1,439.30 and the other two advisory board members received \$400. The rent for 2010 was split between Butler for \$116.67 and Brown for \$233.33. Phone cost was \$75 and travel cost for the trustee was \$75. For cemetery care \$160 was paid to Estel Emmons, \$75 to Micah Miller, \$33.42 to Rural King, and \$219.95 to Hagen's Repair.

For hardship assistance to Lost River residents, \$2,243.35 was paid. \$1,597.42 went to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$117.77 to Dubois Water, \$247.90 to Williams Drugs, \$205 to JayC Food Store, and \$75.26 to the

county auditor. Shoals Public Library received \$1,000 from Lost River.

Center Township

Center Township's trustee is Hazel Fuhrman and her clerk is Ryanna Allbright. The three-member advisory board includes Gerald Wilcoxon, Larry Downs, and Norma Baker.

Center Township's cash balance was \$136,490.68 at the beginning of 2010. At the end of the year the balance was \$151,605.87. \$12,894.48 was spent last year on salaries including \$7,200 for the trustee, \$3,120 for the clerk, and \$595 each for advisory board members.

The rent for the trustee's office at 213 Capital Avenue in Shoals was \$1,800 (\$150 per month). For cemetery care \$900 was paid to Jason Robbins, \$200 to Robert Davis, and \$90 to Roy Dale Grafton.

The amount given in assistance in 2010 was \$1,074.82. \$528.23 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$190 to White River Co-Op, \$111.60 to East Fork Water, \$100 to Duke Energy, \$75 to Francis Schwager for rent, \$50 to Jones Oil, and \$19.99 to CVS.

The Shoals Fire Department received \$9,679.34 and the Shoals Library received \$3,800.

Mitcheltree Township

Mitcheltree Township's trustee is James Norman and his clerk is Larry Jones. The three-member advisory board included Barbara Bratton, Harley Bratton, and Dan Butler. At the start of 2010, the trustee's cash balance was \$109,445.09 and stood at \$136,137.35 at the end of the year. \$8,450 was spent last year on salaries including \$6,000 for Norman, \$650 for his clerk and

\$600 each for the advisory board members.

The trustee's office, located in Norman's home at 8525 East St. Rd. 45, had \$270 in rent for 2010 and \$600 for phone expenses. Larry Jones was paid \$3,000 for cemetery care and another \$600 for cemetery tree work.

For township assistance for the poor, \$1,190 was paid out. Of that \$1,105.28 was paid to JayC Food Store, \$2,139.79 to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$460.78 to Buehler's Buy Low, \$811.45 to Bloomfield UDWI REMC, \$141 to Blue Flame Gas, and \$90.60 to CVS Pharmacy.

\$2,000 was given to Williams Volunteer Fire Department and \$1,000 to Shoals Library.

Perry Township

Perry Township's trustee is Noel Harty and his clerk is Bobbie Cherry. The three-member advisory board consists of Brandi Hennessee, Sue Hunt, and Bev Summers.

Perry's cash balance at the beginning of last year was \$122,699.81 and dropped to \$47,199.56 at the end of the year.

\$35,307.75 was paid in salaries for the trustee's office including \$16,000 for the trustee, \$12,500 for his clerk, and \$1,500 for each advisory board member.

The trustee's office is located at 302 E Washington Street in Loogootee, and a rent of \$6,000 (\$500 per month) was charged and \$1,313.81 for a phone in 2010. Shawn True-love Mowing Services was paid \$2,250 for cemetery care. Perry Township gave out \$40,814.16 in poor assistance in 2010. Items paid for on behalf of the residents were funeral expenses, rent, groceries, water, prescriptions, medical and eye doctor bills, mortgages, gas, and motel expenses.

WILMA LANNAN

Wilma R. Lannan passed away Monday, February 28, 2011. A resident of Greenwood, she was 80.

She was born in Loogootee on June 22, 1930; the daughter of Charles William and Bernice Evelyn (Day) Smith. She worked for the Indiana State Bureau of Motor Vehicles at the downtown branch for over 30 years. She was active in Democratic politics and was a charter member of St. Barnabas Catholic Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Kay Melton; sisters, Joan Eckstein and Barbara Halbert; brother, William Smith; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas J. Lannan; and her sons, Randy Lee Lannan and Mike Lannan.

LOOGOOTEE

(Continued from page one)

money," said Mayor Bowling.

Clerk-Treasurer Jones explained that less money is coming in from the state and that she was told at budget time by the DLGF (Department of Local Government and Finance) that the city could not operate on the amount they had slated for the MVH Fund. She also added that PERF (Public Employees' Retirement Fund) is being raised to 12.5 percent from 11.5 percent. That percent of the employees' salaries is paid quarterly. Jones also noted that due to cities, towns, and school being overpaid by the state in COIT (County Option Income Tax) by \$610 million the state is going to try to recoup \$410 million of that over the next four year by reducing the amount given to the city. All these things added together, Jones said, will cause problems with being able to fund the city's operations including employee benefits. She said the city may also have to do what schools are doing and not replace retiring workers.

During the discussion Council member Rich Taylor motioned to keep the current Anthem insurance with the 16 percent increase. Council member Phyllis Parker seconded the motion and the rest of the council was in favor. Mayor Bowling said that he was told by IACT that the city is overpaying by around \$4,000 for vision and dental insurance which is something that should be looked at in the future.

With the premium increase a family plan will cost \$331.07 per month, a couple plan would be \$238.28 per month, one adult and one child plan would be \$205.29 per month, and an individual plan would be \$113.59 per month. The employees also have a lump sum deposited on their behalf for a health savings account to cover any out of pocket costs. Families receive \$3,000 to go toward expenses and the \$1,000 deductible. Single plans allow \$1,000. If the money is not used it rolls over to the next year. In all, the city will be paying \$293,344 for their portion of the health insurance which includes the pre-

Visitation will be Saturday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 2 p.m. at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 8300 Rahke Road, Indianapolis, IN 46217. Entombment will be in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.orileyfuneralhome.com.

CECIL L. ARVIN

Cecil L. Arvin, 82, died unexpectedly at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, February 17, 2011 at The Legends in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, she was 82. She was born on June 8, 1928, in Martin County; the daughter of Ruben and Flo

miums and the health savings account payments, or \$22,564 per employee on average.

Also discussed was the elimination of the Loogootee Police Department's dispatch program. Without having to pay dispatchers, the city would save around \$80,000 per year. With the county having 9-1-1 service that extends through Loogootee, Mayor Bowling said he felt that by having dispatchers in Loogootee the service was then doubled and unneeded. According to the mayor, the county had requested to be paid \$30,000 a year to provide 9-1-1 service to Loogootee but he stated that this was several years ago. Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said he thought that number had been reduced to around \$25,000 now. The council discussed the reasons why the county would need to be paid since each resident in Loogootee also pays money towards the 9-1-1 program through their landline and cell phone bills. "They are already getting paid," said council member Parker.

Parker also expressed her concern with not having anyone available at night in the police department. She said that those who walk in for help would have no one available to help them. Clerk-Treasurer Jones explained that 9-1-1 could be called. Parker replied that not everyone has access to a telephone or a cell phone. Jones replied that cell phones can be provided for free through various services but can only be used to access 9-1-1. Parker asked who provided this service. Jones said she was unsure who provided it specifically but she knows it's available.

At the start of the meeting Sunshine Publishing represented by Steve Egly, presented the Loogootee City Council with information about digitally filing all the city's ordinances and making them available on a disk. Approximately 1,750 pages would be processed. 1,250 pages would be converted to text and 500 pages would be archived as digital photographs. The total cost would be \$13,800. After the presentation the council decided to look over the information provided and decide on it at a later date.

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'We will be reviewing the all-hazards plan and SNS planning elements.'

To the editor of the Martin County Journal and all community leaders,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your service to our community during the past year. Once again we are gearing up for our annual disaster preparedness exercise; which is tentatively scheduled for May. We will be holding an organizational meeting on March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the EMA building, located at the fairgrounds. This meeting is very important and we need at least one representative from each organization in attendance. At this time, you will have the opportunity to review your assignments and ask questions about what you can do to help in the event of a disaster. We will be reviewing the all-hazards plan and SNS planning elements.

Also, for those of you who are members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee

(LEPC), there will be a meeting held immediately after our meeting.

WHAT: MEETING
MULTI-DISCIPLINE PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP

WHEN: MARCH 10, 2011

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

WHERE: EMA BUILDING
MARTIN CO. FAIRGROUNDS, US HWY 50, LOOGOOTEE

Again, I thank you for your past service. Quick responses by our community volunteers can save lives. I'm proud to have such a dedicated team. I promise to keep the meeting as brief as possible, as I know many of you have other commitments.

Please let me know who will be attending from your organization. You can send a fax to 247-2009 or give me a call at 247-3303. Also, if you have any questions, please give me a call.

Kelly Baker, RN
Martin County Public
Health Coordinator

(Cochran) Tedrow. She married Linus Arvin on October 11, 1953 and he preceded her in death in 1985. She retired from NSA Crane in 1989. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. She was a member of Truelove United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Ginger (Arvin) and husband Timothy Lawhorn of Indianapolis; a son, Steven and wife Rhonda (Strange) Arvin of Loogootee; and six grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Ruben and Flo (Cochran) Tedrow; four brothers; and four sisters.

The funeral was held Monday, February 28 at Truelove United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Truelove United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com.

DEE ANN NOLAN

Dee Ann Nolan died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 26, 2011 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 50.

She was born June 11, 1960, in Daviess County; the daughter of Max and Mary Jayne (Burch) Cooper. She was a 1978 graduate of Loogootee High School. She married Steve J. Nolan on September 8, 1979 and he survives. She attended St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her father and step-mother, Max and Roberta Cooper of Loogootee; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven D. and Amanda Nolan and Donnie Nolan, all of Loogootee; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sarah and Jeff Brockhold of Jeffersonville, Stephanie Nolan and Deidra Nolan, both of Loogootee; one brother, C.J. Cooper of Loogootee; one sister, Dana Strange of Loogootee; and three grandchildren, Tyson, Lindsey and Lauren Nolan.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Mary Jayne Cooper, and a grandchild, Taylor Nolan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Tuesday, March 1 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial was in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Brocksmith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com.

CLAUDETTE FRANKLIN

Claudette E. Franklin died at 1:40 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2011 at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 51.

She was born on August 22, 1959 in Homestead, Florida; the daughter of Edmund and Rosie (Stone) Holt. She married Mark J. Franklin on October 21, 2005 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and he survives. She graduated

from high school in Spokane, Washington, served her country as a Veteran of the United States Navy, and was a member of the Shoals American Legion Post #61. She formerly served as the Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Shoals and was also a school bus driver and teacher's aide for the Shoals Community School Corporation.

She is also survived by her father, three daughters, Vanessa June of Indianapolis, Cecilia June of Bloomington, and Crystal Danford of Terre Haute; one son, David June of Washington; three stepsons, Josh, Jarrett, and Justin Franklin of Shoals; three granddaughters, Madison and Zoe Tarr and Terra June; two brothers, Jim Holt of Shoals and Eddie Holt.

She was preceded in death by her mother and one brother, Rick Holt.

A reception will begin at noon Saturday, March 5 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals, with a Memorial Service beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Hoosier Uplands Hospice. Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

MARGARET PROBASCO

Margaret Ethel Probasco, formerly of Shoals, died at 5:10 a.m. Sunday, February 27, 2011 at Indiana University Health Paoli Hospital. A resident of French Lick, she was 94.

She was born on January 29, 1917 in Shoals; the daughter of the late Alfred and Anna (Gammon) Butler. She married Luther Probasco on May 10, 1935 and he preceded her in death in 1988. She retired from Swift Company of Jasper in 1982 and was a member of the Shoals Holiness Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Loretta Jent of Oolitic; Marilyn Mills of French Lick; and Wanda Probasco of Dubois; three sons, Arthur, David, and Dennis Probasco, all of Shoals; 14 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Violet Way; step-grandson, Roger Maryfield; four sisters, and six brothers.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, March 3 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home. Burial was to follow in Butler Cemetery in Martin County. Bro. Wayne Pendley officiated the service.

Condolences may be made to the family at



CLAUDETTE FRANKLIN



MARGARET PROBASCO



Warm Atmosphere! Home Cooked Meals

Leave the details to us this winter!

Enjoy home cooked meals and daily housekeeping, a PRIVATE and SAFE facility with caring & warm staff available 24hrs/day. Activities and group outings are also available.

Parkview Village
Christian Care, Inc.
"Living with Purpose"

812-636-3000
www.parkview-village.org

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, February 22

11:58 a.m. - A female came on station to file a harassment complaint.

1:30 p.m. - A male caller advised that he had lost his wallet and then found it. He reported the only item missing from the wallet was his driver's license.

3:29 p.m. - Received a report of possible identity theft.

3:54 p.m. - Received a call to follow up on a robbery case.

4:14 p.m. - Received a report of violation of a protective order.

5:03 p.m. - Received a call about an erratic driving in Sunset Trailer Court.

5:09 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on U.S. 231, northbound from the Alfordville turnoff.

5:48 p.m. - Received a call about an unknown vehicle parked at a residence for approximately a month.

5:58 p.m. - Received a call about mail tampering.

Wednesday, February 23

5:50 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident near Westgate in the Crane area.

9:55 a.m. - Received report of domestic dispute in Loogootee.

1:15 p.m. - Received a call about a vehicle putting ruts in his yard.

2:14 p.m. - A female came on station in reference to a dog complaint.

6:26 p.m. - Received a report for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Cale Road. The subject was transported to Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky by Air Evac.

Thursday, February 24

6:48 a.m. - Received a report of a possible theft of medication.

9:31 a.m. - Received a report of a violation of a protective order.

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of telephone harassment.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of semis over the load limit traveling on Reinhart Road.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a semi stuck in a field near Hindostan Falls.

8:53 p.m. - Received a report of a truck pulling a flat bed trailer with trash dumpsters on it that were not secured well.

9:38 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 50, about two miles south of Loogootee.

11:11 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on U.S. 231, just north of Woodschool Road in the northbound lane.

11:13 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on U.S. 50 just east of Loogootee.

11:28 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on U.S. 50, east of the Martin State Forest.

Friday, February 25

2:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of illegal entry into a residence in Loogootee.

10:51 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on the roadway on Mill Road near the county line.

3:09 p.m. - A female caller reported a male subject running from her residence when she returned home.

4:07 p.m. - Received a call about a vehicle blocking a driveway.

5:18 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Crane Village.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver in Loogootee.

5:44 p.m. - Received a report of slashed tires on Mill Road.

5:46 p.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping.

9:08 p.m. - Received a report of loud music in Loogootee.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee.

10:12 p.m. - Received a report of property damage on Red School Road.

Saturday, February 26

12:05 a.m. - Received a report of threatening phone calls.

2:20 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee.

2:30 a.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver in Lawrence County. Lawrence County was contacted.

7:52 a.m. - Received a report of theft of copper.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Red School Road.

9:22 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Williams Road.

9:49 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Clark Cemetery Road.

11:23 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Beard Road.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Clark Cemetery Road.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Brooks Bridge Road.

12:18 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Beard Road.

12:26 p.m. - Received a report of a theft

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Brooks Bridge Road.

1:04 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Windom Road.

1:19 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Brooks Bridge Road.

1:28 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Butler Bridge Road.

1:58 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Brooks Bridge Road.

1:58 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Williams Road.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check.

3:27 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Windom Road.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of harassment.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on Beard Road.

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of horses out on S.R. 450, near Trinity Springs.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of erratic driving on U.S. 231, from Whitfield.

Sunday, February 27

8:36 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle from Golden Park Road.

12:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a 14 year old that failed to return home.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of furniture that is on the roadway on S.R. 450, near Trinity Springs.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle on U.S. 231, northbound from Whitfield, not using child restraints.

7:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Mt. Calvary Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:19 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231, near the substation.

Monday, February 28

12:19 a.m. - Received a report of a tree limb on U.S. 50, near the Overlook.

3:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

4:00 a.m. - Received a report of a juvenile that has failed to return home.

5:54 a.m. - A female caller advised her husband had ran over a tree in the roadway near Peggy Hollow Road.

6:52 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, northbound from Loogootee.

8:03 a.m. - Received a report of a large boulder in the roadway at Max Warren's Curve.

9:30 a.m. - Received a request for a boat inspection on Opossum Hollow Road.

10:35 a.m. - A female caller from Shoals advised that a subject had come to her house and knocked down blinds and signs on her property.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50 at Capital Avenue in Shoals.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Rutherford Road.

2:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, just east of the Martin State Forest.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of stolen checks.

3:12 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Dover Hill Road.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Shoals.

4:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:32 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

4:57 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver westbound on U.S. 50, just entering Shoals.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of telephone harassment.

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50 in Shoals.

Unknown time - A report was received of a tree down on Gun Shop Road.

11:16 p.m. - Received a report of domestic battery in Shoals.

11:18 p.m. - Received a report of turkey barns on fire behind the Martin State Forest.

Tuesday, March 1

12:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:00 a.m. - A female caller advised she is missing a pit bull. She advised it was last seen in Shoals near High Street.

Unknown time - A request was received from Loogootee Police Department to attempt to locate a female subject that has been missing since February 25, 2011.

Printing Express

**BLACK AND WHITE
COPIES & PRINTING**

**COLOR COPIES
& PRINTING**

LAMINATIONS

FAX SERVICE

**BINDING AND
FINISHING SERVICES**

AND MORE!!!!

**CALL US FOR INFORMATION
ON CUSTOM WORK AND
SPECIAL PROJECTS**

295-4488

**110 W. Main Street
Loogootee, IN 47553**

Martin County jail bookings

Tuesday, February 22

12:02 p.m. - Nathan Baker, 28, of Shoals, was arrested on a Lawrence County warrant for failure to appear.

8:55 p.m. - Abraham Lopez, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with operator never licensed and was transported to Martin County Security Center.

10:45 p.m. - Jeremy Helton, 29, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with driving while suspended with a prior.

Friday, February 25

10:34 a.m. - Stanley L. Salmon, 61, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with residential entry and intimidation and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Capt. Akles was the arresting officer.

4:27 p.m. - Trevor J. Kneip, 18, of Loogootee was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with burglary, residential entry, and theft and was transported to the Martin County Security Center. Sgt. Hennette was the arresting officer.

gootee was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with burglary, residential entry, and theft and was transported to the Martin County Security Center. Sgt. Hennette was the arresting officer.

Saturday, February 26

3:00 a.m. - Robert E. Roach, 25, of French Lick, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

11:30 p.m. - Mark Rose, 25, of French Lick, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Sunday, February 27

1:15 a.m. - Danny McKibben, 56, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

12:30 p.m. - Trista Strange, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

Pipe bomb scare leads to over 7 grams of meth

Shortly after midnight, Indiana State Police Trooper Doug Francis stopped the driver of a 1986 Chevrolet pickup truck for a license plate violation. The traffic stop occurred behind Puff and Stuff convenient store near the Vincennes University Campus. As Trooper Francis approached the passenger side of the truck he observed a cylinder attached to the frame with large magnets and wrapped in electrical tape. When he walked over to the driver's side he observed a similar object near the rear tire. "Both items appeared to be pipe bombs," said Trooper Francis. Residents within a block were evacuated. When troopers from the Indiana State Police Bomb Squad opened the cylinders they discovered they were not pipe bombs, but one of the cylinders contained approximately 7.2 grams of methamphetamine. The driver, Robert Getchell, 33, of Vincennes, was arrested and



ROBERT GETCHELL

taken to the Knox County Jail where he is currently being held on bond. Residents were allowed to return to their homes at approximately 4 a.m.

Robert Getchell, 33, 707 North 12th Street, Vincennes was arrested and charged with possession of meth over 3 grams



within 1,000 feet of a school, Class A Felony; possession of a hoax device or replica, Class D Felony; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, Class A Misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, Class A Misdemeanor.

Assisting Trooper Francis were Sgt. Jason Allen, Sgt. Brian Bailey, Trooper David Jacobs, Trooper Cory Mauck, and Trooper Andy Squire

Assisting Agencies were Vincennes Police, Knox County Sheriff's Dept., Vincennes University Police and Vincennes Fire Department.

Loogootee Police log

Monday, February 21

1:41 a.m. - Female caller reported a male at Country Place Apartments who was not supposed to be on the property. Sgt. Norris was responding officer.

10:06 a.m. - Justin Carrico, of Loogootee, reported change was stolen from his vehicle.

2:28 p.m. - First responders requested at the Larkin Apartments for a possible overdose. Patient refused medical care.

5:33 p.m. - A female juvenile reported an iPod stolen from her vehicle while parked at school. Sgt. Norris filed a case report.

Tuesday, February 22

3:30 p.m. - Female called to report a possible identity theft.

5:04 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a reckless driver near Sunset Trailer Court.

5:11 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a speeding vehicle northbound on US 231. Officer Nolan located and stopped the vehicle.

Wednesday, February 23

9:58 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a disturbance on Grant Street. Chief Rayhill and Deputy Fischer responded. The male was later transported to Good Samaritan for an evaluation.

Thursday, February 24

8:33 a.m. - An employee at Republic Trash Service called and advised of a parking complaint on South Oak Street.

5:22 p.m. - Rosalie Hill, of Loogootee, reported damage to her vehicle.

5:48 p.m. - Bryan Greene, of Loogootee, reported a theft from his vehicle. Greene reported an iPod missing. Captain Akles filed a case report.

8:47 p.m. - DCSD reported a truck hauling an unsecured load. The vehicle was later stopped by Martin County.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported tree limb down on Bloomfield Road.

9:48 p.m. - First responders requested two miles south of Loogootee for a vehicle accident.

8:00 p.m. - Caller requested an officer at the Loogootee High School gym for a problem with a male.

9:00 p.m. - Caller reported underage drinking at the Loogootee High School. Both were cited for minor in consumption.

Friday, February 25

9:07 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported loud music at Country Place Apartments. Sgt. Hennette responded.

9:12 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible reckless driver in the Loogootee area.

Saturday, February 26

12:26 a.m. - Female caller reported a female throwing trash from a vehicle on N. Oak Street.

12:46 a.m. - Caller reported illegal parking near Muffler Menders.

2:20 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to an alarm at the Loogootee High School.

9:45 a.m. - A male on Riley Street reported his wife missing. Officer Todd responded.

5:00 p.m. - Female caller reported an older male was harassing her two sons. Officer Todd responded.

8:27 p.m. - Female reported that her two daughters were standing by the door at IGA and a male in his late 50s, operating a small black or blue pick up, had offered them candy and ride home. Sgt. Norris responded and the male had already left.

8:38 p.m. - ISP reported a suspended driver in the Loogootee area.

11:31 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported an operator of a red Dodge driving recklessly northbound on US 231.

11:46 p.m. - Male caller reported an operator of a white car crossing the yellow line on US 231. Sgt. Norris located the vehicle and driver checked out ok.

Sunday, February 27

12:23 p.m. - Capt. Akles assisted ISP unit on a warrant arrest.

8:09 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance at Country Place Apartments. Sgt. Norris responded.

8:23 p.m. - First responders requested on US 231 for a vehicle accident.

The Loogootee Police Department and the Warren family are requesting help from the public in locating Wanda M. Warren, 56, who was last seen early on February 25th at her home in Loogootee. Wanda is a white female, 5'4", approximately 175 lbs, with short brown hair and brown eyes.

Wanda drove away from her residence and may still be operating a purple 1996 Chevy Cavalier with Indiana license plate XC 9450. Wanda is believed to be very depressed and takes medication. Any help from the public in locating Wanda Mae Warren would be greatly appreciated. The Loogootee Police Department can be contacted at 812-295-2246

Accident reports

Wednesday, February 23

3:35 p.m. - Bradley Dillard, 39, of Paoli, stated he was eastbound on U.S. 150, west of Morgan Curve Road, when he rounded a curve and his front right tire left the roadway. The soft shoulder pulled the semi tractor and trailer down into a field. The trailer, loaded with coal, then rolled onto its side. Dillard was not injured in the crash but his 2003 International had minimal damage to the rear of the semi tractor. It was driven from the scene. Dillard's 2000 ACH trailer was totaled in the crash. U.S. 150, between Shoals and Prospect, was closed for approximately two hours while authorities cleaned up the crash. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.

Saturday, February 26

4:25 p.m. - Christopher L. Long, of Loogootee, was operating a 1996 Dodge and stopped at a stop sign on John C. Strange Street when Samantha H. Boyd, who was operating a 2004 Pontiac, failed to stop in time and struck rear of Long's vehicle. No injuries were reported. Officer Todd was the investigating officer.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New charges filed

February 22

Bridget L. Staggs, escape, a Class D Felony.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

February 18

Amber E. Walters, 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 credit for time served. Courts suspended 365 days. Defendant received 12 months probation.

February 22

Phillip Russell Fellers, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspended 178 days. Defendant received six months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 15

Joshua A. Benton, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 18

Midland Funding vs. Mike Chambers, civil collection.

Midland Funding vs. Jerry Sanders, civil collection.

February 22

Joshua Rush vs. Rebecca Rush, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suit Filed

February 17

Michael Harding vs. David S. Lents, complaint.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

February 16 - February 22

Rayna Crisp, Loogootee, disregarding automatic signal, \$124.

William Davis, New Albany, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Carl Porter, Loogootee, no valid IFTA, \$119.

Real estate transfers

Laura Tarr, Carolyn S. Morgan, Terrence J. Foster, Robert P. Foster, George T. Foster, Thelma Kiser by David S. Foster, as power of attorney, and David S. Foster, of Jackson County, Indiana to Dwight D. Bauernfiend and Deanna L. Bauernfiend, of Martin County, Indiana, the west one-half of Lots 91 and 92 in the Town of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.

Gary L. Norris, of Martin County, Indiana to Jerald R. Harner, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Randell Yoder and Jeffrey W. Yoder, of Martin County, Indiana to Philip Stoll and Lisa Stoll, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 9 in Oliver and Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Virginia Larkin, of Bernalillo County; Andrew Larkin, of Orange County, California; Richard Larkin, of Cook County, Illinois; and Leslie Hazinski, of Lake County, Illinois; as co-trustees of the Gerald D. Larkin Trust Agreement to Billy J. Walker, of Martin County, Indiana, part of share number one in the Gootee Partition, situated in the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West in Martin Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 0.625 acres, more or less.

Martin County Sheriff's Department begins impaired driving crackdown

Beginning Friday, March 4, the Martin County Sheriff's Department's officers will join more than 250 state and local law enforcement agencies across the Hoosier state in the

"Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." March crackdown on impaired and dangerous driving.

Through March 20, officers will work overtime to conduct high-visibility enforcement activities designed specifically to identify impaired drivers. Motorists will also see an increased number of patrols looking for aggressive drivers and unrestrained motorists during the 17-day mobilization.

"Impaired driving is a crime - one too deadly to ignore," said Corporal Keith Keller. "That's why we don't give warnings, or accept excuses - if you're over the limit, in Martin County, you will be arrested."

In March 2009, there were 41 fatalities on Indiana roadways. Of these, 24 percent involved a driver who was legally intoxicated. According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), alcoholic beverages continue to be assigned as the primary factor in more than one-third of alcohol related collisions in the state of Indiana.

Operation Pull Over Blitz 66 is a statewide enforcement effort supported by federal funding allocated to the Martin County Sheriff's Department from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

Indiana's crackdown on impaired driving will be reinforced by a paid statewide media campaign as well as public outreach efforts geared towards the prevention of impaired driving.

To learn more, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

TOY'S AUTO PARTS, INC.

LOGOOTE, IN	JASPER, IN	SHOALS, IN	BRAZIL, IN
(812) 295-2312	(812) 634-2222	(812) 247-3321	(812) 446-2354

MARTINSVILLE, IN	SULLIVAN, IN	JASONVILLE, IN	
(765) 342-6623	(812) 268-5252	(812) 665-3969	

NSA Crane remains strong point for Indiana's economy

Naval Support Activity Crane (NSA Crane) leadership met with members of the Indiana State Legislature for a briefing, hosted by State Senator Lindel Hume February 10, 2011.

NSA Crane represents a \$2.06 billion business base for the state with a \$232 million annual payroll, and approximately \$100 million in contracted services with Indiana companies.

Primary purpose of the briefing was to assert the Installation's continued commitment to work closely with state leaders to strengthen Indiana's established defense industry and remain an asset to the state and to the nation.

Nearly 6,000 military, Department of Defense (DoD) civilian and contractor personnel work at NSA Crane. Eighteen activities call NSA Crane home including its largest tenant, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane).

NSA Commander Paul B. Spohn, NSWC Crane Commanding Officer Charles S. LaSota and NSWC Crane Technical Director Duane Embree led presentations on how science and research are realized and translated into real world applications right here in southern Indiana by the engineers, scientists, and technicians at the Installation.

NSWC Crane has supported our nation's Warfighters for the last seven decades, yet the Warfare Center continues to evolve its capabilities to meet the next generation's needs both locally and globally.

"Crane plays an important role in the defense of our nation by making our Warfighters the best in the world. Crane

also plays an important role in our state as a strong employer and community partner," said Sen. Hume. "It is essential for Crane to continue to develop its high-level technology for the advancement of both our military and commercial development."

As a recognized federal research laboratory, the Warfare Center's breakthroughs in fields such as renewable energy, electronic warfare, and missile defense are changing the face of our military's capabilities. Concurrently, its technology transfer program brings commercialization of military inventions to local and regional businesses and shares innovations and resources with a multitude of universities and colleges.

Contributing more than \$2 million to Indiana's economy everyday, NSWC Crane also is a powerful economic force and one of the state's largest employers.

With the opening of the WestGate@Crane Technology Park in 2007, the Installation further strengthened its economic potential as well as its relationship with industry and university faculty.

"With a cost of living that is 23 percent lower than the national average, the area around Crane is a good place to live and a great place to do business," said Embree. "We've watched WestGate Tech Park grow rapidly and attract the attention of major defense contractors-and the Park continues to expand."

Located 90 miles southeast of Indianapolis, NSA Crane is the third largest Naval Installation in the world.

Commissioners discuss highway issues

Minutes provided by Auditor Nancy Steiner

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, February 22. Commissioner John Winingar was ill and not in attendance.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams presented his two-week work schedule. He will let the commissioners know when the roads are ready to remove the 10-ton weight limit.

Jack Christenberry, a local logger, spoke on his concern of Mill Road and how he was trying not to tear it up. He will abide with the load limit.

It was determined it would cost approximately \$25,000 per mile to chip and seal a road. This portion discussed is about a quarter of a mile. Mr. Christenberry will check with the highway superintendent before hauling.

Two bids were received for the purchase of a bi-directional New Holland tractor and 24-foot boom mower. A total amount of \$172,590 from Blesch Brothers Equipment from Odon and one for \$177,490 from New Albany Tractor will be taken under advisement.

Robin Haulk asked the commissioners and highway superintendent Williams to reconsider putting in a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Poplar Grove and Davis School Road.

A discussion ensued on the amount of time and cost to cut the road down to eliminate the blind spot this summer. It was decided to up the stop sign up until the road could be made safe.

Patricia and Micah Hawkins came before the board and superintendent asking to put gates up on their property by Hawkins Cemetery to prevent vandalism and theft.

The conclusion was the road spoken about was on their property and they could put up the gate if so desired.

Sheriff Rob Street gave the commissioners estimates on the outside lighting and the updating of the camera system. Two re-

placement kits have been purchased for the toilets. A motion by Commissioner Dan Gregory to proceed with the lighting repair/replacement for the outside of the security center with M & M Electric for approximately \$2,000 was seconded by President Paul George. Sheriff Street also told of two vehicles that are no longer in useable condition. One is a 2000 Chevy Impala and the sheriff will advertise for bids for it.

The second is an older Dodge van which will be transferred to the Martin County Humane Society. County Attorney Lett will draw up a resolution on this. Sheriff Street will check with other counties on the performance of SRI, Inc. doing sheriff's sales and get back to the board before signing an ordinance hiring them.

Don Greene and Theresa Abney of the Martin County Humane Society updated the commissioners on their progress with their advisory board and ordinance.

Amanda and Benny Woodruff of Martin County Ambulance brought their monthly and a five-year annual report. There were 73 runs in January.

It was decided to get bids for the ambulance service since it has been approximately six years since the last bidding. County Attorney Lett will get the specifications and bids ready.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George to appoint Janet Baugh to the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

It was reported that the sprinklers in the downstairs court area have been installed. There was a small leak over the weekend but it has been repaired.

Extension Educator Jonathan Stevens reported Ag Day will be March 26 and 4-H enrollment is still open.

President George read a thank you note from SOAR! for the county's contribution.

Commissioner Gregory ended the meeting with the thought that we've had good weather this winter compared to the north and south of us.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



House Dems are letting Hoosier taxpayers down

This week was an eventful, yet unproductive, week at the Statehouse. The House Democrats fled the Statehouse shortly after session started on Monday and have not returned since. Their absence means that we do not have the required 67 members present to have a quorum to do business on the House floor. After giving our Democrat colleagues many opportunities to come back and do business on Tuesday, they finally issued a list of demands that must be performed before they will return.

Their first concern was over the "right to work" bill that was approved in committee on Monday and was to be heard in the House chambers starting on Tuesday. They demanded that the bill be dropped immediately without any further discussion. Tuesday night was the deadline to approve committee reports that included the right to work bill on the House floor. Since we did not have a quorum to approve the committee reports, the right to work bill and 22 other bills died Tuesday night.

One of the 23 bills that died on Tuesday night could have given a 13th paycheck to retired public employees and teachers in the state to make up for changes in the cost of living throughout the year.

Ironically, another bill that the democrats had on their list of demands was the state budget. During their so-called caucus at the hotel in Urbana, Illinois, they have so far proposed over 140 amendments to the budget, House Bill 1001. All of these amendments are spending increases to the tune of over \$450 million. If we were to approve all of these amendments to the budget and increase spending by that much, it would mean automatic tax increases for all Hoosiers and bankrupt the state. The current proposed budget has the state staying out of debt. In fact, the proposed budget without these amendments would have the state structurally balanced fiscally, meaning that we will no longer be spending more than the state takes in and we will live within our means.

In total, there were 11 bills listed in the Democrats' demands that they wanted dropped immediately. Two of them died Tuesday at midnight; two of them were never even heard in committees and had no chance of making it through the House to begin with. Two of them have already passed through the House, and Governor

Daniels has said that the other five will be heard no matter how long it takes. In fact, one of two bills that have already passed the House was signed on Thursday by the Governor and is now law.

Thursday night was the original deadline to amend bills on second reading on the House floor. Second reading is simply the time that the entire House is able to propose amendments to a bill and vote on those amendments. There are 25 bills that are on the second reading list including the state budget, and they all would have died on Thursday night. Rather than let them die, the rules were amended by the rules committee to extend the deadline to next week. Had the deadline not been extended and those bills died, this would have been the first time since 1887 that the House was unable to perform their constitutional requirement of passing a state budget. We could not let that happen.

This is a very unfortunate delay. The House Democrats have essentially brought the state to a crashing halt by shutting down the legislature and issued a list of demands that must be met. Both Speaker of the House Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) and Governor Daniels have said that we will not negotiate on these issues in this way. This is not how our legislature and the democratic system work. We were elected to represent our constituents by proposing ideas, discussing those ideas, compromising where we can, and eventually voting on the issues. We do not flee the state and order that bills be dropped without any further discussion. What started out as a power play by the democrats to make a stance on a single bill has now turned into a media stunt to gain national media attention and attempt to force us to drop our agenda that we were elected to carry out. We will not make concessions on the Strengthen Indiana Plan.

I am pleased that we were able to extend our deadlines so that the bills remaining on our calendar will be heard, discussed and voted on. I am also pleased at the governor's comments that we will be here as long as needed to do the work that we are constitutionally obligated to do. It is now up to my Democrat colleagues to come back to Indiana and do the business they were elected to do in a civil manner.

As always, I will keep you updated on the progression of events here at the Statehouse. Please continue to send me your comments as we press on.



Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant

3 Miles north of Loogootee on Hwy. 231 • 812-295-3299

READY FOR SOMETHING NEW?

Strip Steak is now available with the buffet for only an additional \$2.49!

Friday and Saturday after 4 p.m.

REGULAR BUFFET HOURS

Breakfast: Mon.-Fri. 8-10:30 a.m. Sat. 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Lunch: Mon.-Sat. 10:45 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dinner: Mon.-Sat. 4 p.m.-8 p.m. • Closed Sunday

Sandwich menu always available; Friday & Saturday dinner menu available after 4 p.m.



Week in Review at the Indiana General Assembly

State senators worked long days and late nights to meet mid-session deadlines and advance Senate bills to the House for further consideration. Legislation that didn't make it out of its house of origin is most likely dead for this session. Out of 1,206 proposals introduced in January by members of both chambers, 603 were Senate bills. This brief summary includes highlights of a few of the 198 bills approved by the Senate as well as other activities at the Statehouse.

Controversial bills restricting organized labor advance

Thousands of laborers, teachers, and students came together at the Statehouse throughout the week to rally against bills that would bring undue hardships upon many working Hoosiers across the state. Undaunted by the opposition expressed in the Statehouse halls, a Republican-controlled House committee advanced a so-called "right to work" proposal. This action, along with the advancement of other anti-labor bills, resulted in House Democrats walking out of the legislative session, a tool sometimes used by the minority party. In doing so, the House Democrats blocked a vote on several bills they feel would have a negative impact on working families including measures that would restrict their ability to organize and limit collective bargaining with employers on a variety of topics.

One such bill, House Bill (HB) 1468, would make it illegal for a group of unionized workers to require each employee who enjoys the benefits of negotiated contract terms to pay organizational dues for negotiating and policing the contract. A new study conducted by the Economic Policy Institute, which investigated wages and benefits in "right to work" states and states without such laws, indicated that wages are lower and workers are less likely to have employer-sponsored health insurance and pensions in states with "right to work" laws. While the bill has been portrayed as a matter of employee choice, the National Labor Relations Act within federal law already affords protection for workers from forced union membership.

A controversial bill that would strip collective bargaining rights and limit due process for teachers was approved by the Republican-led Senate. Among other things, Senate Bill (SB) 575 restricts which subjects can be bargained collectively between teachers and school districts. The bill also provides that collective bargaining begin no later than May 1. Senate Democrats strongly opposed the proposal which was approved in the Senate by a vote of 30-19. It now moves to the House for further review.

Senate Joint Resolution 10 calls for an amendment to the state's constitution prohibiting an option for employees to use majority sign-up rules to form unions instead of the traditional secret ballot method. In January, the National Labor Relations Board advised the Attorneys General of Arizona, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Utah that similar constitutional amendments approved in those states which govern the method by which employees choose union representation conflict with federal labor law, and therefore are pre-empted by the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Opponents pointed out that this anti-worker proposal is being pushed by large corporations to make it harder for workers to organize and bargain for better wages, benefits and working conditions. In addition, many believe that the state's constitution is not a document to place language directing unions on how to conduct internal business. The resolution was approved in the Senate by a vote of 32-16. This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive General Assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters to be added to the state constitution. The resolution now advances to the House for its consideration.

A new salary schedule for teachers based on results of evaluations tied to test scores

would be created under SB 1. The bill also stipulates that teachers would no longer qualify for salary increases based on the completion of additional college degrees or graduate credit hours. In addition, SB 1 includes an exception for charter schools that would require only 50 percent of charter school teachers to be licensed. That number could be further reduced if waivers are sought. All public school teachers are required to be licensed under current state law. SB 1 is now eligible for House review.

Also approved in the Senate was legislation that would allow for 60-day probationary contracts for teachers hired new to a school corporation, regardless of the teacher's experience in other school corporations. SB 294 was amended to require an evaluation of a probationary teacher by the principal after 30 days. Under the bill, after 60 days, the corporation may terminate the teacher or enter into a regular contract. Supporters said this bill would provide principals with another tool to better handle ineffective teachers. Opponents expressed concern that, if terminated, the probationary teacher would not be entitled to the normal due process of a permanent teacher. The House will now consider this bill.

Unemployment insurance fund

Indiana has borrowed more than \$2 billion from the federal government to shore up its bankrupt unemployment insurance fund and pay benefits to the state's unemployed. Legislation that has been fast-tracked through the General Assembly, HB 1450, would repay the loan through a surcharge on businesses and a reduction in overall benefits to the unemployed by about 25 percent annually. Under HB 1450, average weekly benefits for unemployed workers would drop from \$283 to \$212. The U.S. average is \$295 weekly. Opponents emphasized that cutting benefits will hurt families and pull cash from local economies throughout Indiana, as most unemployment benefits are used in local stores for daily necessities such as groceries, fuel and utilities. An alternative plan was proposed to allow for the issuances of long-term bonds to repay the debt instead of the surcharge and benefit reductions, but that plan was rejected in the Senate. The House approved the bill by a vote of 61-38. The final Senate vote was 33-16. The legislation advanced to the governor who has signed it into law.

Clean energy

Comprehensive legislation designed to create incentives for producing clean energy and set the stage for possible nuclear energy development in Indiana has passed the Senate, but not without concerns over the impact on Hoosier ratepayers. SB 251 expands the definition of clean energy to include nuclear energy to attract nuclear generation entities to Indiana with state incentives. Approximately 98 percent of Indiana's electricity is currently provided by coal-fired plants. Opponents expressed strong concerns that the legislation would pass on to ratepayers the costs and risks of building power plants, including highly speculative nuclear and coal gasification facilities, even if those facilities are never completed. The bill was approved by a vote of 32-17 and advances to the House.

On a related matter, the Senate approved SB 260, which will allow the legislative body of a unit of government (other than a township) to establish a clean energy improvement financing program to fund clean energy improvements for voluntary participants in the program. Although the bill prohibits the use of bonds to finance the improvements, it would require financing to come from private equity or federal grants or loans. The bill was approved 42-7 and now goes to the House.

Government reform

One of the government reform measures approved, SB 302, deals with nepotism. The bill would prohibit a relative of an executive, a member of the legislative body, or a member of the fiscal body of a county, city, town, or township from being employed by the local unit. The bill includes a grandfather clause that provides 3.5 years for cur-

rent employees who are related to officeholders to give up their jobs. Several senators representing rural areas of the state expressed strong opposition to the bill stating that this type of reform should be taken on by individual counties. However, the bill was approved by a vote of 30-19 and will now be reviewed by the House.

Several government reform bills died, however. SB 405 would have moved township fiscal powers to county councils in 2013 and eliminated township boards in 2015. SB 303 dealt with county government reorganization. This proposal would have provided that in counties other than Marion County, a single county chief executive officer could be elected to serve as the county executive replacing the board of county commissioners.

Illegal immigration

Legislation which 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 was also approved. Among the numerous provisions of SB 590, there is

an "English only" provision, which would require only the use of English be used in public meetings, public documents, by state or local government employees, and information provided on government web sites. In addition, the estimated cost to the state could be between \$1.4 million to \$5.4 million for criminal and employment dispute investigations and enforcement.

Even though there is strong opposition to this bill from organizations including the State Chamber of Commerce, Eli Lilly, Cummins, and state universities, to name a few, along with all Senate Democrats and five Senate Republicans who voted against the bill, it was approved by a vote of 31-18. This bill now advances to the House.

To stay informed about bills moving through the General Assembly or to track legislation, log on to www.in.gov/legislative. From this site, you can also watch House and Senate committee hearings and session floor debate.

Personal contact with constituents has a direct impact on legislation considered and what ultimately becomes law. Contact Senator Lindel Hume at s48@iga.in.gov.

Daniels signs unemployment insurance bill

Governor Mitch Daniels, last Thursday, signed a bill that will bring Indiana's unemployment insurance trust fund back into structural balance in two years. Additionally, the approximately \$2 billion balance owed on the federal government trust fund advances will be repaid by 2019.

"It was really urgent that we fix our system, and we did fix it in a balanced way," said Daniels. "It is a great piece of work. Senators Hershman and Boots and Representative Leonard deserve special mention. There were so many other people who participated but just to name three, I will thank them."

House Enrolled Act 1450 more closely aligns premiums paid by businesses with benefits paid to unemployed Hoosiers. Indiana's unemployment insurance trust fund has been structurally out of balance for more than a decade as a result of a series of legislative actions in the last decade which expanded unemployment benefits and eli-

gibility requirements while simultaneously reducing the premiums employers paid into the fund to cover these benefits.

Indiana has become one of the most attractive states in the country to do business in the past six years, according to a number of national publications. The bill signed today will repair the flawed design of the unemployment system and enable Indiana to maintain its competitive business climate.

As the House Democrat walkout continued last week, the governor reiterated that important education reforms, the budget and other matters under consideration in the General Assembly, will continue to move forward.

"We are not backing off of this agenda. We intend to do what it takes to see that the rest of this agenda, which a very large majority of Hoosiers voted for just three months ago, is not killed by the willfulness of the minority that lost the election," said Daniels.

Indiana Senate to start session's second half

Indiana senators were expected to start the second half of the 2011 Indiana General Assembly on schedule Monday with a regular session of the full Senate. Lawmakers in the upper chamber will then commence on a growing calendar of key committee hearings for the days and weeks ahead.

Statehouse observers have noted the sharp contrast to the inaction and uncertainty caused by the ongoing walkout by Democratic members of the House of Representatives.

"Last week, senators worked 10-, 12- and 14-hour days to meet and beat legislative deadlines," President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne) said. "During the first half

of session, senators introduced 600 pieces of legislation, heard 213 proposals in committee, debated and passed 198 bills on the Senate floor - approving all but six with bipartisan majorities.

In the end, senators not only completed their work, they accomplished it days ahead of schedule."

Long said senators are now prepared to tackle the state's two-year state budget, redistricting and additional proposals to improve public K-12 education.

"Despite the House distractions and disappointments on the other side of the Rotunda, the people's work will continue in the Senate," Long said.

Dover Hill Christian Union Church
presents

OPEN HEART QUARTET
Sunday, March 13 at 7 p.m.



Members of Open Heart Quartet:
Wayne Maynard, Kenyon Maynard,
Monty Craig, Chris Begarly & Rick Mowery

Open Heart Quartet is a group of Christian men who love the Lord with all their heart and it comes through in the music that they sing. Each song ministers in its own special way with harmonies that are so anointed and powerful. To God be glory!

The church is located at
15581 N. St. Rd. 450
in Dover Hill

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this special event!



Calendar of Events

Democrats to meet

The Martin County Democrats will meet, Thursday, March 3 at 6 p.m. at Sandy's Diner, on Main Street in Shoals. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Indiana Hunter Education Course

The spring Indiana Hunter Education Course will be offered on March 3 and 4 from 6-9:30 p.m. and March 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds. Every person born after December 31, 1986 is required to take this course before they can obtain an Indiana Hunting License. Additionally, any youth that are interested in taking 4-H Shooting Sports should take this class. There is no cost for participating in the course. It is sponsored by Martin County 4-H Shooting Sports and Martin County 4-H Council. Parents of younger participants should stay during the course. To register, call Purdue Extension - Martin County at 295-2412.

Zumbathon

A Zumbathon will be held Saturday, March 5 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. All proceeds from the event will go toward the Martin County Humane Society Shelter Fund. The public is invited to attend.

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.

Tourism Committee

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee will meet Wednesday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the learning center at the fairgrounds. The public is invited to attend.

Open meeting for public discussion

There will be an open discussion for all concerned parents and/or residents who would like to discuss the future/current direction of the Loogootee School Corporation. The meeting will be held Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds. Anyone interested in participating in this discussion is encouraged to attend. For more information email Courtney at jc3850@avenuebb.com.

Shoals School Board

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the high school.

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.

Humane Society PETS OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has seven lab mix puppies up for adoption. They are around eight weeks old, are very cute, and would make a great pet for your family. If interested in one of these pups call Don at 812-296-0952.

Mammogram screening van visits Urgent Care

St. Mary's Breast Center was at Urgent Care of Martin County on Thursday, February 24 to perform mobile digital screening mammograms. Mobile digital mammography is designed to provide a very convenient means for today's busy women to complete this routine test. St. Mary's mammography unit offers state-of-the-art digital technology. Aided by computer magnification, digital mammography provides clear, crisp pictures of the breast which can be visualized by the radiologist. The result is early detection. Digital imaging also re-

duces the amount of radiation exposure for patients by 60 percent.

St. Mary's Mobile Mammography unit will return to Urgent Care of Martin County on April 7. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call St. Mary's Breast Center at 812-485-4437. To qualify, it must be one year and one day since your last mammogram. If you have insurance, your insurance will be billed. If you are without insurance or with financial need, you may qualify for receiving the mammogram at no fee.

Classified ADS

HELP WANTED

The Loogootee Fire Department is looking for a few good men!



APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Applicants must be 21 years of age and have a valid driver's license.

Applications are available at the Loogootee Police Department.

Want to place an ad here?

Email courtney@martincountyjournal.com!

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Nice, clean 2-bedroom mobile home in Whitfield. 295-4384.

FOR SALE

PHILIPS PORTABLE DVD player for sale. Like new. \$50. 296-0510.

WOOD FOR SALE \$35 a load - you haul Tom Downs 812-787-1442

EXCELLENT CONDITION Graco Pack 'n Play with matching sheet, removable newborn napper and on-board changing table. Nearly new. \$60 295-5217.

MOTORCYCLE 1986 Honda V65 Magna VF1100C Price \$2,500 Call (812) 295-4934

PORCH SWING, card table and chairs, 13" color TV. Call 295-3436

LADIES SIZE 9.5 Nike golf shoes, worn once \$15 295-5217.

WANTED TO BUY

WANTED: Serious buyer looking for 1 acre +/- to build home on. In/near Loogootee. Buyer can pay cash if necessary. Please call 709-0048.

Kyle Dodd Relationship Banker
 812.492.8244 homebuildingsavingsbank.com



New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL
Pastor's wife

Successful Living 1 Thessalonians 5:14-25
Each week I sit here with Ernie's notes in front of me and with my very poor memory and attempt to pass along the message we hear Sunday morning at church. In today's world our minds get cluttered with many things. My attempt is to pass it along as correctly as possible. I try to keep all that country girl slang out of it and spell all my words right. LOL. Mostly, I try to convey the message in a way that will help someone who reads it who may not be able to get out to go to church.
Last week we learned that the day of the Lord is going to be horrible time for those who don't know the Lord, those who remain behind after the rapture. We are children of the day not the night. Paul tells us how we do that. How to be awake and sober so that we will be ready when Christ comes to take us with Him. He gives us some practical instructions to be successful in our Christian walk
We need to grow in our relationships with others. Paul mentions five categories of people in the church that we need to help. Once you realize people are different, you then can work on your relationship with them. John MacArthur, a well known Christian author and preacher, categorizes and explains them as follows.
Group 1, the wayward... They are the people

who never step in, serve, are sometimes rebellious; seem to be going backward instead of forward, they are at odds with everything.
Group 2, the worried... This group worries about everything. What if! We have never done it like that before; always bucking change, seem to be depressed, discouraged and defeated. The more routine things are the better.
Group 3, the weak... These are the spiritually weak Christians. Because of their weak faith, they are susceptible to sin and fall into the same sins over and over.
Group 4, the wearisome... The frustrating. The foot-draggers. The exasperating. This is the group you work so hard with and get only minimum return effort.
Group 5, the wicked... They are the evil, the gossipers, the slanderers, they steal, lie, defile, they commit sins against other Christians, right in the church.
As we grow in Christ we will deal with these five groups of people. How we handle them will be a witness of our faith in Christ. Each group has special needs, strength, boldness, confidence, discipline, it is up to us to understand and help.
Patience, forgiveness and acts of goodness must prevail among all the people.
We need to grow in our spiritual virtues. By now, we should be maturing and growing in the foundation of Jesus Christ. Rejoice always; no matter the circumstances of life our unchanging relationship to our Lord Jesus Christ will bring

great joy all the time. Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice!" It is right to have joy through everything because you know who you are in Christ. Joy comes from the Holy Spirit not our circumstances.
Pray continually, pray persistently and regularly, pray when things are going well, pray when there is a need, pray when there is not a need, pray when you are seeking God's will, direction, decisions, wisdom. Prayer is being dependant on God for everything.
Give thanks in all circumstances. How do we give thanks for money problems, marriage problems, children problems, work issues? We give thanks knowing God is still in control even if we don't understand it. God's will is to produce a spirit of Joy, dependence and thankfulness within.
As we grow in relationships with others, grow in our spiritual virtues we are growing in our worship. Do not quench the spirit. Do not do anything to put out the fire you have for the Lord. Sin will quench the spirit and put out the fire. If you want to be on fire for the Lord get rid of all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, and malice. Do not despise prophecies, the spoken or written word of God. What is spoken must line up with what is written. Test everything. Too many times things are taken out of the context they were written in and made a big deal. Pursue what is good.
We have to be careful and think about what we do. The old saying that you shouldn't care

what other people think is not true. We are to not put ourselves in a position of looking like we are doing evil. For example, walking out of a bar.
Paul ends these instructions of how we are to stay alert and ready for His return with a pray and a promise. He shows us the awesome grace of God. He tells of a God of peace. The preceding instructions speak of what we must do. This is what God has done and will do on our behalf. God is sanctifying us, working through us to complete us. Philippians 1:6, "And I am sure of this that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." God is the one who called you, He is the one who will help you, the Holy Spirit will keep you going. We need the power of the Holy Spirit; we need the fire of the Holy Spirit to convince and to correct us.
Look for our flyers around town for "The U.S. Ministry", new underwear and socks for Martin County's school-age children in need. We are asking for donations of unopened packages of socks and underwear to build our inventory for a distribution date to be set.
Our Sunday morning service starts at 10 a.m., with praise and worship to our Mighty King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ. After service this Sunday we have our monthly pitch-in dinner, soup and sandwich theme. Feel free to join us. If you have any questions about the church or the US Ministry, call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258 or Shirley at 709-2525.

At your Service

Local professionals here to serve you!

ARCHERY

Hughett
ARCHERY
812-259-2429
Church Street, Loogootee
Hours vary, call for more information

AUTO REPAIR

MUFFLER MENDERS
Full-Service Auto Repair
204 E. Broadway, Loogootee
Shop: 812-295-3209
Toll Free: 888-302-3209
Fax: 812-295-3209

AUTO REPAIR

Loogootee COLLISION CENTER
295-4041
loogcollision@verizon.net
FULL SERVICE COLLISION REPAIR
NEXT DAY GLASS SERVICE
12851 E 150 N, Loogootee, IN 47553
(Next to Loughmiller Machine)

AUTO REPAIR

Greene's BODY SHOP
•Complete Collision Repair
•Glass Replacement
•Window Tinting
Adam Greene
106 Wood St. shop 812-205-9840
Loogootee IN 47553 cell 812-709-0759

BOOKKEEPING/TAX

FLYNN'S
Bookkeeping & Tax Service
Donna Flynn, Owner
106 Wood Street, Loogootee
812-295-2266
flynntaxservice@hotmail.com

BUILDING SUPPLIES

BUILDER'S BEST
LUMBER & HARDWARE
COMPLETE BUILDING SUPPLIES
Electrical, Lumber, Hardware, Plumbing,
Roofing, Insulation, Tools, Paint,
Heating Supplies and Service
710 Industrial Ave.
Loogootee • 295-2400

CATERING

Kathy's Cakes & Catering
All occasions & events
Loogootee, Indiana
Kathy Wallace
812-295-2659 812-486-8341

DOG TREATS

HOLLIES EATS & TREATS
Homemade dog treats
Ten different flavors.
Three different sizes.
812-854-7656
Theresa Abney
Email: hollies1@live.com

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

CONSTRUCTION • INDUSTRIAL
HOMEOWNER • EQUIPMENT RENTAL
GENERAL
Rental Center, Inc.
6 Sullivan Drive • Washington, IN 47501
www.generalrentalinc.com
812-254-2707 • Fax: 812-254-2873

HAIR STYLIST

812-709-1133
Jenny's Place
221 Nobles Ct
Loogootee, IN 47553
Text or Call for appointment
Open late- Closed Sundays

HARDWARE

GREENWELL HARDWARE
102 Church Street
Loogootee, IN 47553
Phone: 812-295-3597
Fax: 812-295-9067
Randy Wagler & Fred Wagler

HEATING/COOLING

American Standard
M&M ELECTRIC
HEATING • COOLING • PLUMBING
•Geo-Thermal•
LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED
MARK & MARY FIELDS
107 West Main St. Office (812) 295-4699
Loogootee, IN 47553 Fax (812) 295-2487

INK AND TONER

think smart...
...ink smarter...
CARTRIDGE DEPOT
812-295-3270
219 1/2 N JFK Avenue, Loogootee
REMANUFACTURED INKJET AND TONER CARTRIDGES
FOR HOME AND BUSINESS
Free Shipping/Delivery to businesses • 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed!
www.thecartridgedepot.com • loogootee@thecartridgedepot.com

Available Space!
Put your business here for
only \$20 per month!
Email
courtney@martincoun-
tyjournal.com to find out
how!

LAW OFFICE

R Joseph Howell
Attorney-at-Law
Howell Law Office, PC
812.295.5080 (O) 812.709.1833 (C)
howelllawoffice@gmail.com
Now Accepting
New Clients

MOTOR REPAIR

LOOGOOTE ELECTRIC MOTOR
104 Mill Street
Loogootee, IN 47553
Phone: 812-295-2959
Fax: 812-295-9067
Anything big or small give Jerry or Merv a call!
Specializing in Repairing
Electric Motors, Generators, and Welders

TRASH PICK-UP

KRB Disposal
Pickup household trash weekly
Serving most areas of Martin County
812-247-3115 or
812-247-3604

Available Space!
Put your business here for
only \$20 per month!
Email
courtney@martincoun-
tyjournal.com to find out
how!

TREE SERVICE

JONES TREE SERVICE
• Tree Trimming
• Take Downs
• Stump Removal
Free Estimates
Fully Insured
TERRY JONES
812-259-5864

Available Space!
Put your business here for
only \$20 per month!
Email
courtney@martincoun-
tyjournal.com to find out
how!

Rox lose heartbreaker to Rivet; Bateman ties school record

The Shoals Varsity Boys' Basketball team suffered a heartbreaking first-round sectional loss Tuesday night against the Vincennes Rivet Patriots, 47-44. The Rox ended their season with a record of 10-11.

Shoals Senior Garrett Bateman played the last game of his high school career and despite the loss he had a reason to be happy. Bateman tied the school's all-time scoring record held by Ronnie Albright in 1970. 40 years later, Bateman also scored 1,535 points putting him in the history books at Shoals High School.

Bateman started off slow in the first half

of play Tuesday night but his teammates offered up enough points for the Rox to stay in the lead. Mike Shartzter and Derek Turpin kept Shoals in the game with quick drives to the basket. Shartzter finished with four in the first half and Turpin had six. Bateman landed a three at the half-time buzzer which brought his scoring total to seven for the half.

In the second half, Shoals continued to drive to the bucket and the lead changed hands numerous times. Vin-

cennes Rivet dropped several threes but Shoals was able to regain the lead time and time again due to the Patriot's inability to hit their free throws. They finished 0-7 from the line. Bateman scored six of his 13 points in the second half from the line as he continued to dribble through the defense straight to the basket. He finally was able to tie the scoring record with less than a minute to go in the game.

Rivet continued to fire three-point shots with success, one putting them over the top with only 2.5 seconds left in the game. Despite the effort, Shoals was unable to utilize those few seconds to close the gap and Rivet moved on with a record of 15-7.

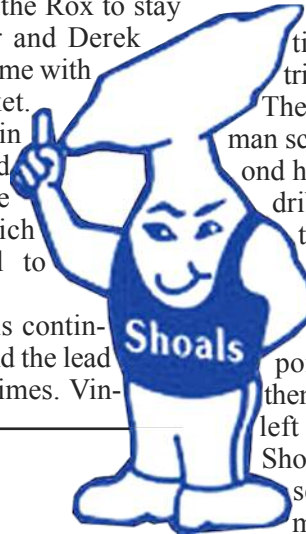
Bateman finished with a game-high 20 points followed by Shartzter with six, Turpin with 10, Tyler Price with three, and Seth McCrary with five.

Shoals shot 56 percent overall in the game, Rivet shot 48 percent.

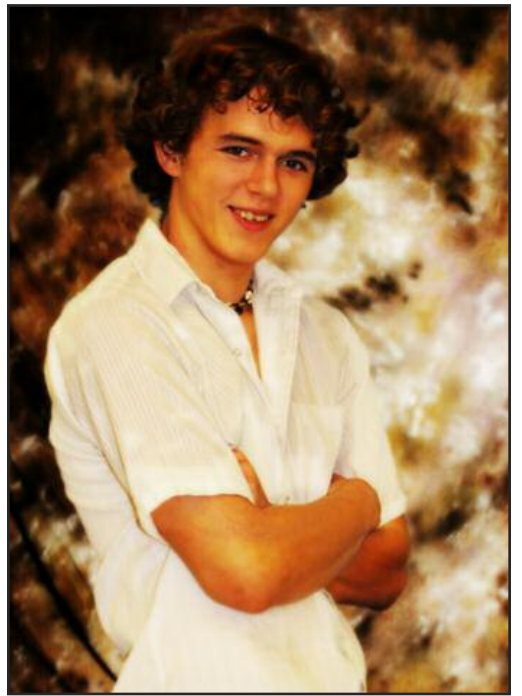
Rivet finished with 10 turnovers to Shoals' seven.

Rivet's Nathan Westfall finished with a double double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. For Shoals, Shartzter led with five rebounds. Turpin contributed four and Bateman had 3.

Rivet will go on to play Barr-Reeve Friday night at North Daviess.



SHOALS 2011 SENIOR Spotlights



NICHOLAS WADE

Nicholas Ryan Wade is the son of Barbetta Lyn Wade and Brian Lee Wade. His favorite hobbies include soccer, games, movies, friends, and cooking. He says a memorable moment in his life was when he first walked into the Culinary 1 room and realized his passion. Nick's future plans are to become a head chef in his own kitchen.



AMBER PRUETT

Amber Lynn Pruett is the daughter of Wanda Pruett and Donnie Robbins. Her favorite pastimes include hanging out with her boyfriend, family members, and friends. She says they are all she needs to have fun. In high school she was involved in cheerleading, flag core, and cross country. One of her most memorable moments of her childhood was when she learned to ride a bike and saw her dad and waved. She said she ended up falling and busting her head. She also remembers when she sat in the middle of the road until her cousin asked out a boy she liked. Amber plans to become a child service agent after high school by going to college for two years for human services and then four years of criminal justice.

School/Sports Notes

Pancake breakfast

The Loogootee Softball team will host an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 12, prior to the boys' regional from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Loogootee High School cafeteria. Along with all-you-can-eat pancakes there will also be Merklely sausage, orange juice, coffee, and milk. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family. Tickets are available at the door.

Shoals Prom benefit

A benefit for Shoals Prom will be held Saturday, March 12, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the community building on the 4-H fairgrounds.

There will be food, fun, and dancing. "Cross Over" will be providing a variety of music such as Christian Rock and Country. Food to be served will include BBQ, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, and cole slaw. There will also be baked good provided by the junior class and raffles held throughout the night.

Fan information for North Daviess Sectional

The North Daviess Athletic Department would like to encourage fans to follow a few simple requests at this week's sectional.

Parking: There is a 300-car parking lot in back of the school that is never filled. All doors to the school will be open and available to enter. Please park behind the school in a marked parking space.

Reserved Parking: The west side lot (by the FB field) will be used for reserved parking for North Daviess staff, school administrators, officials, and media. Please do not park in the reserved spaces. However, all barricades will be removed and you may exit using the west exit as well.

Gates will open at 4:45 on Friday. 6:15 on Saturday. Please use all available doors. You do not have to come in the main doors in order to enter the gym. There are a total of 8 entrances you can use to enter NDHS.

Seating is based on first come/first serve. Please sit in your assigned sections. They will be clearly marked. Be courteous to other fans/teams who will also be attending the sectional. Students should occupy the ends of each bleacher section and stay on the outside of the stairs going up. Many people in the past, sit where they want if their team is playing game 1 and claim they will move for game 2. If this is you, then please do so.

Please no throwing of objects on the floor. Carry-in items will not be allowed. Please stay off the gym floor when entering and exiting the gym.

Please be courteous to fans who are trying to get in and out of the gymnasium by not standing in walkways or bleacher areas.

The cost is \$5 for music only and \$10 for music and a meal.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend to help support Shoals Prom. No alcohol or smoking is allowed.

Loogootee JH Baseball meeting

There will be a mandatory parent and player meeting for Loogootee Junior High Baseball on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the upcoming season and summer. Parents and players must be in attendance.

Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY WEST

Breakfast

Thursday, March 3

Cereal, sausage, muffin, juice

Friday, March 4

Sausage, egg, biscuit, juice

Monday, March 7

Pancake, sausage, fruit

Tuesday, March 8

Breakfast pizza, egg, fruit

Wednesday, March 9

Biscuits and gravy, sausage, juice

Lunch

Thursday, March 3

Hot dogs, baked beans, pears

Friday, March 4

Country steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, bread

Monday, March 7

Ravioli, corn, peaches, bread

Tuesday, March 8

Chicken sandwich, baked beans, pineapple, cottage cheese

Wednesday, March 9

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread

LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, March 3

Taco or pizza, corn, fruit, salad plate, milk

Friday, March 4

BBQ rib or pizza, French fries, carrot, fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

Spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, fruit, green beans, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, March 9

Fish or sloppy Joes or pizza, macaroni and cheese, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, March 3

Cereal, muffins, cheese sticks, milk

Friday, March 4

Sausage gravy with biscuit, juice, milk

Monday, March 7

Cereal, granola bar, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 8

Pancakes with syrup, sausage patty, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 9

Cereal, muffins, cheese sticks, milk

Lunch

Thursday, March 3

Country steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, yeast roll, jello, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza

Friday, March 4

BBQ sandwich, buttered corn, apple crisp, milk; choice 4-12: corn dog

Monday, March 7

Chicken sandwich, French fries, fruit, cookies, milk

Tuesday, March 8

Cheese pizza, green beans, creamy slaw, pudding, milk; choice 4-12: fish taco

Wednesday, March 9

Parmesan chicken served over spaghetti with tomato sauce, corn, applesauce, roll, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

Bowling Chiropractic Center, P.C.

A Creating Wellness Center

Dr. Frank Bowling • Dr. Derrick "Pete" Yoder

312 East Main St., Washington
(812) 254-0246

www.BowlingChiropractic.com





S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G Bee

-Photo provided

The Martin County Spelling Bee was held at Shoals Elementary on February 8. This year's winner was Josey Waggoner, an eighth grader at Shoals Jr.-Sr. High School. The winning word was algebra. Students spelled words such as: triumvirate, magnanimous, obsequious, and ostentatious. Josey will go on to compete in the Tri-State Spelling Bee in Evansville on March 5, 2011. The Shoals team is coached by Ms. Edwards. Shown above are participants in the county spelling bee from Loogootee and Shoals. In the front row, from left to right, are Carson Rayhill and Jake Simmons, both representing Loogootee. In the back row, from left to right, are Ariel Jones, and Kendall Riley, representing Loogootee; and Reva Troutman, Brittany Bauernfiend, Josey Waggoner, Megan Hawkins, representing Shoals

College Goal Sunday 2011 results in higher number of financial aid forms filed online

Overall attendance at this year's College Goal Sunday was down slightly from 2010, but the February 20 event which offered assistance to make filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) easier for Indiana students and families, still helped more than 3,700 Hoosiers and resulted in more than 2,000 FAFSAs being filed online.

Students and families attending the event received free, professional assistance in filling out the FAFSA, the financial aid form required by postsecondary educational institutions nationwide, at 39 event locations statewide.

Individuals seeking grants, scholarships, and loans to attend any college or technical school nationwide are required to submit the FAFSA, which must be received by the federal processor by March 10. In its 22-year history, College Goal Sunday has helped approximately 88,000 Hoosier students and families complete the form.

Significant attendance increases were registered at the East Chicago (72.2%), Indianapolis Ivy Tech Community College (70%), Greencastle (57.1%) and Indianapolis Northwest (45.5%) locations. Other locations showing increased attendance were Fort Wayne, Goshen, Indianapolis Arlington, Indianapolis Decatur, Indianapolis George Washington, Logansport, Muncie, New Albany, North Vernon, and Terre Haute.

FAFSA filings on the web increased by 4.3 percent overall during this year's Col-

lege Goal Sunday event. This included 250 percent at the Indianapolis George Washington Community School location, 214.3 percent at the East Chicago Ivy Tech location, 100 percent at the New Albany Indiana University-Southeast location, and 97.8 percent at the Indianapolis Ivy Tech Community College location.

A total of 629 volunteers helped students and parents complete the FAFSA form at the Sunday afternoon session. These included college financial aid advisors, Twenty-first Century Scholars Program professionals, high school guidance counselors, and other community volunteers with financial aid expertise.

"As financial aid professionals, our goal is to make the complicated financial aid process easier for Indiana families," said Deb Sizemore, director of student financial services at Saint Joseph's College and College Goal Sunday co-chair. "This year we were pleased that our efforts to reach those students who needed help culminated in an extremely successful event."

For information about the FAFSA, financial aid, or higher education, ISFAA encourages students and families to call The Learn More Resource Center's Helpline at 800-992-2076 (toll free). From January 10 through College Goal Sunday on February 20, the Helpline received 414 calls from individuals inquiring about College Goal Sunday. Families may continue to call the Learn More Helpline with their financial aid questions.

Spring classes, programs at the 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 Office 2007. Contact the learning center to sign up.

USAJOBS workshop (Resume Builder)

The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the Federal government's official website and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an online resume training session and will provide applicants with information and advice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshops will be held on March 8 and March 17 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Choose the date that works best for you and call Kathy to sign up.

Résumé writing and career planning

Need help with your résumé? Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting will offer Résumé Assistance-Level One on March 10 and again on March 22. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and cost is \$25. This is a basic course designed for an applicant needing help with the application process for government civilian and/or government contractor positions, specifically for NSWC Crane. Applicants need to pre-register no later than the Friday before the scheduled

class date. Contact Kathy at the learning center to pre-register.

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.

Free Biotechnology classes-Bloomington Ivy Tech will offer free training in Biotechnology at the Bloomington campus with sessions starting in March, August, and October. Classes are completely free-no tuition and fees, no books. Earn a certificate and three college credits in as little as eight weeks. Contact Sarah Cote for more information, scote@ivytech.edu, 812-330-6310.

Contact

Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email kkerr8@ivytech.edu

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Honest Abe visits Shoals

-Photo provided

In honor of President's Day, the fourth and fifth grade students of Shoals Elementary enjoyed a visit from President Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln told of growing up in Indiana and shared stories from his youth. Shown above are the fourth and fifth grade students surrounding President Lincoln (Dean Dorrell).

GOOD LUCK CAMERON WAGLER

in tomorrow night's Sectional!

We love you! Mom, Scott, Catie, Leighton, Brianna



LOW-COST INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS.

Gym available 24/7 to members Exercise or tan at noon or midnight, or whenever your schedule permits!

Full-line of exercise equipment (weight lifting, treadmills, etc.)

Televisions/satellite radio to entertain you while you work out • Tanning beds

202 NE 1ST STREET, LOOGOOTEE 295-4762 or 295-8379

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to noon

After hours call one of the numbers above for an appointment.

Public hearings for proposed rule changes on catfish

The DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife has proposed rule changes governing the taking of catfish to help protect public catfish resources. The proposed changes are in response to public concerns regarding increasing harvest pressure on catfish, recently completed catfish research in the Wabash River, and ongoing, cooperative fish management discussions with other Ohio River states. Currently, there is no limit to the number of large catfish that can be taken by sport and commercial fishing license holders, both in inland waters and in the Ohio River.

The proposal for both sport and commercial fishing on rivers and streams (except the Ohio River), is to increase the existing 10-inch minimum size limit on channel catfish, flathead catfish and blue catfish to 15 inches.

The proposal for both sport and commercial fishing that includes lakes, rivers, and streams statewide (including the Ohio River) is to allow only one each of the following catfish to be taken per day: (1) a channel that is 28 inches or more in total length; (2) a flathead that is 35 inches or more in total length and (3) a blue that is 35 inches or more in total length.

Individuals can provide comments on these proposed changes at these public

hearings:

Monday, March 21, at 6 p.m. at Vincennes University's Shircliff Theatre, on the corner of 2nd and Harrison streets in Vincennes

Tuesday, March 22, at 1:30 p.m., in Indianapolis, at the Government Center North, in the Natural Resources Commission, Division of Hearings Conference Room, 100 North Senate Ave., Room N501

Comments can also be submitted in writing to the Natural Resources Commission by going to www.IN.gov/nrc/2377.htm. Click on "Comment on Proposed Rule," next to the catfish amendments. The deadline for submitting comments is Monday, March 28.

Comments can also be mailed to: Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Ave., Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204

All comments sent to the NRC regarding these proposed rule changes will be provided to its members and DNR staff and will be publicly disclosed and searchable on the Internet and in a paper docket as part of the final report.

For more information: Brian Schoenung, DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife, (812) 279-1215.

Youth turkey hunt opportunities at Fish and Wildlife properties

Hunters under age 18 will have a chance to hunt 22 DNR properties for the reserved turkey hunts during the special youth wild turkey hunting season on April 23-24.

The youth hunts will be at Atterbury, Chinook, Crosley, Deer Creek, Fairbanks Landing, Glendale, Goose Pond, Hillenbrand, Hovey Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, Kankakee, Kingsbury, LaSalle, Minnehaha, Pigeon River, J.E. Roush, Sugar Ridge, Tri-County, Willow Slough and Winamac fish and wildlife areas, as well as at Mississinewa and Salamonie lakes.

A youth hunter may be drawn for either or both hunt days, depending on the number of applicants.

Youth hunters, or an adult representing them, must register in person at the property they wish to hunt from March 21-April 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. local time. The drawing will be held April 4. All applicants will be notified of drawing results by mail.

Those wanting to sign up for Chinook, Deer Creek, Fairbanks Landing, or Hillenbrand hunts may do so at Minnehaha FWA.

A limit will be placed on the number of youth hunters allowed to hunt a property each day, to provide quality hunts. Each property will hold local early registrations and drawings at the property for the half-day hunts.

Hunts will run one-half hour before sunrise until noon at properties in the Central Time Zone, and one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m. on properties in the Eastern Time Zone.

Applicants may sign up for only one property and must possess a valid 2011 Youth Hunting and Trapping License, Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting, or Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting and Fishing License. An Apprentice Youth Hunt/Trap license may also be used.

Youth hunters who are selected for the hunt may check in at any time each day until the end of legal hunting hours for that property. Properties that do not fill their quotas during early registration may fill remaining spots during regular office hours until the youth season opens, using a drawing each morning of the hunt, or first-come, first-served each morning of the

hunt. Properties will not have a daily "no-show" drawing because there is no set time that selected youth hunters must check in during the morning hunts.

Hunters interested in possible unfilled quotas at a property should contact that property for more information before showing up on the opening morning of the youth season.

During youth wild turkey season, youth hunters can only take a bearded or male wild turkey and must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age.

The youth hunter may use any legal shotgun, bow and arrow, or crossbow. The adult accompanying the youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field. The adult does not need to possess a turkey hunting license unless the youth is using an apprentice license.

A youth hunter may take only one bearded or male wild turkey during both the special youth season and regular spring season combined. The youth must be properly licensed to take a wild turkey and comply with all tagging and check-in requirements.

You can purchase a license at IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov. For wild turkey hunting regulations, safety and tips go to dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/2343.htm

For additional information, go to dnr.IN.gov/fishwild.

Public hearings for proposed rule changes on furbearers

A public hearing on proposed changes to rules on furbearers will be held on April 4 in Plainfield in Hendricks County.

The Natural Resources Commission will conduct a public hearing on proposed changes regarding the possession of both the carcasses and un-tanned hides of furbearers, as well as furbearers kept alive during the trapping season.

The proposed changes also remove the current requirement for resident landowners or tenants to notify a conservation officer within 72 hours of taking a nuisance mammal on their own property, and clarify that the animal captured can neither be kept as a pet nor sold. The proposed rule language can be viewed at: www.IN.gov/legislative/iac/20110126-IR-312100614PRA.xml.pdf



Learning about bats

-Photos provided

Stacy Duke from the Hoosier National Forest Department came and spoke to the fourth graders at Shoals Elementary School about bats. Mrs. Duke used her all of her wonderful visuals to teach the students the facts about bats. Those pictured from Mrs. Fischer's class in the front row, from left to right, are Daniel Wright, Ruth Wright, Serenity Hammack, J.D. Troutman, and David Baugh. In the middle row, from left to right, are Nicholas MacKinnon, Noah Larson, Jacob Harrison, Hannah Smith, Hailey Hignite, Kendra Howard, Jonathen Tredway, and Jacob Ivey. In the back row, from left to right, are Brandon Lewis, Gary Cooper, Ashlynn Wathen, Katrina Sipes, Kayla Conley, Stacey Duke, Caleb Belcher, Tanner Doane, and Mary Dixon.



From Mrs. Hawkins' class, in the front row, from left to right, are Melanie Hawkins, Maddy Gaines, Hallie Wyman, Calli Winger, Klayton Tichenor, Jarod Waggoner, and John Sukup. In the middle row, from left to right, are Harley Spurgeon, Josh Richardson, Sean Davis, Georgia Bryson, Aryonna Braun, and Angel Hampton. In the back row, from left to right, are Kyle Montgomery, Ryan Spurgeon, Evan Wagoner, Chase Fromme, Stacey Duke, Lori Albright, Amber Fields, Alyssa Hernandez, Ryan Hawkins, and Ivy Andis

New issue of Outdoor Indiana provides wildflower guide

Be ready when the wildflowers bloom with the March-April issue of Outdoor Indiana magazine.

The new issue offers 14 pages dedicated to some of the Hoosier states most beautiful and interesting plants, which will be popping up before you know it.

The article features excerpts from the upcoming book "Wildflowers and Ferns of Indiana Forests" by Michael Homoya of the DNR Division of Nature Preserves, along

with color photos to help you maximize your enjoyment of the new season. The book will be released later this year by Indiana University Press.

The issue, which shows Dutchman's breeches blooming on the cover, also features an eight-page removable insert about Charlestown State Park, a property on historic land by the Ohio River in Clark County.

The special removable eight-page insert is part of a continuing series that will run through 2016, the 100th anniversary Indiana state parks.

The issue is available now at most DNR properties and most Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$3 a copy.

Stay up to date on the states outdoors through all seasons by subscribing for \$12 for a year (six issues). Go OutdoorIndiana.org or call (317) 233-3046.

To join the Outdoor Indiana page on Facebook, see <http://facebook.com/OutdoorIndiana>

If you love the outdoors, you'll love Outdoor Indiana.

For more information: Marty Benson, DNR assistant director of communications/senior editor of Outdoor Indiana magazine, (317) 233-3853.

W G R C M U A Y S G Q Y I X T
 G O O N M W Q N I S Z P Y Z R
 V O W D T I U W P Y W P C R S
 T X C W N T G D N X T U Z T E
 T G W M O H P J H Z U P O I M
 I A B O T B A B T E H P R I K
 W J I I N R W I V R S S Q N B
 K B X L C U S W F O O W U Q G
 D O V K T F H Y O Y D X J Q B
 R O V E R I E V U Z I B G A A
 D W I G S L U F Y A L P R W J
 Z W B K G W F O L L D K U X T
 L T E V B P G P Z L B F G H T
 X R E V H V Z Y Q F S B O V E
 S K W G E Z T Y C D M I S I D

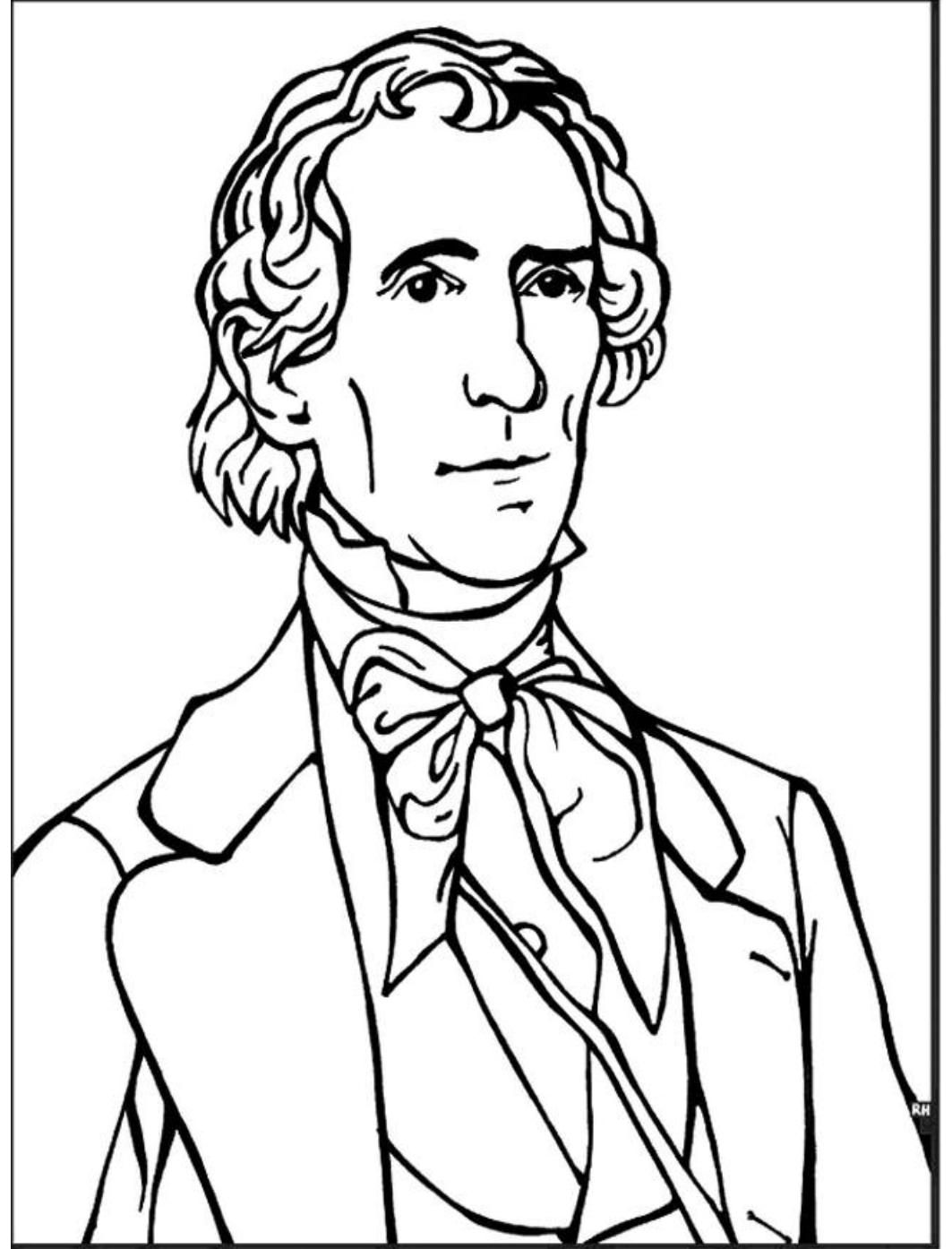
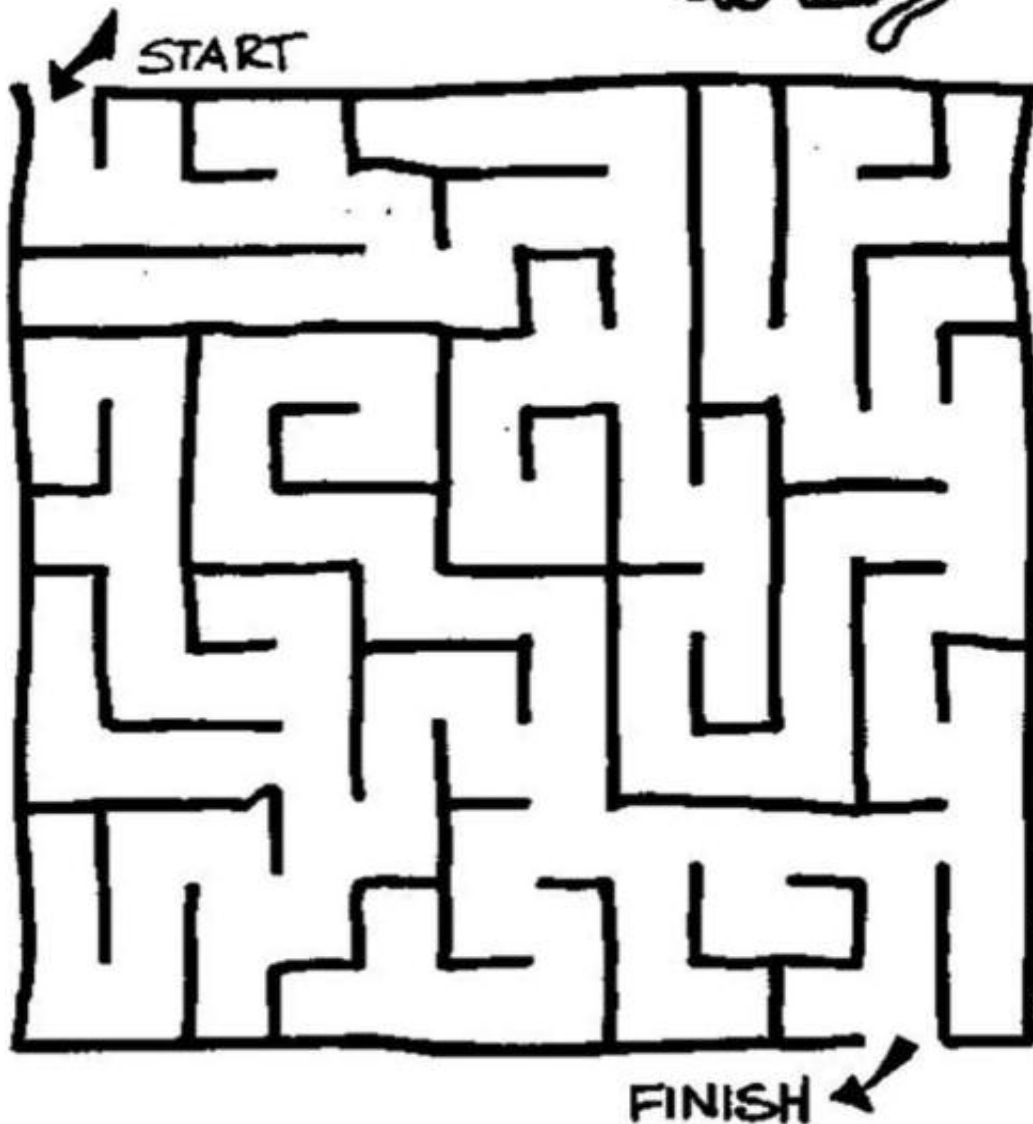
ALL ABOUT THE USA

Hey kids, we are still working our way through all the U.S. Presidents and all of the states. Have a suggestion for something you want to see on this page? Email me at courtney@martincountyjournal.com

BARK
 BOW WOW
 DOG
 FUR
 PAWS
 PLAYFUL

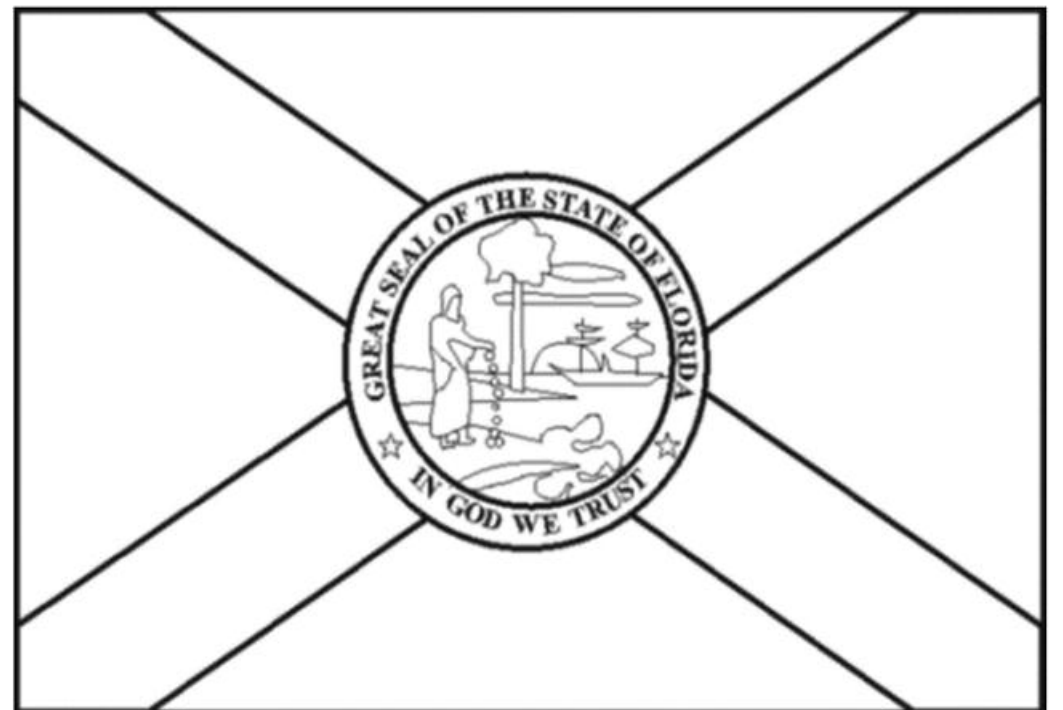
PUPPY
 ROVER
 SPOTS
 TAIL
 WHISKERS
 WOOF

**Help Old Blue
 find his way
 through the maze.**



10. John Tyler 1841-1845

Florida



Nickname: **The Sunshine State**

Motto: **In God We Trust**