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Historical survey of Martin County continues

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This is a follow-up to a story done a few weeks ago in the Martin County Journal about the DNR doing a historical survey on Martin County for the first time ever. Tim Miller, Martin County's assigned surveyor with the State Preservation office, has scoured Rutherford, Lost River, and Center Townships looking for churches, schoolhouses, cemeteries, commercial and residential buildings – anything with historical value to document. He is currently working in Halbert Township and will continue his surveying through the spring. The survey is funded by INDOT for all counties associated with the I-69 project.

One of the things Miller tries to educate residents about when he finds a historic property is the possibility of that property being placed on the National or State Register of Historic Places. Currently, only one property in Martin County is on the state's registry only and that is the Lewis Brooks Home (Routt House), circa 1832. The former Martin County Courthouse, now the Martin County Museum, is on the National Registry.

According to the State Preservation website, the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures was created by the Indiana General Assembly in 1981.

To list a property on the National or State Register is fairly similar. The property owner should send a letter of request to the DHPA (Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology) that identifies the property, de-

scribes it briefly, and explains its importance. Photos of the property should also be sent. If the staff of the DHPA can use what documentation they have available to evaluate the property and determine its eligibility, they will send notification letters to the property owner and the local and county officials. If no one objects to the listing, the property is automatically listed 30 days from the date of the notification letter. If available documentation is not adequate, the DHPA staff will request enough research from the applicant to be able to make a determination of the property's eligibility for listing. Letters should be submitted to the DHPA at 402 W. Washington St. Rm W274, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739.

The state preservation website states that not every old building is eligible for listing on the National or State Register. In order to be eligible for listing, a property should be at least 50 years old, maintain a certain degree of architectural integrity, and have significance at the local, state, or national level in one of the following four categories:

Events – properties associated with events that were important to our history

Persons – properties associated with the lives of persons significant in our history

Architecture/Design – Buildings, structures, or objects with architectural or engineering importance. They may be the work of a master, or possess high artistic value. Groupings of properties may share a common heritage, such as a historic district.

Information – Resources that have yielded, or may yield in the future, important information about our prehistory or history.

A listing on the National or State Registry does give a property prestige and publicity, provide protection for the property from federally-assisted projects, permits the owners of income-producing properties to use investment tax credits for certified rehabilitation, and allows owners of certain publicly-owned or publicly accessible, non-income-producing properties to apply for federal rehab grants.

Being listed on the registries does not prevent private owners from altering their property, restrict the use or sale of the property, or establish certain times that the property must be open to the public. The Routt House in Martin County that is listed on the State Registry is a private residence and is not open to the public.

For more information or questions regarding registering your property on the State or National Registries, contact Paul Diebold at 317-232-3293 or email him at pdiebold@dnr.in.gov.

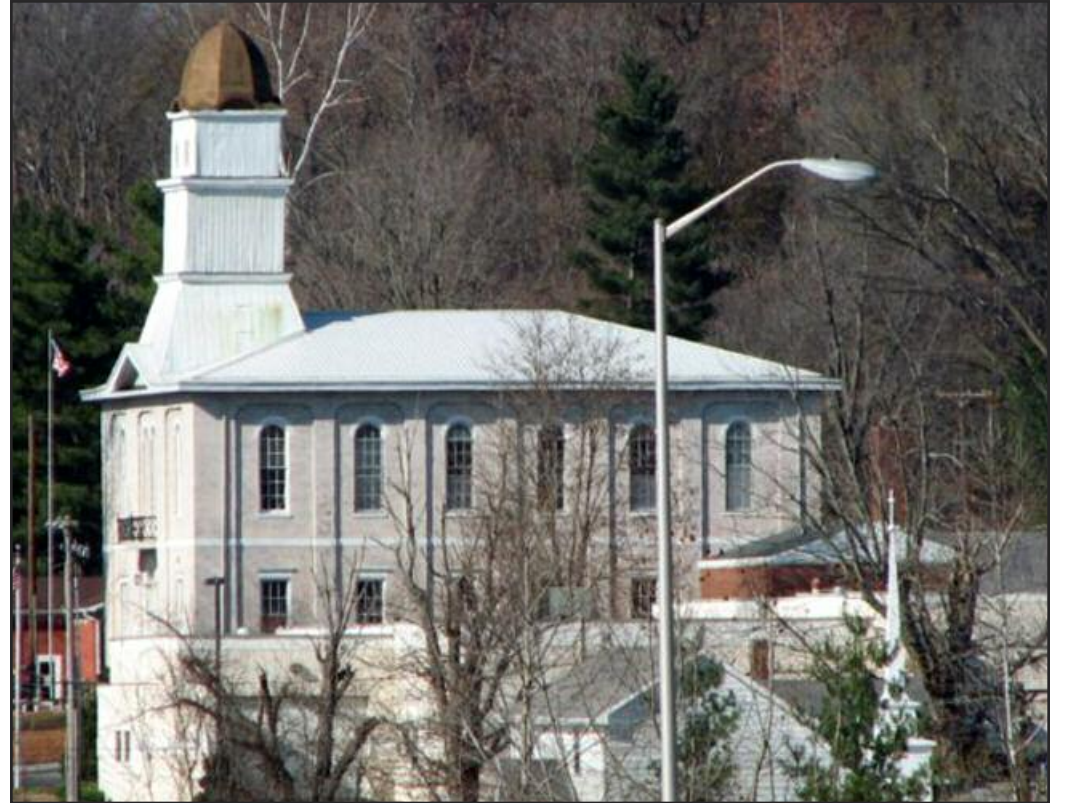
Below are some of the historical survey results for Center Township in Martin County. For a complete list go to www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4505.htm and click on the "SHAARED Access" link. Sign in as a guest. Results are listed for the three completed townships: Lost River, Rutherford, and Center.

Center Township

Government

Martin County Courthouse – located on Capital Street in Shoals; built in 1876; the courthouse has been altered by removed chimneys, removed basement windows, siding on the tower, and a northeast addition. The addition was added in 1956. The courthouse building was the county seat from 1876 to 2002 when the Martin County Historic Society was deeded the building and it became

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-Photo provided by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
The former Martin County Courthouse shown above, now the Martin County Museum, was built in 1876.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Not sure the architectural style of your home? Visit www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3678.htm.

For a listing of properties on the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures visit www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-srlist.pdf

For a listing of Indiana properties on the State and National Registers visit www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-nrlist.pdf

For more information on registering your home or property visit www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2823.htm

For preservation tools visit www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2822.htm

For Martin County historical survey results visit www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4505.htm

Statewide Silver Alert declared for missing Loogootee woman



The Loogootee Police Department is investigating the disappearance of an adult from Loogootee. Wanda Mae Warren is a 57-year-old white female, 5 feet 4 inches tall, 200 lbs, with short brown hair and brown eyes. Wanda Mae Warren was last seen sometime prior to 1 am on February 25 at her residence in Loogootee, and is believed to be in danger. It is unknown what type clothing Wanda Mae Warren may be wearing. She may be confused or disoriented, and should be approached with care. She is believed to be driving a 1996 purple Chevrolet Cavalier vehicle, with Indiana plate# XC9450

If you have any information on Wanda Mae Warren, please contact Loogootee Police Department at 812-295-2246.

Loogootee grad featured in art show

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Oakland City University presents its Senior Art Show in the Michael Dunn Gallery February 28 through March 25. Seven senior art majors have a variety of exhibits on display including Audery Burgess of Loogootee.

Audery is a 2007 graduate of Loogootee High School. She is currently a senior at Oakland City University and will graduate in May with a Bachelor's Degree in graphic design.

Since the start of college, Audery has participated in the OCU Pep Band where she plays the flute, the Good News Players, and has served as president, secretary, and treasurer of the Focus Club. She also served as Homecoming representative for the Focus Club for two years and is a member of the OCU Students Christian Association. She has also participated in mission trips including traveling to South Dakota to help build houses for Habitat for Humanity.

Audery has also been honored with receiving a Lilly Scholarship to help with expenses associated with her unpaid internship at the



AUDERY BURGESS

Graphics Factory in Evansville.

Although Audery never took an art class in high school and didn't really decide to go into graphic design until she was a senior, she said that she faced a little bit of adversity regarding her choice of major. Deciding to go for it anyway, Audery has since designed t-shirts for the Discovery Channel television show *Deadliest Catch* - their boat the Time (See 'ART SHOW' on page two)

Oops . . .

In last week's township trustee story the actual amount remaining in the Perry Township Trustee's budget at the end of 2010 was actually \$147,119.56 - the number one was omitted. Also, \$16,888.71 was spent on fire contract and equipment in Lost River Township. This amount was not listed in the trustee's expenditures in the story. I apologize for the omissions.

SURVEY

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the Martin County Historical Museum. The courthouse moved because of the costs of adding an elevator to the historic building verses the cost of purchasing a new building.

Schoolhouses
McBride Schoolhouse – located 5937 Gun Shop Road; circa 1900; the school closed in 1947 when the township schools consolidated with Shoals Community School Corporation.

West Side Schoolhouse – Lynwood Street in Shoals; circa 1890; the house has been altered by the conversion from school to house. It is unknown when it was converted but is estimated that the current version of the house dates from c.1945.

Church

Friendship Brethren Church - located on the west side of Highway 50 west of Hickory Ridge Road and about a mile north of Highway 50; circa 1894; the church was organized in 1887

Cemeteries

Hindostan United Methodist Church Cemetery – located at Hindostan Methodist Church near the southeast corner of Highway 550 and Hindostan Falls Road and Martin Cemetery Road; approximately 180 stones; earliest burial date 1887; most recent burial date 2010; prominent names: Troutman, Tuttle, Bledsoe; grouped burials: veterans.

Hitt Cemetery - located on the north side of Gun Shop Road northeast of the intersection of Gun Shop Road and Davis School Lane back a short lane going north; approximately 35 stones; earliest burial date 1881; most recent burial date 2009; prominent names: Hitt, Lane, Bledsoe, Franklin; grouped burials: veterans.

McBride Cemetery - located back a long lane east of Tommy George Road that ends at the cemetery and pond. The cemetery is also west of McBride's Bluff Road; approximately 42 stones; earliest burial date 1857; most recent burial date 2009; prominent names: Davis, Boyle, Chapman, Marley, Hess; grouped burials: veterans.

Poplar Grove Cemetery - located on the south side of Poplar Grove Road northeast of the Poplar Grove Wesleyan Church. The church is about half a mile north of Davis School Road; approximately 38 stones; earliest burial date 1945; most recent burial date 2010; prominent names: Davis and Pennington; grouped burials: veterans.

Sholtz Cemetery – located in the woods slightly northwest of the house at 5231 Highway 550; approximately two stones; earliest burial date 1881; most recent burial date 1911; prominent name: Smith; grouped burials: veterans.

Sharum Cemetery - located north of 15614 Grafton Lane in a cow pasture on a flat spot on the hill; approximately 22 stones; earliest burial date 1853; most recent burial date 1908; prominent names: Smith and Sharum.

Old Hindostan Cemetery, a/k/a DAR Cemetery and Hindostan Cemetery – located on the east side of Hindostan Falls Road southeast of Hindostan Cemetery Road; approximately 12 stones; earliest burial date 1831; most recent burial date 1868; prominent names: Buggles and McDonald; grouped burials: veterans.

Abel Cemetery – located at the end of Abel Cemetery Road which is on the west side of Abel Hill Road; approximately 23 stones; earliest burial date 1860; most recent burial date 1966; prominent names: Abel, Brown, Blackwell, Payne, McCracken, Morris; grouped burials: veterans.

Davis Cemetery - located northwest of 4150 Davis School Road on a small hill in a field; approximately 12 stones; earliest burial date 1850; most recent burial date 1939; prominent names: Davis and Walker; grouped burials: veterans.

Hall Cemetery - located on the north side of Gun Shop Road about a mile east of the intersection of Gun Shop Road and Davis School Road and over a mile west of the intersection of Spout Springs Road and Gun Shop Road. It is northwest of the sharp curve; approximately 20 stones; earliest burial date 1849; most recent burial date 1940; prominent names: Bledsoe, Hitt, Ellis; grouped

burials: veterans.

Peek Cemetery - located at the end of Sanders Lane on the south side of the lane; approximately nine stones; earliest burial date 1861; most recent burial date 1941; prominent names: Peek, Lloyd, Franklin, Emery.

Dover Hill Cemetery - located on the west side of Highway 450 about a 1/10 of a mile south of Dover Hill Road on top of a hill behind a manufactured home and next to a farm field; approximately 96 stones; earliest burial date 1852; most recent burial date 1944; prominent names: Rodgers and Wildman; grouped burials: Odd Fellows.

Friendship Cemetery - located on the west side of Highway 50 west of Hickory Ridge Road and about a mile north of Highway 50; approximately 200 stones; earliest burial date 1901; most recent burial date 2010; prominent names: Brett, Henry, Hovis, Hotz; grouped burials: veterans.

Mount Union Cemetery - located on the north side of Dover Hill Road across the street from the Mount Union Church of Christ about three miles west of Dover Hill and about a tenth of a mile west of Mobley Road; approximately 226 stones; earliest burial date 1900; most recent burial date 2010; prominent names: Wildman, Lundy, Smith; grouped burials: Masons

Brown Cemetery a/k/a Hall Cemetery – located in a pasture on the south side of Gun Shop Road across the road from the McBride Schoolhouse and the gun shop. The cemetery is south of the top of the first hill near the fence line near the McBride Schoolhouse; approximately one stone; earliest burial date 1900; most recent burial date 1903; prominent names: Reuben Brown and Tabitha Brown; grouped burial: veterans.

Hindostan Cemetery – located on Hindostan Cemetery Road on the southeast corner of the road where the road curves south; approximately 11 stones; earliest burial date 1820; most recent burial date 1852; prominent names: Sholtz, Harris, Kilburn, Smith.

Martin Cemetery a/k/a Kilburn Cemetery and White Cemetery – located at the end of Martin Cemetery Road on the west side of the pond that is northwest of the house at the end of the lane; approximately 23 stones; earliest burial date 1841; most recent burial date 1934; prominent names: Martin, Williams, Greenstreet, Bousman, Hickman; grouped burials: veterans.

Salmon Cemetery – located slightly southeast of 6616 Highway 50 in the woods on a flat spot; approximately two stones; earliest burial date 1871; most recent burial date 1917; prominent names: William Henry, T.S.; grouped burials: veterans.

Residential

Martin County Sheriff's Residence and Jail – located on Hwy. 450 in Dover Hill; 1857 circa 1920; the house has been altered by an added porch from about 1920 and an east addition from about 1970. The cells were in the basement and the upstairs was a residence. The county seat moved in 1866 to what is today Shoals.

ART SHOW

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Bandit, the bridge building competition at the University of Evansville, Bosse High School's Homecoming, Perry Central High School, among others.

"If you are dedicated enough, go for it. Push forward and go for your dreams despite what people may try to talk you out of. No one can stop you, have faith," she said.

Unsure of her future plans Audery said her dream job would be to become a CEO someday but of what kind of company, she said is still up in the air.

Along with her other commitments she works as a dispatcher at the Loogootee Police Department, substitute teaches at Cornerstone Christian School in Washington, and has been detassling corn for 10 years in the summer - she is now a foreman.

A reception for the artists will be at the gallery March 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend the reception and visit the gallery. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and by appointment.



-Photo provided by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
The home above is located on Hwy. 50 in Center Township. The house dates back to 1900. According to the survey results, the farmstead contains a brooder house, a drive-thru corner, and a summer kitchen.



-Photo provided by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
The former sheriff's residence and county jail shown above on Hwy. 450, dates back to 1867 when Dover Hill was the Martin County seat. The house has been altered by an added porch from about 1920 and an east addition from about 1970. The prisoner cells were in the basement and the upstairs was a residence.



-Photo provided by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
McBride Schoolhouse located on Gun Shop Road, circa 1900, was closed in 1947 when it was consolidated with the Shoals Community School Corporation.

Gilbert announces candidacy for Loogootee City Council district two

Ronald (Ron) Gilbert has announced his candidacy on the Democratic ticket for Loogootee City Council District 2.

Ron lives on Queen Street in Loogootee with his wife, Laura Jean. The couple has three children, Elizabeth White, of Shoals; Stephanie Lantz, of Flagstaff, Arizona; and Katherine, who lives at home with the couple and is in third grade at Loogootee Elementary. They also have three grandchildren, Sabastian White and Kristofer and Kimberlie Lantz.

Ron has taught in the Loogootee Community School Corporation for 34 years, the first nine being at Crane Elementary. He is a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church where he has been Sunday School Superintendent, worked with the youth group, and sang in the praise band. He has also been an adjunct teacher for Indiana Wesleyan University for the past four years.

According to Ron, city council members need to listen to the members of their dis-



trict and try to help the community grow and attract businesses to Loogootee.

He said that your vote in the primary election would be greatly appreciated.

JOYCE INMAN

Joyce V. Inman died at 8:33 a.m. Sunday, March 6, 2011 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 83.

She was born September 14, 1927, in Daviess County; the daughter of Pearl and Gertrude (Nolan) Guy. She was a graduate of St. John's High School. She married Alfred "Shorty" Inman on September 15, 1947 and he preceded her in death on February 13, 2004. She was a homemaker and member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee.

She is survived by one son, Kenny L. Inman of Loogootee; three daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Bob Miller of Montgomery, Janet Sabatier of Loogootee, and Connie Jo and Cary Bledsoe of Sullivan; two sisters, Dorothy Gutsell of O'Fal-

lon, Illinois, and Jean Trambaugh of Loogootee; four grandchildren, Jennifer and husband Ryan Wagner of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Jaclyn Sabatier of Bedford, Matthew and wife Lacy Inman of Washington, and Sarah Brooke Inman of Evansville; and one great-grandchild, Alecia Wagner.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and four sisters, Winfred Aytes, Helen Crane, Bea Ingleman and Betty Spens.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, March 9 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial was to follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmith-funeralhomes.com.

Martin County fourth highest in the state for colorectal cancer deaths

Yesterday, First Lady Cheri Daniels, State Health Commissioner Gregory Larkin, M.D. and the Indiana Rural Health Association asked men and women aged 50 and over to get screened for colorectal cancer. About 1,200 Hoosiers die from colorectal cancer each year.

"Screening for colorectal cancer saves lives," said Daniels. "If you're 50 or older, this message is for you. Over time, if undetected, colorectal cancer becomes a killer. But screening tests can find it early, when treatment is most effective."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), colorectal cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in the United States. Between 2004 and 2008, nearly 17,000 people in Indiana were diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

"This is one cancer you can prevent," said Dr. Larkin. "Screening finds pre-cancerous polyps that can be removed before they turn into colorectal cancer. So, stop this disease. See your doctor and get screened for colorectal cancer."

Dr. Larkin says individuals younger than 50 who are at increased risk for colorectal cancer should talk to their doctor about at what age and how often they should be screened. Risks factors include:

- If you or a close relative has had colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer;
- Having inflammatory bowel disease; or
- Certain genetic syndromes such as familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) or hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer.

Medicare and most insurance plans help pay for colorectal cancer screening. The public can also call 1 (800) 4-CANCER or 1 (800) ACS-2345 to learn more about screening options in their community.

The CDC monitors colorectal cancer screening rates over time through the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and through the National Health Interview Survey. Findings from these two surveys show testing among adults aged 50 or older in the United States is low. Only about 64 percent of those eligible received screening tests for colorectal cancer within the recommended screening intervals.

The 2008 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System showed Indiana has improved in recent years on the percentage of adults aged 50 and older who had been screened for colorectal cancer, with 40.6 percent reporting not having been screened.

"We are encouraged by the overall increase in colorectal cancer screenings in Indiana, but there is still much work to be done to increase awareness," said Dr. Larkin. "Too many people are dying from this preventable form of cancer. Survival from colorectal cancer is more than 90 percent when the cancer is diagnosed before it has extended beyond the intestinal wall."

Cancer mortality rates represent the number of new deaths of cancer per 100,000 population during the specified time period. The state mortality (death) rate for colorectal cancer is 20.7 per 100,000 population between 1998 and 2007. The 10 counties in Indiana with the highest mortality rates from colorectal cancer are (in order):

1. Scott County (31.9)
2. Cass County (28.4)
3. Pulaski County (28.3)
4. Martin and Switzerland counties (27.2)
6. Perry County (26.7)
7. Union County (26.6)
8. Newton (25.9)
9. Dearborn and Sullivan counties (25.5)

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The Indiana Comprehensive Cancer Control program and the Office of Primary Care are partnering with the Indiana Rural Health Association to launch a statewide effort to encourage adults 50 and older to get screened. As part of this effort, the Indiana State Health Department will run a media campaign in Scott County, Indiana with television, radio, and print ads produced by the CDC's "Screen for Life: National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Action" campaign.

"The Indiana Rural Health Association's most important mission is to support rural health providers like the Scott Memorial Critical Access Hospital and clinics in the area who can provide life-saving screenings," said Don Kelso, executive director of the Indiana Rural Health Association. "We all avoid what we know we should do to keep healthy, and this is more often true if it's difficult to find a doctor in the area. Don't let this be an excuse not to do what's best for you. Find a doctor and get screened. Prevention and wellness will be the key for truly lowering the cost of healthcare and to improve the life of our family, friends, and neighbors."

RAY MCLAUGHLIN

Ray Eugene McLaughlin passed away at 6:42 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2011 surrounded by his family. A resident of Loogootee, he was 46.



He was born on October 13, 1964 in Bedford; the son of the late Raymond McLaughlin and Jean (Brewer) Sullivan. He was employed as a welder for several fabricating companies in Lawrence County. He was of the Protestant faith and enjoyed dirt track racing, fishing, NASCAR, and watching football.

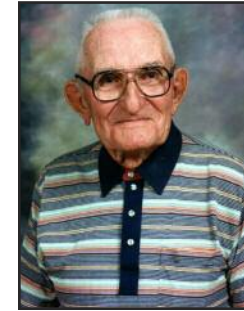
He is survived by his mother, Jean, and

stepfather, Wendall Sullivan; two daughters, Allison (Nick) Hembree and Adrienne (Jeremy) Carr, all of Loogootee; four granddaughters, Mylee, Maycee, Grayce, and Zoey; one grandson on the way; two brothers, Timothy (Shannon) McLaughlin of Heltonville and Jody McLaughlin of Bloomington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral services were held Monday, March 7 at the Ferguson-Lee Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Tallman officiating. Burial followed in the Crawford Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Ferguson-Lee Funeral Home to assist the family of Ray Eugene McLaughlin.

MARTIN POTTS

Martin Carl Potts passed away at 3 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2011 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 106.



He was born December 27, 1904 in Dubois County; the son of William Harrison and Isola May (Simmons) Potts. He married Mary Margaret Horner on February 28, 1953 in Paoli and she survives. He was a member of the West Shoals Church of Christ, and a former member of the Shoals American Legion Post #61.

Other survivors include two sons, Thomas Carl and Robert James Potts, both of Shoals; two daughters, Mary Frances Smith of Shoals and Martha Rose Sanders of Tuckerman, Arkansas; one sister, Eula Blanche Riser of Greenwood; seven grandchildren, Angela Sango (Mar), Jenny Sullivan (Sean), Amy Smith, Daniel Sanders (Justina), Rachel Tedrow (Andrew), Joel Potts, and Jamer Potts; six great grandchildren, Haylee Sullivan, Nicolas Sango, Leila Sango, Hayden Sullivan, Korrigan Sanders, and Ophylia Sanders; and special friend of the family Sandy Boyd.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and five brothers.

The funeral was held Tuesday, March 8 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals.

Preferred memorials are to the Shoals Summer Softball League. Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

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**Loogootee 6th Grade Band**

-Photos by Ernie Canell

The Loogootee 6th Grade Band performed in concert Tuesday night, March 8 in the school cafeteria. Under the direction of Betsy Graves, the students performed group selections and solos were done by Breanna Hollaway-clarinet, DeAnna Canell-alto sax, Abbey Barker-trombone, Lindsey Lukens-flute, Megan Lampert-flute, Jake Simmons-trombone, Tyler Lythgoe-alto sax, and Sean Kiser-clarinet.



Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, March 1

3:04 p.m. - Received a call from a female wanting to speak with the Shoals Town Marshal about a battery case.

3:10 p.m. - Received an anonymous call about possible drug activity.

5:02 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

Wednesday, March 2

2:35 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 150 near Singing Hill.

8:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

9:00 a.m. - A male caller advised that a semi had torn up his yard.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

1:26 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm in Crane.

2:07 p.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking U.S. 50, two miles east of the Martin State Forest.

4:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:04 p.m. - Received a report of electrical wiring burning on Scenic Hill Road.

8:05 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on S.R. 450.

8:44 p.m. - Received a lifeline request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

10:06 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in removing someone from a residence.

Thursday, March 3

11:20 a.m. - Received a call regarding custodial issues.

1:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was not transported.

2:12 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire on Ironton Road.

2:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:20 p.m. - Received a call about custodial issues.

4:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

Unknown time - Received a report of a fire in the West Boggs Park area, on County Road 1200E. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

9:20 p.m. - A female caller requested to speak to an officer about a subject on her parent's property that is not supposed to be there.

11:51 p.m. - Received information about a stolen vehicle from Washington.

Friday, March 4

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of a cow near the roadway at Max Warren's Curve.

11:02 a.m. - Received a report of a cow near the roadway on Loogootee Dover Hill Road.

11:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:10 p.m. - A male caller advised he had witnessed a theft at a store.

2:22 p.m. - Received a report of possible domestic dispute on Huron Williams Road. Lawrence County was contacted.

4:12 p.m. - A male caller reported his grandchildren being harassed on the school bus.

9:03 p.m. - A female caller from Crane Village reported her son missing but the boy returned home a short time later.

Saturday, March 5

1:15 a.m. - Received a call about illegal entry to a residence.

5:35 a.m. - A male in Crane Village reported the streets in the village were flooded and needed to be barricaded.

6:05 a.m. - RJ's Food Mart reported a subject drove off without paying for gas.

9:01 a.m. - Received a report of a power outage.

9:05 a.m. - Received another report of a power outage.

10:03 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on S.R. 150 in the Singing Hill area.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a

stranded motorist on U.S. 50, near Peeks Road.

2:09 p.m. - Received a report of a possible altercation occurring between two individuals in a parking lot in Shoals.

2:20 p.m. - A male caller reported that his vehicle jumped out of park and rolled onto a person's property causing damage.

2:52 p.m. - A subject came on station to report a possible phone scam.

3:02 p.m. - Received a call that a subject had driven into a cornfield in Dubois County. Dubois County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

3:51 p.m. - Received a call about an unknown object on a subject's property.

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a cow out on Max Warren's Curve.

6:18 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

6:54 p.m. - A female caller from Shoals advised of a theft of copper and a compact disc player.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of a business burglar alarm in Daviess County. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

7:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 231, northbound from Bramble. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

9:21 p.m. - Received a complaint of harassment by text messages.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

10:18 p.m. - Received a harassment complaint.

11:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Sunday, March 6

2:00 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Deep Cut Lake Road.

5:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

8:34 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

12:51 p.m. - Received information about possible drug paraphernalia that had been found.

7:00 p.m. - Received information about possible drug activity.

Monday, March 7

1:04 a.m. - Received a report of a cat stuck in a live trap.

1:18 a.m. - Received a report of a verbal

domestic dispute in Loogootee.

2:21 a.m. - Received a report of a male subject walking dangerously close to the traffic lane on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

7:54 a.m. - Received a complaint of a highway truck driving at an extremely slow rate of speed on U.S. 50 near the fairgrounds.

10:09 a.m. - A male caller advised that he had found a bag of clothes on U.S. 50 near the fairgrounds.

10:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Odon. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

Don't drive through flood waters

Currently, many counties in southwest Indiana are under flood watches and or warnings. Floods occur as streams and rivers overflow their banks. Flash floods can come rapidly and unexpectedly. Flash flooding can occur after a few minutes of heavy rain fall or after hours of significant precipitation. Hoosiers who live in flood prone areas should always be conscious of the threat of flash floods when receiving significant rainfall. The Indiana State Police offers a few flood safety tips.

- Don't travel unless absolutely necessary. If you have to travel carry a cell phone with a car charger.

- Purchase a weather scanner and heed all flood and flash flood warnings issued by the National Weather Service.

- Do not drive around barricades at water crossings.

- Be especially vigilant at night. Many drowning deaths occur at night when it is difficult to see water crossings.

- Do not cross or enter flowing water. Driving fast through high water on the road is not a solution. Faster speeds create less tire contact with the road surface and increase your chance of crashing.

- Driving through standing water may affect your brakes. Test your brakes at low speeds as soon as you exit the water.

- If you choose to abandon your vehicle, respect the force of the water flow, you may be swept off your feet. After you exit the vehicle seek higher ground.

- Be aware that road erosion may occur when there is running or standing water.

- Remember that six inches of water will reach the bottoms of most car doors. One foot of water will float many vehicles, and two feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles.

If you find yourself stranded in flood waters remain calm and call 911. If you can do so safely move to higher ground.

Martin County accident reports

Tuesday, March 1

10:25 a.m. - Ronald W. Bockover, of Indianapolis, was operating a 2009 Chevy and backing from a parking spot at McDonalds when he backed into a 2003 Chevy driven by Jennifer Williams, of Loogootee who was waiting in line at the drive-thru. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

Wednesday, March 2

6:50 a.m. - Mallory L. Frost, of Loogootee, was operating a 2005 Chevy at the intersection of US 231 and Hwy 50 when a semi turned in the wrong lane and struck the front of the Frost vehicle. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill investigated.

Friday, March 4

3:00 p.m. - Ginger Tolbert, of Loogootee, was traveling on Broadway Street and stuck the rear of a 1990 trailer owned by Darlene Lewis, of Springville. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

Saturday, March 5

4:12 p.m. - Jim K. Standish, of Bedford, was operating a 2010 Ford on Broadway Street when he swerved into the inside lane

to avoid striking another vehicle. This action caused Standish's vehicle to collide with a 2007 Dodge operated by Jacqueline Evans, of Vincennes. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

9:34 p.m. - Mark Taylor, of Loogootee, was operating a 2010 Toyota and attempting to pull onto JFK Avenue when he pulled into the path of a 1990 Dodge operated by Austin Myers, of Shoals. No injuries were reported. Sgt. Norris investigated.

Jail bookings

Saturday, March 5

6:40 p.m. - Matthew Arvin, 21, of Mitchell, was arrested and charged with driving while suspended.

9:22 p.m. - Justin Rembe, 20, of Dubois, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and minor consumption.

Sunday, March 6

8:55 a.m. - Frederick Morgan, 39, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with domestic battery.

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Loogootee Police log

Monday, February 28

11:16 p.m. - Sgt. Norris advised dispatch of an open door on a vending machine at Greenwell Hardware.

3:58 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on Terrace Drive. The homeowner stated his phone was not even operating.

9:00 a.m. - A male came on station to report his juvenile daughter had run away. Juvenile was later located.

9:37 a.m. - A female requested assistance in getting some of her personal belongings from a residence on Williams Street.

7:05 p.m. - Female requested to speak with an officer in regards to getting personal property.

Tuesday, March 1

4:51 a.m. - Amber Orchard, of Loogootee, reported illegal entry into her residence. Chief Rayhill filed a case report.

12:36 p.m. - Female called and stated she had heard that another male had her laptop computer. Chief Rayhill investigated and returned the item to the victim.

5:01 p.m. - Carolyn Hilderman came on station to report her vehicle had been struck while parked at Ruler. Sgt. Hennette completed an accident report.

5:03 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a vehicle in excessive speed southbound on US 231.

9:28 p.m. - Anonymous person called and reported a noise complaint in the high school parking lot. Sgt. Hennette responded.

Wednesday, March 2

1:00 p.m. - Caller on Cedar Street reported loud music on the same street. Chief Rayhill advised subject of complaint.

2:20 p.m. - Nick Roberts, of Loogootee, reported a theft of a Yamaha 50cc cycle from his storage shed. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

2:56 p.m. - Caller advised possible stolen items may be in a local business. Chief Rayhill responded and items were confirmed stolen and returned to owner.

7:06 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a smell of smoke in scenic Hill. Loogootee Fire was dispatched.

8:51 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a female who had fallen.

10:00 p.m. - Female requested an officer for a person who would not leave her residence. Sgt. Hennette responded.

Thursday, March 3

1:06 p.m. - Caller reported a drill bit in the roadway.

2:30 p.m. - First responders were requested on N. Oak Street for an unresponsive male.

5:35 p.m. - Female reported possible drug activity.

Friday, March 4

9:35 a.m. - Evelyn Padgett, of Loogootee, reported property damage at her residence. Captain Akles responded.

11:15 a.m. - Male caller reported cats damaging property in Shaded Estates.

5:33p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

6:03 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a business alarm on Cooper Street.

6:40 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

7:56 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

Saturday, March 5

9:14 a.m. - Caller reported loose dogs near Sunset Trailer Court.

9:44 a.m. - Jim Melton, of Loogootee, reported a theft of a TV from his garage. Captain Akles responded.

11:29 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up on Popular Street.

6:19 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a loud music complaint in Country Place Apartments. Sgt. Norris responded.

11:10 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up on Terrace Drive.

Sunday, March 6

2:02 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested an officer assist with domestic dispute of Deep Cut Lake Road.

8:58 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street. Captain Akles responded.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

Rodney Neil Finch, failure to stop after accident resulting in non-vehicle damage, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Dianna L. Freeman, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Adam L. Sermersheim, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 24

GMAC Mortgage, LLC vs. Thelma J. Smith, William H. Smith, unknown occupant, State of Indiana Dept. of Revenue, State of Indiana c/o Attorney General, and the First National Bank of Odon, mortgage foreclosure.

February 28

Brittany Lents vs. David Lents, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Chase Home Finance, LLC vs. Gregory J. Halcomb, Karen A. Halcomb, and Hoosier Accounts Service, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff, Central Mortgage Company, and against the defendants, Jeremy R. Holland and Monica M. Van Boxel Holland, for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$72,567.91.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff, Capital One Bank, and against the defendant, Emily Trambaugh, in the amount of \$1,242.07.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff, RLW Accounts, LLC, and against the defendant, John W. Wilz, in the amount of \$13,467.13.

March 3

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff, Citibank, and against the defendant, Barbara Graber, in the amount of \$20,782.84.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suit Filed

February 23

Procol, Inc. vs. Mark Stone, complaint.
Procol, Inc. vs. Clint Keller, complaint.
Procol, Inc. vs. Wendy Chapman, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

February 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff, Procol, and against the defendant, Ginger Watts, in the amount of \$4,703.74.

February 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff, Fremont Pickett, and against the defendant, Lynn L. Clark, in the amount of \$689.

March 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff, Dana L. Drew, and against the defendants, John and Lori Daniel, in the amount of \$4,071.09.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

February 23

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lana and Gerald Kluesner, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

February 23 - March 1

Kaela Allen, Monrovia, driving while suspended, \$123.

Victor Colon, Owensburg, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Tabatha Earley, Loogootee, failure to possess valid hunting license, \$119.

James Gray, Greenville, Mississippi, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Michael King II, Loogootee, speeding too fast to avoid collision, 71 in a 55, \$124.

David Smith, Vincennes, speeding 68 in a 55, \$119.

Mariah Weisheit, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Kevin Wildman, Jasper, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

March 2

Jon Alan Sims of Shoals and Carolyn S. Baker of Shoals.

Hoosiers advised to report damage from severe thunderstorms

Hoosiers, who sustained damage caused by severe weather, including wind and flooding beginning Sunday night, February 27 and ongoing, are urged to report damage online at <https://oas.in.gov:4443/hs/damage>.

A link to the form is available on the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) website at www.in.gov/dhs. In the middle of the page under "Topics of the Day," click on "Report damage from severe storms and flooding that began February 27, 2011."

"Individuals with uninsured damage from the severe weather must report quickly," said IDHS Executive Director Joe Wainwright. "The faster we can assess the situation, the better, especially if the determination is to pursue federal assistance."

Individuals will be asked to provide their

name, address, phone number, damage to property and type of damage the property sustained. Losses can include structural damage to homes and loss of personal property.

THIS REPORT IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ANY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This is NOT an application for a grant with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Information will be used to help local emergency management agencies and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security preliminarily assess damage to determine if federal assistance can be pursued.

Additional rainfall combined with melting snow could aggravate or expand current localized flooding situations.

Martin County real estate transfers

Kevin M. Hovis, of Martin County, Indiana to the **State of Indiana**, a part of the west half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.130 acres more or less, inclusive of the presently existing right of way which contains 0.031 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the west half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 0.148 acres, more or less, inclusive of the presently existing right of way which contains 0.041 acres, more or less.

Dwight D. Crane and Christina A. (Fegan) Crane, of Martin County, Indiana to **James H. Graber and Ruth Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, 30 acres in a strip of even width off of the east side of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and all that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter being north and east of Boggs Creek, all in Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 65 acres, more or less.

James W. Marshall and Sara J. Mar-

shall, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timothy Sorrells and Cynthia G. Sorrells**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 30 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot #103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot 85 and a part of Lot 84 in Chenoweth's Extension to the town of West Shoals, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 0.415 acres, more or less. Also, all that part of Lots Numbered 86, 97 and 98 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana lying west of the right of way of U.S. Hwy. 50.

Johnny W. Morrison, of Martin County, Indiana to **Randell Yoder**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 9 acres, more or less. Except therefrom: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 24, and containing 7.82 acres, more or less. Containing after said exception 1.18 acres, more or less.

Woman arrested on cocaine charges

A Kentucky woman is behind bars after Indiana State Police K-9 alerts on a vehicle. Preliminary investigation reveals that on

Wednesday, March 2, at approximately 4:05 p.m., troopers from the Indiana State Police Drug Enforcement Section were patrolling on I-64 near the 66 mile marker eastbound in Dubois County when one of the troopers noticed a white 2009 Toyota Camry following another vehicle too closely and make a lane change without signaling. After stopping the vehicle and speaking with the driver Shenell J. Leach, 35, Lexington, Kentucky, the trooper had suspicion that criminal activity maybe afoot.

The trooper conducted an open air walk around with his K-9 and after a positive alert on the vehicle the troopers on scene decided to have another K-9 walk around the vehicle. The second K-9 walked around the vehicle, and had the same results as the



SHENELL LEACH



first.

A subsequent search of the vehicle was conducted and troopers located approximately three pounds of cocaine. Leach was taken into custody and transported to the Dubois County Security Center without incident.

Leach was charged with possession of cocaine, a Class C Felony and dealing in cocaine, a Class A Felony.

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Week in Review at the Indiana General Assembly

The General Assembly has now entered the second half of this legislative session. The State Senate has been hard at work and has begun its deliberation on House-passed bills. Key issues, including the state budget, are on hold. The state budget bill is held up in the House where action has come to a halt over the advancement of several bills that Democrats maintain will hurt working families and public schools. Regarding re-districting, work has begun on new maps for Indiana's legislative and congressional seats and several proposals are expected to be considered and debated soon. Here is a brief overview of work being accomplished by the Senate and other activities at the Statehouse.

Advocates for labor and teachers continue to rally

Representatives of many of the state's labor unions, teachers, and students continue to rally at the Statehouse and around the state. Each day various speakers have addressed the ever-growing crowds, including veteran actor Danny Glover. Glover expressed his strong opposition to what he sees as an attack on everyday workers. The anti-labor agenda being advanced in Indiana called him to action, as well as similar activities taking place in other states such as Wisconsin and Ohio. House Democrat Leader Patrick Bauer was at the Statehouse last Wednesday for the first face-to-face meeting of the House leaders. After the meeting, he spoke to a large group of protestors about the controversial bills his caucus is seeking to halt.

American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten was in Indianapolis last Thursday and spoke to a large assembly of teachers gathered outside the Statehouse to rally against several education proposals. Bills moving through the legislature opposed by teachers include merit pay, restrictions on collective bargaining agreements, and vouchers that use taxpayer dollars to allow parents to send their children private schools.

Social workers gather at Statehouse
More than 500 social workers assembled at the Statehouse to express their concerns on legislation that will affect the state's social service programs. Key among those proposals is the governor's proposed budget plan which currently includes cuts to numerous state programs that provide assistance to the indigent, seniors, children, and special needs adoptions. In addition, Medicaid cuts in services for adults including dental, podiatric and chiropractic care as well as changes that will cause a negative impact on recipients of mental health drugs are included. The budget proposal is still under House consideration.

State revenue update
The state revenue report for the month of February indicates that state revenues were \$5.2 million above target for that month. This means that the state is now \$83 million above target for the fiscal year to date, which will run until June 2011. Although

the revenue gain is modest, when you compare year-over-year numbers, sales tax collections have now increased for twelve consecutive months, with gains of more than five percent for six of the past seven months. The smaller revenue gain may also be a reflection of the fact that February is usually the lowest revenue month of the year for the state.

Texting bill advances
The Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters met to consider several bills including House Bill (HB) 1129 which targets those individuals who text while driving. Similar to Senate Bill (SB) 18, which has been approved by the Senate, this bill would ban texting while driving for all drivers in Indiana and impose a Class C infraction on those caught in the act. Use of hands-free devices would be permitted under the bill. A Class C infraction carries a \$500 fine. The committee approved the bill and it is now eligible for consideration by the full Senate.

Upcoming deadlines
April 7 - Deadline for Senate committee hearings on House bills
April 13 - Deadline for Senate to vote on House bills
April 29 - Session adjourns
To stay informed about bills moving through the General Assembly or to track legislation, log on to www.in.gov/legislative. From this site, you can also watch House and Senate committee hearings and session floor debate.

Flu still widespread across the state

State health officials say last week's influenza (flu) report shows continued widespread flu activity across the state, with six new flu-related deaths (total of 16 this flu season). Of these new deaths, all were individuals aged 55 and older.

"Unfortunately, we do have flu-related deaths every year. This is a sad reminder influenza can be very serious and even deadly," said State Health Commissioner Gregory N. Larkin, M.D. "Flu season is definitely not over, and it is not too late to get the seasonal flu vaccine."

Dr. Larkin also reminds Hoosiers to "Clean, Cover, Contain:"
- Clean your hands thoroughly and frequently,
- Cover your cough and sneeze, and
- Contain your germs by staying home if sick.

"The best defense against influenza is to get vaccinated, and everyone over 6 months of age should get the flu vaccine each year," said Dr. Larkin. "In addition, individuals should be sure to practice frequent, thorough hand washing and avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth. When possible, of course, they should stay away from known infected persons."

Influenza or the "the flu" is a viral infection of the respiratory tract. Influenza is spread by respiratory droplets from close

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Protecting Hoosier taxpayers, strengthening the economy

Every two years the General Assembly is required by Indiana's constitution to create and pass a budget by the end of the legislative session in April. The process begins in the House Ways and Means Committee, and the budget that was proposed by the committee is for fiscal years 2012-2013. In an effort to stay true to the Strengthen Indiana Plan the proposed budget will not increase taxes, will put the budget into structural balance by 2013, maintain sufficient reserves to protect taxpayers and will protect K-12 education in Indiana.

Last week, the February revenue forecast was released and showed that Indiana's revenue is still increasing. The state is \$5 million ahead of where we were projected to be in December. In order to allow Indiana to continue to lead the way out of the recession, it is imperative that we protect Hoosier taxpayers, preserve vital services, and allow Indiana to maintain the stable and sound fiscal environment necessary to create Hoosier jobs.

The House has embraced the attitude of living within our means and making do with less. Cuts have been made to the newly proposed budget, but many agencies' spending

has simply been frozen or flat lined. Government agencies are spending 25 percent less than they were in 2009 and will continue to do so. There were a few exceptions including: Medicaid, Indiana Comprehensive Health Insurance Association for those with serious medical issues, and pension obligations.

Indiana is in excellent condition fiscally compared to more than half of states in the nation. 24 states are already anticipating that FY13 budget deficits will total more than \$66 billion, and 13 states are projecting deficits in excess of 10 percent of their general fund budgets. Indiana is well on its way to creating a surplus and a structurally balanced budget by 2013.

Other states have also had to raise taxes since the start of the recession to the tune of over \$36 billion. Illinois alone has raised taxes by \$6.8 billion annually since 2009.

In regards to K-12 education, our proposed budget will preserve tuition support funding at current levels and we have made no additional cuts from the budget. K-12 education will receive the same amount of funding they have received since 2009. Only 3 percent was taken in 2009 compared to an average of 25 percent budget cuts that other state agencies faced, and no more has been cut since. We want to put children first, and believe that other agencies can make do with larger cuts than education can.

The attempts by the House Democrats to kill the budget by walking out will not be allowed. If we did not pass a budget by the end of the legislative session on April 29, then the governor would have to begin shutting down agencies temporarily until a budget was agreed to during a special session and funds were allocated for them to function. A special session will cost thousands of extra taxpayer dollars to accommodate the cost. We are hoping to avoid this unnecessary cost, but will not be able to unless our Democrat colleagues return to their seats in the House soon.

The bottom line is that Indiana's economy is well on the road to recovery and will continue to strengthen. Once the process is no longer at a stalemate and the Democrats return from their hiding in Illinois, we will hear the budget on the House floor and the more than 140 amendments filed to the bill to date, House Bill 1001. We have worked in a bipartisan manner since November and will continue to do so once the representatives that have fled the state return to do the job they swore to do.

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- Crime and graffiti are something all of us cannot tolerate; it brings our community down. To resolve this, we must make a stand even harder on the criminals at fault. We have a good police force in Loogootee and I am sure they do their best to bring justice to the violators. It must continue to not get out of control.

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

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Indiana Attorney General Zoeller testifies about health care lawsuit

The multistate legal challenge Indiana joined is one of several competing challenges to the new federal health care but the one that provides the best opportunity to bring the question before the United States Supreme Court and obtain a definitive ruling, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said last week.

At a legislative hearing last week, Zoeller updated state lawmakers on the status of the legal challenge to the new federal health care law that Indiana and 25 other states brought in federal court in Florida.

In a ruling January 31 in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Florida, federal Judge Roger Vinson agreed with the 26 plaintiff states that the federal law's individual mandate requiring Americans to buy health insurance or face a penalty is unconstitutional under the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Finding that the individual mandate could not be severed from the rest of the federal health care law - the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or ACA - the judge invalidated the entire law. The federal government defendants have until April 1 to appeal that ruling to the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, Georgia, and arguments in the case are anticipated sometime in late summer or early autumn.

"It's unprecedented for the federal government to claim it can require individuals to purchase a commercial health insurance product or pay a penalty. It is essential the question be asked of and answered by the United States Supreme Court," Zoeller told legislators. "The January ruling in Florida finding that a portion of the law is unconstitutional under the Commerce Clause is historic, and an important check on the scope of the federal government's power."

Zoeller testified before a joint hearing last week of the Indiana House Public Health Committee, the House Insurance Committee, the Senate Health Provider Services Committee and the Senate Insurance Committee, and fielded legislators' questions about the legal challenge to portions of the ACA that were scheduled to take effect in 2014.

"We are required to respect the trial court ruling of Judge Vinson. So while the states are not precluded from taking preparatory action to implement the ACA if they wish, they cannot enforce the ACA against anyone else. By finding merit to the states' arguments, this ruling also refutes the initial criticism that the case was frivolous," Zoeller added.

Shortly after Congress passed the ACA in March 2010, Zoeller announced he would participate in a legal challenge to the constitutionality of the new law, and chose the Florida case as the lawsuit to join, partly because multiple states could combine efforts and save costs. Indiana officially joined as a plaintiff in May 2010, becoming the 14th of 26 states to do so. A trade group for small businesspeople, the National Fed-

eration of Independent Business (NFIB), and two private individuals also joined the Florida-led case as plaintiffs.

At the House-Senate hearing last week, Zoeller noted that several other legal challenges to ACA were filed and some have been dismissed at the trial court level while others are ongoing. The best known other challenge was brought by Virginia, acting separately from the other states but alleging similar grounds: that the individual mandate is unconstitutional. The U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Virginia agreed with the plaintiff and struck down the individual mandate, but left the rest of the law standing. That case also is on appeal.

More than one year ago, at U.S. Senator Richard Lugar's request, Zoeller prepared a 55-page report and analysis of the ACA legislation still before Congress at the time. The issues the Attorney General cited concerning the individual mandate and federal coercion of state governments to dramatically expand their Medicaid programs became the basis for some of the legal arguments the multistate group later filed in the challenge in Florida.

It's expected that the Florida challenge eventually will be appealed up to the U.S. Supreme Court, though it's unlikely to do so before 2012 unless the Court expedites it, Zoeller said.

"The Florida case has a better record of showing harm to states and presents other issues such as federal government coercion of states through Medicaid expansion — which may make it a better case for the U.S. Supreme Court to review than the other cases," Zoeller said. "This is an important case, and Indiana and the other states had an obligation to bring this respectful legal challenge to test whether this claim was constitutional. Hoosiers often have told me that health insurance reform is needed in this country but it should be done in a constitutional manner," Zoeller added.

Zoeller reiterated that he has not spent additional tax dollars on the multistate challenge beyond his office's regular budget that the Legislature previously approved in 2009. Indiana has not paid legal fees to join the lawsuit and has not hired outside legal counsel. Instead, Indiana's legal work has been performed in-house by an Attorney General's Office employee, Solicitor General Thomas Fisher.

In addition to Indiana, the plaintiff states bringing the multistate challenge last year included Florida, South Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Louisiana, Alabama, Colorado, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Washington, Idaho, South Dakota, Mississippi, Nevada, Arizona, Georgia, Alaska and North Dakota. On January 18, six additional states joined the case: Ohio, Kansas, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Maine and Iowa. The U.S. Department of Justice represents the federal government defendants.



I had a column all done this week ready to go, then I found more results from the historical survey being done in Martin County by the State Preservation Office and my plans changed.

I was looking through each result for Center Township, the newest to be released, reveling in the beauty and intrigue of each property. I came across the listing for the old Martin County Courthouse, now the county museum. The photo, that surveyor Tim Miller with the DNR took, made me feel proud of our county. I put it on the front page. How can anyone look at that photo and not take themselves back a hundred years ago and imagine what it was like.

As many close to me know, I am fascinated with all things history — especially history related to my family and/or Martin County. My husband, boys, and I have been on many a historic expedition in Martin County retracing the steps of my ancestors trying to find even the smallest hint of life back then.

I go to Shoals at least once a week and every time I pass over that bridge and see the old courthouse I smile. I picture what the area looked like over 120 years ago and imagine the workers building that courthouse — probably never even thinking about us, almost 135 years later, being so appreciative and in awe of what they made for us.

One of my family's favorite places in Martin County is Hindostan. Not only is it beautiful, it is so rich with legend and history that me, Josh, and the boys have walked miles around those grounds looking for any trace of the former civilization. Through my research I have mapped out the town in my mind and pictured the streets, the people coming and going from the river, the horse races through the town streets, and merchants doing business — so hopeful for the future and for the then county seat. Obviously, the only thing left of that thriving town is a few grave stones in the cemeteries. Frederick Sholtz's family is buried in one of the cemeteries. He was one of the founders of Hindostan and from the things I have read, he had a real entrepreneurial spirit. People like Sholtz made Martin County what it is today and his contributions live on in my mind and the mind of, I'm sure, so many more.

My grandparents grew up in and around Martin County. My grandma, Ilene Ever-

man, who was instrumental in bringing about my love for history, graduated from Montgomery High School. My grandma, Margie Clark, grew up in Burns City. My roots are strong in this area which is probably why I am so devoted to it.

The homes and commercial buildings we have left from the very beginning of Martin County are prized possessions. The people who founded this county built them with an idea, a plan for it to prosper. Well over 100 years ago people walked the streets of downtown Loogootee and I often think about that when I walk downtown myself. So much has changed in such a short time but, really, the basic make-up of our downtown remains the same. Instead of horses and carriages we have cars and buses. Instead of telegrams we have cell phones and email. Those who built Martin County most likely never even imagined these things in our future and we can't imagine what will be in our grandchildren's future. All I know is that we should cherish and save every single thing we can that made our county what it is today. Yes, we are responsible for keeping it going, but we also have a duty to preserve what was started for us.

I always tell my husband that if we won the lottery one of the first things I would do is buy the oldest house I could find and restore it. I don't really like new, modern things, the older the better in my opinion. The furniture and decorations that I have received over the years from my grandmas are my most prized possessions. In 2008, a year after moving back to Loogootee, our garage burned down. When Tony Dant pulled into the drive to alert us of the fire (thank God for him), the first thing that crossed my mind was my Grandma Clark's table that was out there. She had passed away a few years before and I had been given that table. We had not lived here long and I put it in the garage until I could find the perfect place for it. As I stood there crying my eyes out watching my garage go up in flames I knew my husband was thinking about that table. He tried to get to it but couldn't — it was too late by then. After the fire was put out we found it, a charred shell. The insurance company said it had no monetary value because it could not be found on ebay or any retail site and I never had it appraised. I guess they were sort of right — it was priceless - just like many things from our history.

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COLTON WILLIAM DOWNEY

It's a boy . . .

Tony and Cynthia Downey, of Loogootee, would like to announce the birth of their son, Colton William.

Colt was born on January 6, 2011, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long.

He was welcomed by sister, Tabatha, age 28, and brothers Tyberius, one day shy of being age eight years old, and Alexander, age four.

Paternal grandparents are Lois and the late William P. (Bill) Downey, Jr. and the late Barbara Jo Collett.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Edith Rehl and Ronald and Patricia Daugherty.

Dean's list . . .

Kayla Winger, currently a junior at Butler University and a resident of Noblesville and graduate of Shoals High School Class of 2008 made the Dean's List for Fall Semester 2010. Kayla is the daughter of Laura Tarr of Noblesville and Frank Winger of Shoals.

Miss VU Pageant to celebrate 45th anniversary

Vincennes University will celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Miss Vincennes University Scholarship Pageant on March 19.

The Miss VU pageant is Indiana's longest consecutively running pageant and is the only televised pageant in the state. The Miss VU Scholarship Pageant is a preliminary step toward the Miss Indiana title and the young woman named Miss Indiana is eligible to participate in the national Miss America Scholarship Pageant.

Three Miss VU winners went on to win the Miss Indiana title: Miss VU 1971 Penny Tichenor Anthony in 1973, Miss VU 1991 Shani Lynn Neilsen in 1996, and Miss VU 1997 Julianne Hackney Hess in 1998. Miss VU 1986 Diana Steckler Sacino went on to become Miss Massachusetts in 1988.

The 2011 Miss VU Pageant will feature ten semi-finalists in competition as well as Miss VU 2010 Katie Donnar, Bruceville, and Master of Ceremonies Steven Dickey, Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Special entertainment will be provided by several former Miss VUs, including a duet by sisters Susanne Hackney Renshaw, Miss VU 1994, and Julianne Hackney Hess, Miss VU 1997. Diana Steckler Sacino, Miss VU 1986, will also be a featured soloist.

Tickets are on sale now for the 2011 Miss VU Scholarship Pageant to be held at VU's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center beginning at 8 p.m. EDT on March 19.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. VU students with ID will be admitted free.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.vinu.edu/redskelton or at the Skelton Center box office, 812-888-4039.

Proceeds will benefit the local pageant as well as the Children's Miracle Network, the official national platform of the Miss America Organization.

Viewers worldwide may watch the program live on the VU website, www.vinu.edu, and local viewers may tune in to WVUT Channel 22 (cable subscribers should check local listings).

The 2011 Miss VU Pageant semi-final-

Calendar of Events

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.

Cracker Barrel session

Farm Bureau Incorporated will sponsor a Cracker Barrel session on Saturday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m. at the Martin County Community Building. Doors open at 9 a.m. State officials attending will be Senator Lindel Hume, State Representative Mark Messmer, and State Representative Matt Ubelhor. The public is invited to attend and meet these elected officials and hear what they have to say. Light refreshments will be served.

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

ists are Alexia Brower, Chelsea Brooke Thompson, and Virginia Westfall, Vincennes; Ashley Dawn Polen, Petersburg; Sharee Knotts, Elwood; Amber Allen and Tanessa M. Dumes, Indianapolis; Bethany Pinkstaff, Paragon; Hayleigh Ashtynne Ell, Pendleton; and Amanda Jane Robison, Wabash.

Each VU semi-finalist will participate in five areas of competition: private interview conducted prior to the pageant, on-stage question, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, evening wear, and talent.

In addition, each semi-finalist will present information about her platform - a socially significant issue or cause on which she works to raise public awareness.

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. 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.

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 Merkley sausage, orange juice, coffee, and milk. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family. Tickets are available at the door.

Loogootee Post Prom committee

The next Loogootee Post Prom meeting will be held Sunday March 14 at the LHS cafeteria. The braided bread order forms need to be turned in to Barb Arvin or Bobbi Sue Nonte no later than Sunday evening.

The post prom committee is looking to have another road block this Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you can work a shift, contact Beth Wittmer at 812-709-1392. This Sunday the committee hopes to vote on the t-shirt design and vendor for the shirt so if you have any more input on the design, contact Bobbi.

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.

4-H Shooting sports

The Martin County 4-H Shooting Sports will have meetings in April. Participants will be instructed on using rifles, archery, muzzleloaders, and shotguns before going to the range to try their skills. Part of the second day will also have instruction on tomahawk and atlatl (an ancient spear). Lunch will be provided each day. Everyone should dress for appropriate weather conditions as they will be outside most of the day, cold or hot, rain or shine. Take a lesson from the boy scouts and "BE PREPARED!" The first session is April 2 at the fairgrounds. The second session will be April 16 at the American Legion club across from the White River Co-Op on Hwy 50. Both sessions will start at 9 a.m. and last until approximately 4 p.m. Parents should plan on being there by 3:30 in case of early dismissal. If you have any questions and to sign-up please call Jonathan Stevens at 812-295-2412.

Drum Enchanted Evening concert is March 24

The Vincennes University Music Department will present Drum Enchanted Evening featuring the VU Percussion Ensemble on March 24, at 7:30 p.m. EDT, at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. The event is free and the public is invited to attend.

The VU Percussion Ensemble includes ten percussionists playing a variety of traditional and innovative percussion instruments. The group will perform various musical styles including jazz/fusion, classical, and the more contemporary novelty tunes performed in the style of STOMP, which involves the use of unique or unusual objects as percussion instruments combined with visual performance.

The VU Ensemble will also perform on March 26 at Ball State University's Day of Percussion. VU hosted this event last spring at the Skelton Center. The day will feature clinics as well as performances by various percussion ensembles. In addition to VU, participating ensembles will come from Ball State University, Butler University, Indiana State University, Indiana Wesleyan University, and Purdue University. The event is free and the public is invited to attend. Performances start at 9 a.m. local time and will conclude at approximately 5 p.m.

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New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY ERNIE CANELL
Pastor, New Beginnings Church

What is it to be a Christian?
 The Book of Jude

There is a serious error in many Bible translations that make Christianity less than it really is. It produces Christians who think that God is just there for their bidding and someone who we can call on when we need help. That He will fulfill all of our needs when we need something. The Bible calls Christians a lot of things, heirs of Christ, brother and sister in Christ, ambassadors, friends of Christ and many more but the one thing that Christians are most often referred to, is the word that in most translations translates servant as slaves.

If we are to understand the book of Jude we have to start by calling ourselves what Jude called himself, a slave of Jesus Christ. He wanted to write about their common salvation, which was, they were all slaves to Jesus Christ because of what Jesus did on the cross for us. But there were problems and the problems stemmed from those who had made Jesus out to be less than their Lord and Master.

Being a slave to Christ has such huge ramifications. If we will begin to view ourselves and the scripture in the light of what we are called to be, it will change how you perceive your Christianity. How your relationship with Christ will be viewed in a whole new light. And the way we act as Christians will be in the light of whom our master is rather than

who we make ourselves out to be. Jude wanted to help the Christians understand the false teachers in the church. They perverted the gospel of grace to make it into a gospel of sensuality and about self and what they could get out of it.

They offered cheap grace. Grace that says we can do whatever we want because God's grace will forgive us. They were the ones, who in Romans Chapter 6, knew God's grace which abounds more when we sin, which is true. Romans 5, says, "Where sin increased, grace abounds all the more." Paul says in 6:1, "What shall we say then? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may multiply?"... by no means..

Romans 6:22, But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God. Cheap graces says we are ok because we are easily forgiven. These were ungodly people that want to do whatever they want and still be forgiven. They deny Jesus as Lord and Master. They are not slaves to God. They are slaves to self, sin and pride.

Then he gives us examples of people and ways of people, who Jesus will not be their Lord and Master. Each example will encourage Christians to work for the faith. As a slave to Christ, be watchful for these kinds of false truths, because those are the ones who would deny Jesus as their master.

The people out of Egypt that turned to idols and denied their faith in God, the Angels who, because of pride, rebelled against God, those

in Sodom and Gomorrah whose master was their unnatural desire for intimate relationships with the same sex, He then says watch out for those who set doctrine on their dreams and imaginations who defile the flesh and reject authority. All these were headed for God's wrath and judgment. They were not headed for Heaven but for gloomy darkness of the eternal fires of hell.

We have to be careful not to be misled by these false teachers that have come into the church, Jude says. Believers need to work for the faith. How do we do that? Jude tell us.

First, pray in the spirit, be influenced by the Holy Spirit, know the Holy spirit will help us in our prayers, pray consistently by the will and power of the Spirit, and pray for God's will not our own.

Second, keep yourself in the love of God; building ourselves up by the word of God. Keeping the right relationship with God, loving Him because He first loved us. Showing our love for God in actions done by keeping the commandments, by being obedient to our master's commands.

Third, wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Keep your hope in God's mercy, keep our minds fixed on Heaven, be expectant of Christ's return when we will not face eternal punishment but rather God's mercy. Because of what Jesus did for us.

Fourth, he tells us to share God's mercy with others. The ones that are doubters, be-

cause of something they were told to be true that wasn't. Those in total disbelief that Jesus is our Lord and Master and those who teach total opposite of the true gospel message of grace and Lordship.

Fifth, live in assurance of who your master is. Being a slave has some awesome assurances that we can count on. Our God is able, able to keep you from stumbling. Able to present you blameless to God, the father, because of what Jesus did. Able to take our punishment on the cross for our sins. Able to give you great joy.

And he ends with one of the greatest doxologies in the New Testament. To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.. Jude 1:25 (KJV)

He is the only master a Christian should have because He has the power to save and be king!

We are still in need of new socks and underwear for the U.S. Ministry. We will be announcing in March when the distribution will be. If you would like to donate please call Shirley at 709-2525 or drop them off at Printing Express, New Beginnings Community Church on Sunday morning, Shear Perfection, or Wabash Truck in Shoals.

Our service begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday and we invite you to come join us for an awesome time of worship and word. If you have any questions about your relationship with Jesus Christ, please call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

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Lions fall in sectional championship

The Lions ended their season last Saturday in the sectional championship against North Daviess with a loss, 41-43.

Loogootee got off to another tough start unable to connect to the basket and turning over the ball. Their first points didn't come until around the one-minute mark with a bucket by John Baugh putting the Lions down 11-2 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter the Lions went on a 6-0 run closing the gap and putting the halftime score at 15-18.

John Baugh came out at halftime nailing a three-pointer and a foul putting the Lions within one. With three minutes left in the third, the game was tied up at 22. Joe Riggins, for North Daviess, scored a three putting North Daviess back on top. Loogootee's Ben Hogan answered with a three of his own tying the game once again. At the end of three the Cougars maintained a one-point lead. LHS Junior Bryant Ackerman rallied for the Lions throughout the game and his three-pointer put the Lions on top for the first time in the fourth quarter.

The game went back and forth till the end with Ackerman firing another three answering to another Cougar lead. North Daviess was up by one and at the foul line with .7 seconds left on the clock. Despite a miss on the second free throw attempt, the Lions were unable to get a close shot off before the buzzer ending their season with a record of 17-5.

Ackerman led the Lions in scoring with 14. Senior Ben Hogan finished with nine points, senior John Baugh ended with six, Conner Wittmer finished with eight, and Matt Mathies had four points.

North Daviess was led in scoring by Clayton Byer with 15. Isaac Swartzentruber and Nick Crays each had eight, Joe Riggins finished with nine, Louis Nugent had a bucket and Wes Lengacher had one point.

Loogootee got off to a slow start in their sectional opener against Vincennes Rivet last Thursday night, March 4 but finished

with the win 52-43. In their first possession Matt Mathies tossed up a three that never even got close to the bucket. John Baugh also put up an air ball three pointer with only one point on the board for the Lions. The Lions first field goal didn't come until the three-minute mark in the first quarter.

The Lions earning a buy in the sectional draw went into the game against the Patriots with almost close to 10 days off previous. They managed to regain their composure and shake off the cobwebs mid-way through the second quarter to take their first lead of the game. Rivet had come off a win Tuesday night against Shoals in the first round.

Loogootee Junior Bryant Ackerman led the team in scoring with 18 points including one three-pointer. Ackerman was perfect from the free throw line and 6 for 7 from field goal range and finished with eight rebounds. Sophomore Conner Wittmer fol-

lowed right behind with 16 points for the Lions and six rebounds. Ben Hogan finished with 10 points and six rebounds, Mathies had four points and four rebounds, and Baugh finished with four points.

Loogootee finished with 14 turnovers to Rivet's 13.

For Rivet, Kendall Vieke ended with a game-high 27 points.

Rivet shot 52 percent in the game from 2-point range hitting 15 of 29. They landed two of seven three pointers and finished 17/46 overall or 37 percent.

Loogootee shot 17 for 28 from two point range, and only one for nine from 3-point range. Overall shooting was 49 percent.

Loogootee finished with a whopping 28 rebounds, Rivet had 20.

Loogootee hit 15 of 27 free throws for 56 percent; Rivet hit seven of 15 for 47 percent.

Spring classes, programs at the Martin County Community Learning Center

Proctoring services

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

Computer Applications II

The Fathers Forever Coalition will be hosting a free computer course on Monday nights March 7 through April 11 from 6 p.m. to 9p.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 offi-

cial web site 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 workshop will be held on March 17 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. 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 22. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8p.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.

Sign language class

Anyone who has completed the Intro to Sign Language class and would like to continue learning this beautiful language can contact the learning center about starting the next level class. If you still remember the basics from the intro class, you are welcome to join. When there is enough interest in the class, we will set the dates.

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.

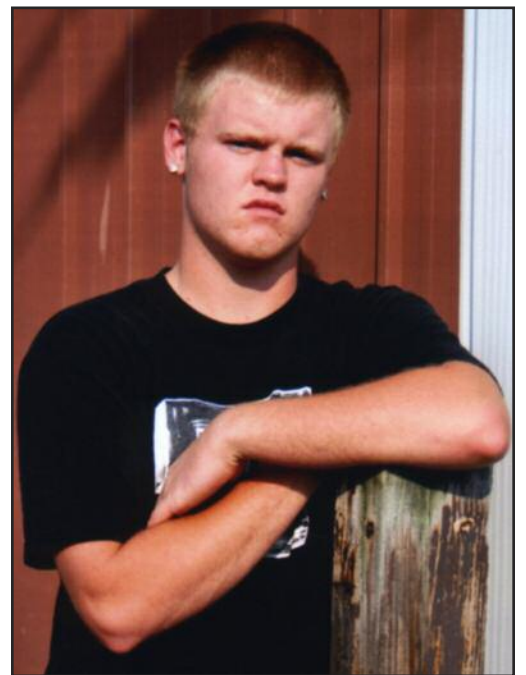
Overcomers' Group

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.



AMANDA STEWART

Amanda "Mandi" Jeanne Stewart is the daughter Ann and Kevin Stewart. Her favorite hobbies include spending time with her son, Mason, and her family and friends. During high school she was involved in Beta Club, Pep Club, volleyball, softball, SADD, Student Council, and yearbook. One of her fondest memories was when her son was born. One thing she will remember about school was when the girls got revenge on the boys during S.T.A.R. After high school Mandi plans to go to Vincennes University Jasper Campus to become a registered nurse.



TYLER PRICE

S. Tyler Price is the son of T.J. and Rogiann Price. He says his favorite pastime is "cruisin' in the 'Stang. During high school he has been involved in baseball, basketball, and soccer. He says one of his most memorable moments was when Terry got sick from the onion rings at Bo Mac's. Tyler's future plans include having a good time and making some money.

Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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Thursday, March 10

Cereal, toast, sausage, juice

Friday, March 11

Sausage and egg, biscuit, juice

Monday, March 14

French toast, sausage, fruit

Tuesday, March 15

Breakfast pizza, egg, fruit

Wednesday, March 16

Biscuits and gravy, sausage, juice

Lunch

Thursday, March 10

Sloppy Joe, French fries, pears, cookie

Friday, March 11

Sausage pizza, salad, mixed fruit

Monday, March 14

Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, applesauce, bread

Tuesday, March 15

Corn dog, green beans, cherry crisp, bread

Wednesday, March 16

Taco salad, corn

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Lunch

Thursday, March 10

Spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

Friday, March 11

Hamburger or pizza, French fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, March 14

Hot dogs, corn dogs, or pizza, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, fruit, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, March 15

Turkey Manhattans or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, March 16

Chili or pizza, cheese and crackers, rolls, fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, March 10

Egg, biscuit and jelly, juice, milk

Friday, March 11

Cereal, sweet rolls, juice, milk

Monday, March 14

Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 15

Waffles with syrup, ham, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 16

Egg, sausage, biscuit, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, March 10

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, ice cream cup, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza

Friday, March 11

Sloppy Joe, potato wedges, peach slices, milk; choice 4-12: burrito

Monday, March 14

Hamburger, spicy French fries, fruit, cake, milk

Tuesday, March 15

Chicken and noodle tray, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat bread, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

Wednesday, March 16

Corn dog nuggets, green beans, creamy slaw, corn bread, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

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State's college aid deadline is tomorrow, March 10

With Indiana's financial aid filing deadline tomorrow, time is running out to get cash for college. Hoosiers planning to attend college this fall—both current and prospective students—must file the FAFSA (or Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by Thursday, March 10, to qualify for the maximum amount of financial aid.

About half of Indiana's prospective college students potentially forfeit thousands of dollars in state college aid because of late financial aid paperwork. In response, state officials are asking students to complete the FAFSA at FAFSA.gov, as that's the fastest and easiest way to file accurately and on time.

The state's latest push to encourage FAFSA filers is one aspect of Indiana's annual Cash for College campaign. Led by Learn More Indiana, the Cash for College campaign promotes specific, practical steps to help students at all levels get to and through college. Learn more at CashforCollegeIndiana.org.

What you need to file the FAFSA
Make sure you have the following information before visiting FAFSA.gov to file your FAFSA:

- 1) Student's Social Security Number
- 2) Student's driver's license (if applicable)
- 3) Most recent federal tax return (IRS form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)

Most high school students and dependent college students will need to include their parents' information. Individuals who are

not U.S. citizens will need their alien registration numbers or permanent residence cards.

About Cash for College
Hoosiers today understand the importance of continuing their education after high school, but many students struggle to save, apply and pay for college. That's where Indiana's Cash for College campaign comes in. Held annually in the lead-up to Indiana's March 10th financial aid deadline, Cash for College works to equip students and families with the practical steps needed to plan and pay for college. The campaign supports local students and communities with a variety of helpful resources, including grade-specific goals, student contests, special events, and more. Learn more at CashforCollegeIndiana.org.

About Learn More Indiana
Indiana's Cash for College Campaign is made possible by Learn More Indiana, a partnership of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the Indiana Department of Education, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana, with additional support from Indiana's colleges and universities, the Lumina Foundation for Education, USA Funds and the U.S. Department of Education. In print, in person, online and on the phone, Learn More Indiana helps Hoosier students of all ages succeed in school, complete college and connect to careers. Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org.



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Published authors

Students at Shoals Elementary School are having their poems published in the book "A Celebration of Poets". Students all over the state have turned in poems to this poetry contest. This is an honor as most students are not invited to have their poem published. Those students having their poem published are pictured. In the front row, from left to right, are Amber Fields, Calli Winger, Olivia Stoll, Melanie Hawkins, and Angel Hampton. In the back row, from left to right, are Alyssa Hernandez, Kyle Montgomery, Lori Albright, Ryan Hawkins, and Georgia Bryson.

Shoals Jr./Sr. High School Honor Roll

Term 2 - Grading Period 4 Seventh grade

All A's: Allison Albright, Megan Hawkins, Ashley Phillips, Corbyn Sipes, and Reva Troutman

Distinguished Honor Roll: Logan Harker, Honor Roll: Zachary Bleemel, Tyrell Brett, Britney Cooper, Julie Dorsey, Charles Harner, Christina Hovis, Aundie Tinkle, Danielle Whaley, and Dawn Wright

Eighth grade

All A's: Logan Albright, Brittany Bauernfiend, Ashley Montgomery, and Holly Self
Distinguished Honor Roll: Audrey Bowers, Haylie Brace, Kelsey Sellers, Josey Waggoner, and Alexis Young

Honor Roll: Johnny Arnett, Kyle Courtright, Kylee Hardwick, Michael Hawkins, Austin Jones, and Akela Wells

Ninth grade

All A's: Robin Hamby, Nicole Harder
Distinguished Honor Roll: Cole Hovis and Kandi Tichenor

Honor Roll: Jenna Bleemel, Erica Bratton, Caleb Davis, Ariel Hert, Cody Hert, Logan McCrary, Tyler McGuire, Sistoria Neeley, Ashley Payne, Samantha Pugh, Sydney Tedrow, and Kristen Waggoner

Tenth grade

All A's: Whitney Albright, Jennifer Montgomery, and Emily Richardson
Distinguished Honor Roll: Tristan Ben-

nington and Ramona Simmons

Honor Roll: Amberly Albright, Kayla Butler, Jessica Courtright, Lezlie Hart, Ethan Jones, Austin Kimmel, Courtney Overfield, and Clayton Tow

Eleventh grade

All A's: Rachel Harder
Distinguished Honor Roll: Victoria Bauer, Michaela Brockman, Zachary Cook, Alanna Dawley, Grace LaMar, Sasha Mains, Megan Sanders, Jacob Stoner, and Darek Turpin

Honor Roll: Chelsey Baker, Zachary Baker, Alex Bauernfiend, Supitcha Charoenram, Denise Cornett, Audra Deckard, MacKenzie Graves, Brian Hert, Mackenzie Jones, Courtney Kender, Kyra Ott, and Audrey Sorrells

Twelfth grade

All A's: Augustus Sherfick, Kyla Tichenor, and Diamond Wright

Distinguished Honor Roll: Shaelin Adams, Amber Lynn Bauer, Justin Franklin, Jess Jenkins, Hillary Jones, Megan Montgomery, Bradley Phillips, Amber Royston, and Charles Shartzter,

Honor Roll: Garrett Bateman, Jessica Conrad, Dillon Cornett, Casey Davis, John Harder, Ashley Hawkins, Kayla Kidwell, Eric McDonald, Kaylea Mulder, Terry Newlin, Rachel Parsons, Caroline Pruett, and Amanda Stewart



Read Across America

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Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Read Across America was on March 2. Students in Mrs. Hawkins' Class at Shoals Elementary had Mr. Harding, Mrs. Lanham, and Mrs. Weeks come and read with them. The students also ate green eggs, made Oobleck, drank honey drinks, read Dr. Seuss books and much more to celebrate this day. Mrs. Lanham is pictured reading to the students.



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Nature visit

Stacy Duke, Recreation Specialist and Conservation Education Program Coordinator from Hoosier National Forest, came to see the fourth graders at Shoals Elementary School. Students loved learning and trying to figure out the skulls and skins of animals. The students, shown above, learned a lot about different species with the help of Stacy.

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State Forest open houses set; Martin County included

People interested in how Indiana's State Forests are run can share their views at open houses to be held at Greene-Sullivan, Martin, Ferdinand, Jackson-Washington and Clark state forests during the next three months.

At each event, the DNR Division of Forestry will provide information about recreational activities, budget, staffing, major projects, the current DNR Division of Forestry Strategic Plan, invasive species and forest resource management. Attendees can talk directly with DNR personnel.

"These open houses provide Hoosiers with a chance to receive first-hand information about how the State Forests provide diverse wildlife habitat, forest products and recreational opportunities," said State Forester John Seifert. "They also allow us to receive valuable feedback from our neighbors."

Those who cannot attend an open house can review and comment online. All tract management guides are posted at www.IN.gov/dnr/forestry/3635.htm. Click on the link to "Indiana State Forests," then "Public Comment."

Events and open houses include (all times are Eastern):

- Greene-Sullivan State Forest, Saturday, March 5, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in conjunction with Marsh Madness, held at the Linton City Park's East Cabin, (812) 648-2810.

- Martin State Forest, Saturday, March 26, 8 a.m.-noon, at Martin County Ag Day held at the Martin County Community Building at the fairgrounds, (812) 247-3491.

- Ferdinand State Forest, Saturday, April 30, 1-4 p.m., at the Sycamore Shelter, on Indiana 264, approximately four miles northwest of Ferdinand, (812) 367-1524.

- Jackson-Washington State Forest, Thursday, May 12, 3-6 p.m., at the property office, 2.5 miles southeast of Brownstown on Indiana 250, (812) 358-2160. Staff from Starve Hollow State Recreation Area will also be present.

- Clark State Forest, Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Office is one mile north of Henryville on Indiana 31, (812) 294-4306. Staff from Deam Lake State Recreation Area will also be present.

Dates for open houses at Yellowwood, Owen-Putnam and Harrison-Crawford have yet to be determined. Property staffs are also available during normal business hours. Go to dnr.IN.gov/forestry/ for contact information or to schedule a visit.

The DNR Division of Forestry promotes and practices good stewardship of natural, recreational and cultural resources on Indiana's public and private forest lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and future generations.

Forage, wheat experts recommend field checks after ice storms

BY AUDRIE KOESTER
Purdue University News Service

Farmers should examine winter wheat and forages as the crops emerge from dormancy to determine if they have been damaged from the recent sleet and ice storms, two Purdue Extension specialists say.

Forage crops specialist Keith Johnson estimates that one-fifth of the Indiana landscape was covered by the sleet and ice from the early February storm.

"The snow that fell was not the normal, powdery snow but a combination of ice and rain acting as a natural concrete," he said.

Ice can surround the crown of alfalfa plants and allow toxic metabolites to build up, preventing the natural exchange of carbon dioxide and oxygen during respiration - essentially smothering the plant.

Wheat specialist Shaun Casteel said ice in wheat can permanently damage the crown or kill the plant.

Farmers won't know whether ice caused winter damage to their crops until they go out and check their fields, Johnson said.

"As a good management practice, producers should always check plants when crops break winter dormancy," he said. "Farmers who delay a field check until mid-April because they assume everything is OK can go into panic mode when they discover a winter-damaged crop. I want producers to have more time to make an informed decision if a crop is affected."

Casteel said the key to a field check is to determine how many plants survived.

"Producers should shoot for 30-35 wheat plants per square foot, but it is acceptable to have 20 healthy plants per square foot including tillers," Casteel said. "Going out in early March gives farmers enough time to make a decision about top-dressing options."

Around the third week in March is an excellent time to assess if alfalfa plants are coming back properly, Johnson said. Producers should see a minimum of 30 vigorous tillers per square foot, and more is better.

He encouraged using a spade for destructive sampling. Producers should start in the

lower-lying portions of the field, as this is likely where damage is to be found, then fan out to areas with better drainage.

"Cut into the taproot and crown to see if the color is a healthy whitish-beige, not brown, and that green crown buds are appearing evenly around the crown at ground level," Johnson said.

If weak alfalfa stands are found, producers should determine whether there is a need for added nutrients by soil testing. Johnson also recommends delaying harvest to beyond the late bud stage because reserves for regrowth will be higher than in an earlier harvest. Forage quality will be lower for this one cutting, but persistence of the stand should be improved.

"It's possible to overseed a moderately injured alfalfa field with red clover before or as alfalfa winter dormancy breaks to recover some forage yield for this year and next," Johnson said. "It may be best to switch the field into corn if it is too damaged to get some nitrogen credit from the alfalfa crop. Seeding alfalfa into the old stand would not be recommended due to a self-imposed toxicity to germinating seeds."

Checking survival of wheat plants follows the same procedure as alfalfa. Damaged wheat fields might need more top dressing, Casteel said.

Producers also have the option of terminating the wheat crop and starting over with corn or soybeans.

Preventative measures for ice damage depend on the crop.

"The only ways to prevent damage to wheat are timely planting and establishing a stand before dormancy," Casteel said.

Forage producers can help prevent ice damage to their alfalfa crop by having residual growth and not clean cutting a fall-dormant alfalfa crop. This creates a vertical air channel and reduces the effects of ice.

"Leaving stubble after a dormant harvest last fall requires an equipment adjustment and loss of some yield, but it's a way to reduce chances of winter damage," Johnson said. "Farmers taking preventive measures before and after the ice occurs increase their chances of having a successful crop."

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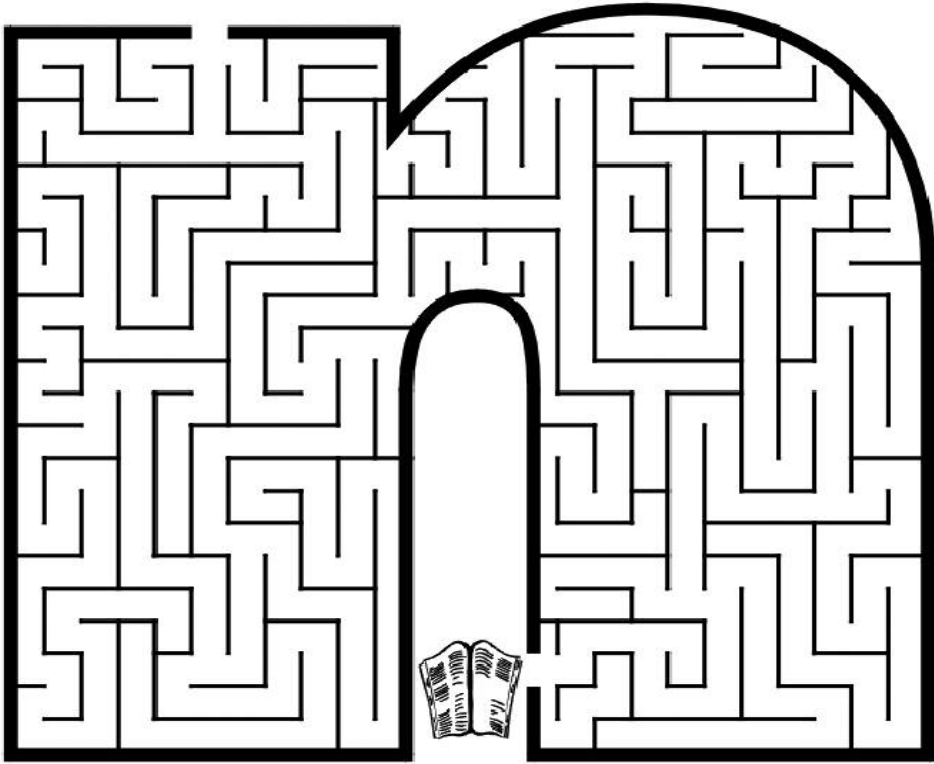
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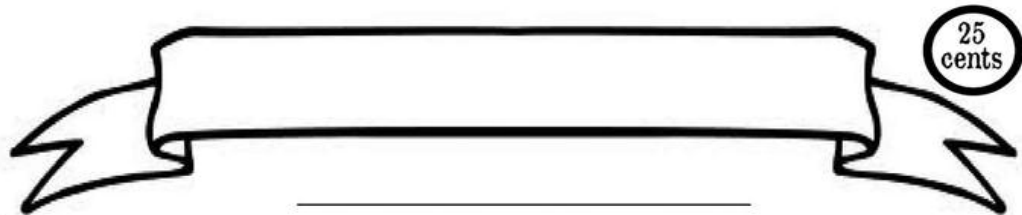
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