

Resident questions use of early warning siren

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Resident Brian Ader addressed the Loogootee Board of Works at their meeting Monday night, March 10 regarding tornado sirens. He said he has concern on the early warning sirens, stemming from a storm we had a few weeks ago. "It's a very important tool that, you know, we need to make sure it's being used properly I guess," he said. He wanted to know what the policy was regarding activating the siren. He said during one of the storms in mid-February, alerts and warnings were going out as early as 7:53 p.m. for tornados. He said the siren didn't go off until around 8:13 p.m. and the storm hit a few minutes later. He said his concern is that people need more time to take cover. He added that this is one of the more violent storms the area has seen since tornados hit Washington last November. "The last thing I want to see happen in our community, or anybody's community, is that that's not activated soon enough and we have people that get hurt let alone even killed," he said. "I think it's important that we give the people, the citizens of Loogootee, as early of a warning as we can."

Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said that there are four people in the city who can call for activation of the siren - himself, Mayor Harty, Fire Chief Morgan Huebner, and whatever officer is on duty. He said about

80 percent of the time though, he is the one that makes the call.

Council member Fred Dupps said he remembers the evening Ader is referring to and it was a violent storm. He said however that he feels there are times when the siren is sounded too early or too often.

Ader said according to the policy he got from the clerk-treasurer's office, it states that the siren is to run for 10 minutes and shut down for three minutes and repeat until the tornado warning is over. He said he understands that the siren is loud for those who live near it, but those people have to look at the big picture, preventing someone from getting hurt.

Rayhill said he had received a call from dispatch that night saying that a tornado warning had been issued. He told dispatch to activate the siren.

Ader said that the city tests the siren once a month. He said other cities are testing theirs on a specific day once a week. He recommended the council look into changing how often it's tested. "I think 95-98 percent of the time these guys do a good job on it but I think this last time they kind of let the ball slip a little bit," he said.

Council member Rich Taylor said he receives complaints from residents about the sirens being too loud.

Rayhill said the siren goes for five minutes at a time maximum now.

Ader suggested also that the city send

some people to weather spotting class. Fire Chief Huebner said he has a few firefighters that have been to the class.

In other business for the board of works, Mayor Harty told the board of public works

he had a request for a yield sign at the corner of Acton and Clark streets. Board member Fred Dupps said he thinks the issue should be tabled until the area could be
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Volleyball signing

-Photos by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee High School Seniors Michala Beasley and Demi Ricardson signed today, Wednesday, March 12, to both play volleyball at Indiana University Southeast. In the photo above in the front row, from left to right, are Eric Brian, IU Southeast Head Volleyball Coach; Demi Richardson, and Brett Richardson (Demi's father). In the back row, from left to right, are Lacey Wade, former LHS Volleyball Coach; Doug Denson, LHS Volleyball Coach; Melba Richardson (Demi's mom), and Josh Mullis, LHS Athletic Director. In the photo on the bottom, in the front row from left to right, are Eric Brian, Michala Beasley, and Mike Beasley (Michala's dad). In the back row, from left to right, are Lacey Wade, Doug Denson, Nancy Beasley (Michala's mom), and Josh Mullis.

Sandy Zehr to be guest speaker at chamber dinner

Sandy Zehr will be the speaker at this year's Martin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. The dinner will be held Monday, March 17, at 6 p.m. at the community building on the fairgrounds. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are on sale at Old National Bank in Loogootee or Shoals and the chamber of commerce office, or you can call 295-8379 to reserve a ticket and mail payment to MCCC PO Box 257 Loogootee, IN 47553. Tickets prices are \$15 each.

The program will begin at 6 p.m. and will be catered by Carla's Catering.

The speaker, Sandy Zehr, joined NSW Crane as the Corporate Advocacy Strategy Lead in February, 2011 and is assigned to the Customer Advocacy and Strategy Division. In this capacity, Mr. Zehr is responsible for providing command-level leadership in the development, planning and execution of NSW Crane corporate advocacy strategy.

Zehr was an employee of McKean Defense Group from 2010 to 2011. During his time with McKean, he provided a leadership role in the establishment of the NSW Crane External Affairs capability and directed the stand-up of the Advocacy capability in support of the NSW Crane Strategic Engagement & Mission Analysis Division.

Prior to his work with NSW Crane, Zehr spent over 20 years in corporate strategic and leadership positions, most of which



SANDY ZEHR

he served at a corporate vice-president position level where he had direct accountability for bottom line profitability. In this role, he assumed total operational responsibility including organizational leadership, strategic positioning development, and operational oversight.

Zehr, a Bedford, resident, holds a Bachelor's Degree (BS-Chemistry) from the University of Indianapolis and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Ball State University.



Sheriff's department warns of new scam

The Martin County Sheriff's Department is advising residents about a new round of scam calls that began in our area over the weekend.

The intended victims have received automated calls from the 702 area code claiming to be from Hoosier Hills Credit Union. The calls have been made to both cell phones and land lines at all hours of the day and night.

When the victim answers the call, they are advised their account with Hoosier Hills has been compromised. They are told to follow the prompts to get their account reinstated.


The sheriff's department said the prompts would include give out crucial information

such as account numbers and PIN numbers.

When it comes to receiving unsolicited calls, authorities say hanging up is the safest course of action. As long as you do not give out information, it is not necessary to contact law enforcement.

Anyone who did give out pertinent information should contact the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

The Martin County Sheriff's Department would also like to remind residents of the ongoing Publisher's Clearing House scam. The sheriff's department is still receiving calls weekly about this scam. Remember, if you did not register for the giveaway, and it sounds too good to be true, it is.



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looked at. The rest of the board agreed.

Dupps said he had several complaints about a fence being constructed on NE 3rd Street and Queen Street. He said there were posts obstructing the sidewalk. The board decided to have the building commissioner, Greg Clark, go check it out.

During the city council meeting, council member Rick Norris recommended going with the Kelso Agency for dental and vision insurance. Clerk-treasurer Nancy Jones said that vision insurance costs more through Kelso than Anthem. Norris said it did not. After more discussion, the board voted to go with Norris' recommendation. The voted to go with Anthem for health and life insurance. Norris said the deductible for some will increase from \$4,000 to \$6,000 and he recommended increasing the health savings account amounts by \$1,500 for families and \$500 for single plans across the board which will still have the employee paying a deductible of \$500.

Norris said they will be saving around \$40,000 total for employees' insurance this year, even after the health savings account payouts.

The board then discussed the golf cart ordinance. They decided to change the annual registration fee to \$25 the first year and \$10 each year after. The final reading on the ordinance will be held at the next meeting.

Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC, opened bids for the housing rehabilitation project to benefit eight homes. Each house was given \$18,289.

Any amounts above must be provided by

the homeowner or SIDC will work to get other possible funding from another agency. If no additional money can be provided, items will be deleted from the work order.

The bids were (in order houses 1-8):

USA Construction: \$22,715, \$26,687, \$24,215, \$8,970, \$12,760, \$16,235, \$8,770, and \$24,545

Anderson Construction: \$20,450, no bid, \$18,285, \$8,550, \$14,150, \$13,700, \$10,650, and \$22,110

K&K Construction: \$23,740, \$36,190, \$24,850, \$7,900, \$13,200, \$14,260, \$10,130, and \$19,125

SIDC will look over the bids and bring the bid awards back to the next meeting. Work is scheduled to begin on the houses in mid-April.

Bo Wilson, city superintendent, said he has 300,000 tons of sludge that must be removed from the wastewater treatment plant. He said they do not have a way to move the sludge themselves, so he wanted to know if the council wanted to hire the contractor that has been used in the past. He said it would cost around \$15,000. The council never officially gave Wilson an answer but asked if the contractor has had any price increase.

As a final order of business, Mayor Harty announced that on April 5 German American will hold a clean sweep between 8:30 to 10:30 to clean up trash in the city. They will pay \$25 for every trash bag turned in with the goal of getting 10 trash bags from 10 groups for \$2,500 which will be donated to the pool fund.

Sheriff announces membership program

Martin County Sheriff Rob Street today announced that Martin County citizens who would like to join him in the fight against crime are invited to become members of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association. Many local citizens and some businesses have already joined the Association in support of our efforts.

The Indiana Sheriffs' Association is a nonprofit, professional, educational and service organization dedicated to improving the criminal justice system through education, training, service and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Indiana, according to the sheriff.

The membership program was instituted to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support of crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, provide more and improved training for

sheriffs and their personnel plus support the summer youth leadership camps and college scholarships for teenagers interested in law enforcement that are provided by the association.

"We are inviting the public to help us better serve them by joining our efforts to provide effective law enforcement," Sheriff Street said. Martin County residents should soon receive membership applications in the mail. "It is difficult to get an application to everyone who might want to join the Indiana Sheriffs' Association as a member," the Sheriff said. If you don't receive an application by mail, you can call or stop by the sheriff's office to obtain one or visit the Indiana Sheriffs' Association website at www.indianasheriffs.org to join. All members will receive a membership card, two star decals and releases of the newsletter.

The sheriff stated that this letter of invitation sent to citizens is the only manner or way used to invite citizens to become members of the Association. He stated that NO telephone solicitation or other methods are used to solicit members as are currently being used by some organizations.

"Your joining of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association will be welcomed as an expression of your support of our Association and its many worthwhile programs," the sheriff concluded.

Local emergency planning committee to meet next Wednesday

The second meeting for the Local Emergency Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Martin County Fire and Rescue Headquarters on the Martin County Fairgrounds. Any county resident interested in the mission of the LEPC is welcome to attend this and subsequent meetings. The primary purpose for the LEPC is to make local citizens aware of potential harmful or hazardous chemicals stored in the county, and to assist local businesses and residents to prepare an emergency plan for any disaster resulting in the escape of these identified chemicals.

This committee is not an emergency response function, but works closely with all the local police and fire departments, the county health department, ambulance service, and other emergency response groups to assure these departments are aware of the local storage of hazardous material, and receive the training and equipment necessary to be able to safely respond to an emergency where this material is located. The LEPC works with the state emergency response

commission to identify equipment and training needed by local emergency response personnel, and to seek grants and funding to provide the needed training and equipment. The state ERC provides minimal funding to allow the LEPC to operate, but looks to private organizations for funding.

Each county in the state is expected to have a LEPC, with the basic structure and membership determined by the state. Although all departments of emergency response organization are expected to be a part of the LEPC, since they would most likely be exposed first in a chemical emergency, the LEPC can have as many participating members as want to attend. The more people participate, or attend the meetings as observers, provides the LEPC increased opportunity to assure the committee is receiving current information, is addressing the concerns or the public, and providing all local first responders with the knowledge and tools needed to protect themselves and the community.

Commissioners go over bi-weekly business

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

County Attorney David Lett opened the only bid submitted for the 2015-2018 cyclical reassessment and annual adjustments and 2014 annual adjustments. The bid was received from Reller's Southern Indiana Appraisal, LLC for 2014 Annual Adjustments, \$15,900 and 2015-2018 Cyclical Reassessment and Annual Adjustments, \$237,600 for a grand total of \$253,500. Reller's Southern Indiana Appraisal, LLC has assisted the county assessor with reassessment since 1990. Attorney Lett advised the commissioners to table the decision until he and Assessor Carolyn McGuire can review the bid. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to take the bid under advisement. President George made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

President George read thank you cards from Four Rivers for the annual donation and Washington Chrysler Center for the purchase of new police vehicles.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-work schedule. He updated the commissioners on road conditions and an employee who is out on workman's compensation. Barricades were placed on a part of West River Road.

The commissioners decided to name the lane in Rutherford Township, Hembree Lane.

At the request of Commissioner Boyd, Superintendent Padgett is in the process of receiving quotes for security cameras on highway grounds.

Cemetery signs will be placed at St. Rose, Houghton and Brooks Cemeteries for a Civil War Reenactment.

It was decided to hold off on purchasing a hot box for black top since the oil company will be opening in two weeks.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, updated the commissioners on the

road crew. Due to the number in the road crew, she has added another day thru May. Her annual site visit with the department of corrections will take place tomorrow.

A performance dividend pool for fiscal year 2014 will be distributed by Department of Corrections Commissioner Lemmon. He will be distributing \$750,000 to departments across the state based on three categories: (1) the community corrections agency's use of evidence based practices, as determined by an annual site assessment, (2) the agency's written grant and grant review meeting, and (3) the agency's percentage of D-felons served at the local level. Martin County received an 89 percent, which is at the top of the level II, and will receive \$13,815.24. The goal for next year is to be a level I. Director Collins hopes this funding will offset future issues of funding.

Judge Lynne Ellis informed the commissioners that court reporter Beth Bruner has decided to seek employment elsewhere. She will be taking applications.

Andy Ringwald, civil defense/EMS, updated the commissioners on the recent LEPC meeting. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 19, 2014. There is also a DPC meeting March 18, 2014 in Lynville.

The council scheduled a work session with the commissioners for Monday, March 17, 2014. Due to the chamber of commerce annual dinner the work session was rescheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014 after the regular scheduled commissioners' meeting.

An executive session was scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6 p.m.

Kathy Collins inquired if new employees needed approval from the commissioners. Attorney Lett will investigate and report back.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by President George. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Relay for Life to be held May 30 and 31

"Rockin' All Night to Finish the Fight" is the theme for this year's Martin County Relay for Life. Relay will be held Friday, May 30 into Saturday, May 31 at the Loogootee High School, inside Jack Butcher Arena. Starting time is 6 p.m. until 10 a.m. The committee is still in need of teams to sign up and members to participate in the event.

This year's event chairs are Leslie Doyle at 812-296-7152 and Terri Resler at 812-295-6524. The American Cancer Society chair is Ryan Rigg from the Evansville office. Rigg can be contacted at 812-475-9486 or ryan.rigg@cancer.org.

If you want to participate, you can register online at www.relayforlife.org/martin-

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The next meeting of the relay committee and team captains will be held at the Martin County Community Building on March 27. Committee will meet at 6 p.m. and team captains at 7 p.m.

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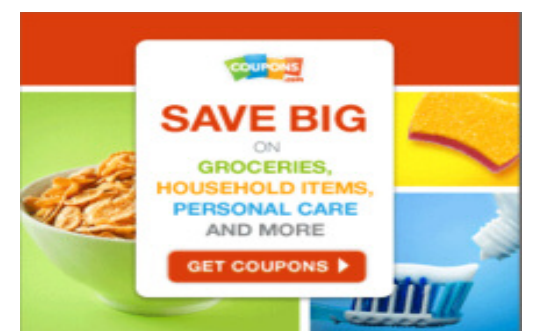


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SHARON STEWART

Sharon (Jones) Stewart passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday morning, March 11, 2014. A resident of Shoals, she was 80.

She was born November 7, 1932, in Martin County; the daughter of Edward and Margaret (Hart) Jones. She first married Gene Baker and he passed away on July 19, 1997. She then married James R. Stewart on January 23, 2001 in Hillham, Indiana.

She attended Martin County Schools and was a member of the Mount Union Church of Christ. She greatly enjoyed spending the winter months at their home in Dade City, Florida.

She will be greatly missed and forever loved by her family, including husband, James R. "Ronnie" Stewart of Shoals; one daughter, Sharlene and Kenneth Mueller of Roseville, California; three sons, Sheryl Baker of Shoals, David and Reva Baker of Hillham, and Shawn Baker of East Lansing, Michigan; three step-children, Steve Stewart

of Loogootee, Brian Stewart of Martinsville, and Rhonda Gross of Peru, Indiana; grandchildren, Tyler Stewart, Jacob Stewart, Donte Gross, Emily Gross, Amy Qualkenbush, Becky Pendley, Brian Grindstaff, Audrey Mueller, Kenny Mueller, Tyler Baker, Victoria Baker, and Alaina Baker; great-grandchildren, Chasity Qualkenbush, David Qualkenbush, Reed Grindstaff, Riley Grindstaff, Brandon Pendley, and Levi Pendley; sisters, Reva Jo Szabo of Fort Wayne, Mary Bridges of Mitchell, Eddalou Smith of Mitchell, Carol Baker of Trinity Springs, Rosalie Bateman of Dover Hill, and Janet Jones of Paoli; brothers, Burrell Jones of Shoals, Eddie Jones of Washington, Brad Jones of Whiteland, Claude Jones of Shoals, and Luther Jones of Paoli; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gene; one grandson, Shane Baker; three sisters, Naomi Jones, Ruth Tow, and Jean Byers; and two brothers, Jacob "Jake" Jones and George Jones.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left to the family at www.queenlee.com.

PAUL F. TARR

Reverend Paul F. Tarr died at 12:20 a.m. Sunday, March 9, 2014 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 79.

He was born May 27, 1934 in West Baden; the son of Cohen and Bertha (Britton) Tarr. On March 12, 1955 he married Lois E. (Davis) Tarr and she survives.

Rev. Tarr was commissioned in the Wesleyan church at the Fern Creek Kentucky conference in 1967. He served the south Indiana district of the Wesleyan church before his health failed. Rev. Tarr ministered in Martin, Greene, Brown, Orange and Monroe counties in Indiana. He was also a retired

welder with the former Johnson Controls in Vincennes.

He was a member of Poplar Grove Wesleyan Church in Shoals and enjoyed gardening, painting, doing crafts and was an avid IU Basketball fan.

He is survived by his wife, Lois E. Tarr of Loogootee; one son, Greg Tarr and companion Brenda Bearden of Shoals; two daughter-in-laws, Deanna Bauernfiend of Shoals and Pronee Tarr of Arlington, Virginia; eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cohen and Bertha (Britton) Tarr; two sons, Stanley Paul Tarr on February 9, 2010 and Gary Wilson Tarr on September 16, 1991; twins brothers, Joseph and James Tarr; and two sisters, Mary Bundy and Louise Bex.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 11 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

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MONDAY, MARCH 3

10:59 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries on U.S. 231 North.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

1:02 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

6:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

4:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

5:38 a.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Loogootee.

1:39 p.m. - Received a report of livestock in the Crane Tech Park.

6:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

10:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

3:45 a.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Loogootee.

5:29 a.m. - Received a report of a deceased deer in the roadway U.S. 50, east of Loogootee.

8:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

9:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals.

3:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

7:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

7:32 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals.

7:33 p.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute in Shoals.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

2:56 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

5:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

7:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

10:18 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Crane.

12:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

12:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

8:47 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Hindostan Falls Road.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

6:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

10:49 a.m. - Received a report of a fire on State Road 645.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle running over debris on Hwy 231. There was damage to the vehicle. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance to RJ's. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

10:54 a.m. - Report of an alarm on Hwy 231. Deputy Baker responded.

10:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Vine Street. Martin County Ambulance responded.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

12:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on SW 2nd Street. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 3

2:42 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

8:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist stuck in the snow.

8:15 a.m. - A male from Montana came on station to request transient assistance.

11:05 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a tow vehicle accident.

3:55 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

5:25 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

9:10 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:42 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding personal property.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

12:28 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

4:25 a.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for lifting assistance.

5:00 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from the Bargain Barn.

6:16 p.m. - First responders were requested on East Main Street for a medical problem.

7:39 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at Chuckles.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

1:50 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Bowling Trailer Court.

11:53 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

5:09 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill transported a male for an emergency detention.

1:40 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

5:43 p.m. - Caller reported possible shoplifters at Shopko.

9:35 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to High Street for an odor of natural gas.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

5:22 p.m. - Caller reported a vandalism complaint.

7:17 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

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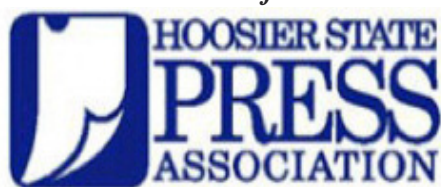
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Martin County accident reports

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

9:10 a.m. - Joseph L. Zins, of Loogootee, was operating a 2012 Chevy on US 231. Zins was stopped in traffic when he was struck in the rear by a 2004 Ford operated by Zachary Richardson, of Loogootee. Zins was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital complaining of neck pain. Chief Rayhill was assisted by Chief Deputy Tony Dant

and Sgt. Keith Keller.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

5:00 p.m. - Dennis Hunt, of Calhoun, Illinois, was operating a 2006 Freightliner in the Marathon parking lot. Hunt pulled forward and struck the passenger side of a GMC owned by Brian Dorsam, of Jasper. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.



Join us for a Scavenger Hunt

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Saturday, March 22

Start time is 10 a.m. at the animal shelter, 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee

Auction will be held prior to the start of the hunt for special "perks" to help you win!

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Questions? Call the shelter at 295-5900, email mchs@frontier.com or message us on facebook
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Martin County Court News

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

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed February 27

Account Recovery Bureau, Inc. vs. Tiffany A. Young, civil collection.

February 28

Samantha D. Holman vs. Kyle P. Holman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

March 3

Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC vs. Justin T. Hopkins, civil collection.

March 4

Eric L. Moffatt vs. Misti D. Moffatt, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

March 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Judy Collins in the amount of \$1,109.28.

March 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Old National Bank and against the defendant Zachary Taylor in the amount of \$45,063.94.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New suits filed

March 4

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Roger R. Burchetti, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Joseph D. Zoder, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Joseph F. Hager, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jorge L. Gomez, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ryan M. Hostetler, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Latrice C. Snodey, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jacob D. Bundy, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jayquan M. Gray, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Sherri L. Gruce, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Cheri R. Brown, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Eric W. Smith, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Joseph L. Peterson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Patricia D. Purvis, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Walter L. Holt, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Danielle R. Scalf, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kelly D. McGoffney, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jordan Pride, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Nicholas B. Hay in the amount of \$1,107.78.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Denise Mondelli in the amount of \$695.83.

March 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Propane Direct, LLC and against the defendant Colby Clark in the amount of \$202.26.

March 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Propane Direct, LLC and against the defendant Elliott Armstrong in the amount of \$801.15.

Indiana State Police to conduct sobriety check point in Dubois County

Troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper Post will be conducting a sobriety check point at an undisclosed location in Dubois County on Friday, March 14. Those drivers passing through the check point area should have their licenses and registrations ready to present to troopers, and will only be detained briefly while troopers determine whether further investigation is necessary.

The purpose of the sobriety check point is to remove those motorists from the highways who are alcohol and/or drug impaired and poses a danger to all who use the roadways. Impaired drivers are responsible for billions of dollars in property damage, personal injury, and death annually.

Reminders so motorists do not find themselves "Over the Limit and Under Arrest":

- Plan ahead and always designate a sober driver before consuming alcohol.
- Don't drive your vehicle if you've been

drinking alcohol. Call a taxi or sober friend.

- Take care of your friends. Never let a friend drive while impaired.
- If you are hosting a party, always offer non-alcoholic beverages. Make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.
- Never provide alcohol to anyone under the legal drinking age of 21.


Motorists encountering another vehicle being operated erratically are encouraged to dial 911 or call the Jasper Indiana State Police Post at (812) 482-1441 or (800) 742-7475. Be prepared to give a description of the vehicle, location, and direction of travel.

Real estate transfer

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Martin County jail bookings

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

10:30 p.m. - Travis L. Troutman, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sgt. Keith Keller after the Martin County Sheriff's Department was advised of a possible impaired driver driving northbound on Windom Road. While officers were in route to the location, Martin County Dispatch received another call about the vehicle stating it had crashed at the intersection of Windom Road and Bauer Road. Troutman was believed to be impaired and was taken into custody. Troutman's BAC tested in at .12%. Troutman is being held at the Martin County Security Center where he is charged with operative a vehicle while intoxicated with a prior conviction within 5 years. Troutman's bond is \$25,000 or 10%. The arresting officer was Sergeant Keith Keller. He was assisted by Deputy Lucas

Harmon and Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

7:45 p.m. - Karl R. Young, 44, of Loogootee was arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with possession of a syringe and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Captain Hennette was the arresting officer.

1:18 p.m. - Edwin Harris, of Cannelburg, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on preliminary charge of driving while suspended.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

8:59 a.m. - Jennifer Witt, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant.

8:59 a.m. - James Brim, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant.

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

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

Download the program from the Network Indiana public website at www.networkindiana.com. Look for the state police logo on the main page and follow the download instructions. This 15-minute talk show concentrates on public safety and informational topics with state wide interest.

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

continuously aired state police public service program in Indiana.

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

This week's show features Indiana State Police Laboratory Division Forensic Scientist EVII, Kristine Crouch. Mrs. Crouch discusses the ISP Forensic DNA database and its functions as well as offering information on the services and assistance that can be provided to various agencies.



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2014 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



SHELBY HODGES

Shelby Joe Hodges is the son of Stan and Angie Hodges. While in high school he was on the yearbook staff in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades and was in the pep club and did job shadowing as a senior. She ran cross country in 10th and 11th grades and track all four years of high school. Shelby plans to go to the University of Southern Indiana and study physical therapy.



LANE HENRICHSEN

Lane Garrett Henrichsen is the son of Mindy and Walter Henrichsen. Lane plans to attend Vincennes University after graduation and study CNC precision machining.



KATIE KIDWELL

Katie Lee Kidwell is the daughter of Edward and Mary Kidwell. While in high school she served as a cadet teacher all four years, was a cheerleader, in Spanish Club, SADD, Lion Pride, pep club, and student council in 9th, 10th, and 11 grades; she was in show choir, chorus and PEERS her freshman year, did job shadowing her junior year, and served as an intern her senior year. Katie plans to go to college after graduation and study elementary education.

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Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY

Breakfast

Thursday, March 13
Donut, ham patty, fruit

Friday, March 14
Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, wheat toast

Monday, March 17
Pancakes, sausage links, fruit

Tuesday, March 18
Biscuit and gravy, ham patty, fruit

Wednesday, March 19
Egg patty, sausage patty, wheat toast

Lunch

Thursday, March 13
Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, milk

Friday, March 14
Hamburger, French fries, baked beans, pineapple, milk

Monday, March 17
Spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, breadstick, pineapple, milk

Tuesday, March 18
BBQ rib, baked beans, chips, pears, milk

Wednesday, March 19
Grilled chicken, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, mixed fruit, milk

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, March 13
Country fried steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, salad plate, milk

Friday, March 14
Hamburger or pizza, French fries, baked beans, pineapple, salad plate, milk

Monday, March 17
Spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, breadstick, pineapple, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, March 18

BBQ rib or pizza, baked beans, chips, pears, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, March 19
Grilled chicken or pizza, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, mixed fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, March 13
Cereal, graham cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, March 14
Bagel, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, March 17
Chocolate chip muffin, banana, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 18
Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 19
Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, March 13
Whole grain soft taco, corn, lettuce and cheese boat, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: beef and bean burrito or chef salad

Friday, March 14
BBQ rib sandwich with whole grain bun, baked beans, orange slices, frozen fruit smoothie, milk

Monday, March 17
Chicken strips, California-blend vegetables, salad boat, pretzels, peaches, milk

Tuesday, March 18
Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, applesauce, whole grain bread, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: turkey and cheese sandwich or chef salad

Wednesday, March 19
Chili, cheese and crackers, cooked carrots, mandarin oranges, juice cup, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: corn dog or chef salad

Shoals High School 2014 SENIOR Spotlights



LUKE BRETT

Luke Allen Brett was born on April 14, 1996. He is the son of Eric and Judith Brett. Luke has nine siblings, Tyrell, Clay, Blaine, Cade, Grace, Bella, Rylan, Faith, and Hope. While in high school, Luke participated in track and field and film club. Luke's best memories were watching exciting fights. His favorite teacher is Mr. Dahlen.



LOGAN MCCRARY

Logan James McCrary was born on May 22, 1996. He is the son of Terry and Lynn McCrary. Logan has one brother, Seth. While in high school, he participated in band, media, and Rox Café. Logan's favorite song is "Tin Man" by The Avett Brothers. His favorite teacher is Mr. Dahlen. Logan plans to attend the University of Northern Ohio for high performance automotive.

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Shoals Elementary Basketball awards

The Shoals Elementary basketball players were recently honored with season awards. Shown above, in the photo on the left, are the girls that were recognized. In the front row, from left to right, are Hannah Davis (6th grade mental attitude award), Emma Hert (5th grade mental attitude award), Alyssa Howell (5th grade mental attitude award), and Kaydence Sutton (5th grade highest free throw percentage). In the back row, from left to right, are Chloe Spencer (6th grade highest free throw percentage), Maggie Shaw (6th grade most rebounds), Brooklynn Jones (5th grade most rebounds), and Abby Haviland (most improved player). The boys are shown in the right photo. In the front row, from left to right, are Levi Pendley (5th grade highest free throw percentage), Adam Sukup (fifth grade mental attitude), and Ethan Fromme (6th grade mental attitude). In the back row, from left to right, are Dalton Roush (6th grade most rebounds), Max Fischer (6th grade highest free throw percentage), and Silas Bauer (5th grade most rebounds and highest free throw percentage). The fifth grade girls were coached by Scott Hert, the sixth grade girls were coached by Mandi Stewart, the fifth grade boys were coached by Corey Brassine, and the sixth grade boys were coached by Seth Taylor.



-Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary honors

The Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month for February have been chosen. Those students are Declan Todd, kindergarten; Xavier Todd, first grade; Abbi Nonte, second grade; Daniel Flanagan, third grade; Aiden Kain, fourth grade; and Terry Pielemeier, staff member. The students have been chosen by their teachers because they possess positive character qualities of respect, caring, integrity, responsibility, and self-discipline as well as their perfect or outstanding attendance for the month of February, no detentions or loss of recess for behavior issues, they exhibit good effort daily, and they also work well with classmates with a cooperative attitude. These students serve as excellent role models for other students in our school. The staff member of the month is nominated by the staff.

Loogootee Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten Round Up will be held at Loogootee Elementary on Friday, April 4. The schedule is as follows:

- 9:30 – 10:15 - Last names beginning with A – G
- 10:15 – 11:00 - Last names beginning with H – M
- 12:40 – 1:25 - Last names beginning with N – S
- 1:25 – 2:10 - Last names beginning with T – Z

Parents and children should report at the starting time for their name group. Please do not arrive early.

Parents will drop children off in room 104, then proceed to the library to complete enrollment information. While the parents are in the library, children will be screened for beginning kindergarten skills. Parents will pick up their child after the enrollment process is complete.

Children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2014 in order to register for kindergarten. Parents should bring a certified copy of the birth certificate and a shot record.

According to Indiana law, every child residing in Indiana who enters Kindergarten or grade one must have the following immunizations: 5 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT, 4

doses of polio, 2 doses of MMR, 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine, 2 doses of varicella vaccine (if your child has had chickenpox, a physician's statement documenting a history of chickenpox disease including the month and the year of the disease is acceptable) and 2 doses Hepatitis A

Parents will have the opportunity to order a kindergarten t-shirt. Students are encouraged to wear these shirts on the first day of school. Shirts cost \$8 and must be paid for when ordering. Please have the correct amount.

Current kindergarten students will NOT have school on April 4, 2014.

The Martin County Health Department will hold a special clinic for kindergarten round-up on April 4 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The clinic is located in the Shoals Post Office building. If you have health insurance that pays for immunizations, you must bring your insurance card in order to receive services. Children with no health insurance or insurance that does not pay for immunizations can receive them through the VFC program.

If you have any questions about kindergarten round-up, please call the elementary office at 295-2833.

Shoals Kindergarten Round-Up

Shoals Elementary School is conducting its annual search for potential kindergarten students in preparation for Round-Up. The round-up will be held for incoming kindergarten students Friday, April 4 at Shoals Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary for all students by Friday, March 21.

A child must be five years old on or before Friday, August 1, 2014, in order to enroll in kindergarten. All eligible children should enroll during Round-Up. Parents should attend Round-Up with their child and bring the child's certificate of birth, social security card and immunization records. Below are the available sessions. The school asks that you choose which session works with your schedule and mark the corresponding session on the registration form below.

Session one is at 8:30 a.m., session two is 10 a.m. and session three is at 1 p.m. Space is limited for each session so the school encourages you to register as early as possible.

Each session will last approximately one and a half hours. Parents are asked to use the front parking lot (in front of the gym) and enter through the doors past the elementary

office. Signs will be posted.

Physicals and immunizations will be offered on this date. Immunizations will be offered at the Martin County Health Department and physicals will be offered at Shoals Elementary.

Minimum immunization requirements for all children newly-enrolled in kindergarten, less than seven years of age are: five doses of DTaP, four doses of OPV, two MMRs, three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, two doses of chicken pox vaccine (varicella) or record of the disease, and two doses of Hepatitis A. A physical, complete immunizations, social security card, and certificate of birth (not the hospital birth certificate) are all required for entry into school.

It is necessary to pre-register your child for Round-Up via mail, fax, school website (shoals.k12.in.us) or phone on or before Friday, March 21 keeping in mind that the school office will be closed March 22-March 30 for spring break. To ensure proper delivery, the school highly discourages registration by email. If you have any questions regarding kindergarten round-up, call the elementary at 812-247-2085.

Shoals Round-Up Pre-Registration Form

COMPLETE, CLIP, AND SEND BY MARCH 21, 2014

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Parents' Names _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Session 1: 8:30 a.m. Session 2: 10 a.m. Session 3: 1 p.m.
(Circle desired session)

Send completed form to: Shoals Elementary School
11749 Ironton Rd, Shoals IN 47581 or fax: 812-247-9913
Questions? Call 812-247-2085.

Register now for VU spring non-credit classes

Registration is now underway for several non-credit courses that begin in March and April at Vincennes University. Course topics include dog obedience, Medicaid planning, photography, and fitness.

To register or to obtain a complete listing of available non-credit classes, contact the VU Advising Center, 812-888-4451 or 812-888-4459 or email Sandra Frey at sfrey@vinu.edu.

Most classes will meet on the Vincennes campus. Times given are in the Eastern Standard Time zone.

Introduction to Medicaid Planning will meet on March 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The instructor is Daniel Siewers and the

course fee is \$39. This course will provide an introduction to the rules about Medicaid eligibility for a nursing home resident. Planning strategies which are available to preserve assets when a spouse is in a nursing home will be discussed, along with strategies to transfer assets to children both before and after entry into a nursing home. The instructor is a Vincennes attorney with HartBell, LLC.

Dog Obedience will meet for six Mondays and Thursdays, April 7 through May 15, 6-7 p.m. The instructor is Pam Kershner and the course fee is \$69. This class will show students how they can teach their dogs the basic commands of heel, sit, stay, down, and come. Dog must be at least six months old.

National unemployment rate at 6.7 for February

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 175,000 in February, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 6.7 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment increased in professional and business services and in wholesale trade but declined in information.

Household Survey Data

Both the number of unemployed persons (10.5 million) and the unemployment rate (6.7 percent) changed little in February. The jobless rate has shown little movement since December. Over the year, the number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate were down by 1.6 million and 1.0 percentage point, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (6.4 percent), adult women (5.9 percent), teenagers (21.4 percent), whites (5.8 percent), blacks (12.0 percent), and Hispanics (8.1 percent) showed little or no change in February. The jobless rate for Asians was 6.0 percent (not seasonally adjusted), about unchanged over the year.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) increased by 203,000 in February to 3.8 million; these individuals accounted for 37.0 percent of the unemployed. The number of long-term unemployed was down by 901,000 over the year.

Both the civilian labor force participation rate (63.0 percent) and the employment-population ratio (58.8 percent) were unchanged in February. The labor force participation rate was down 0.5 percentage point from a year ago, while the employment-population ratio was little changed over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed at 7.2 million in February. These individuals were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find full-time work.

In February, 2.3 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, a decline of 285,000 over the year. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 755,000 discouraged workers in February, down by 130,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.5 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in February had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 175,000 in February. Job growth averaged 189,000 per month over the prior 12 months. In February, job gains occurred in professional and business services and in wholesale trade, while information lost jobs.

Employment in professional and business services increased by 79,000 in February. Accounting and bookkeeping services added 16,000 jobs. Employment continued to trend up in temporary help services (+24,000) and in services to buildings and dwellings (+11,000). Over the prior 12 months, professional and business services added an average of 56,000 jobs per month.

In February, wholesale trade added 15,000 jobs, with nearly all of the increase occurring in durable goods (+12,000). Over the prior 12 months, the employment gain in wholesale trade averaged 9,000 per month.

Employment in food services and drinking places continued to trend up in February (+21,000). Over the prior 12 months, this industry added an average of 27,000 jobs per month.

In February, employment in construction changed little (+15,000). Over the past year, construction has added 152,000 jobs. Within the industry, employment in heavy and civil engineering construction rose by 12,000 in February.

Employment in health care changed little in February (+10,000). This marks the third consecutive month of little employment change in this industry.

Offices of physicians added 8,000 jobs in February. Employment in hospitals changed little over the month but is down by 10,000 over the past 3 months.

Retail trade employment changed little in February (-4,000). Among the component industries, a job gain in food and beverage stores (+12,000) was more than offset by declines in electronics and appliance stores (-12,000); sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores (-9,000); and department stores (-7,000). Over the year, retail trade has added 282,000 jobs.

Information lost 16,000 jobs in February. Most of the decline occurred in motion picture and sound recording (-14,000); employment in this industry can be volatile from month to month.

Employment in other major industries, including mining and logging, manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, financial activities, and government, changed little over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour to 34.2 hours in February. The manufacturing workweek was unchanged at 40.7 hours, and factory overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.3 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls declined by 0.2 hour to 33.3 hours. For production workers, the manufacturing workweek has declined by 0.6 hour over the past 3 months.

In February, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 9 cents to \$24.31. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 52 cents, or 2.2 percent. In February, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 9 cents to \$20.50.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for December was revised from +75,000 to +84,000, and the change for January was revised from +113,000 to +129,000.

With these revisions, employment gains in December and January were 25,000 higher than previously reported.

“Golden Hoosier Award” nominations being accepted

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann in cooperation with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration’s Division of Aging will again sponsor the Golden Hoosier Award. Since 2008 this award has honored Hoosier senior citizens for their lifetimes of service and commitment to their communities.

“This award is a great opportunity to recognize individuals in Indiana cities and towns who have volunteered their time to making the communities they call home a better place to live,” said Ellspermann. “I encourage everyone to nominate that special senior-Hoosier who has made a positive im-

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



Conference Committees Are Here

With hundreds of bills having passed both chambers of the Indiana legislature, we now come to what can be the most challenging part of session: coming to a consensus on the final language of the enacted laws.

When the House amends a Senate bill, or vice versa, the author of the bill can either concur with or dissent to those changes. When they dissent, the bill goes to a conference committee, which is a small committee made up of both Republican and Democrat senators and representatives who are tasked with working together to come to a final agreement. The House and Senate each appoint two members to the committee and can appoint non-voting advisors as well. The committee’s final agreement must be signed by all four members in order for the changes to take place.

Several key issues are still being discussed in these committees, issues like preschool education, the business personal property tax and other economic development initiatives. I will continue to work, so we can find a resolution to all of these topics and many more. I know Hoosiers are counting on it.

I had one of the first bills to be sent to the governor this session, and I also had the last third reading bill to be voted on before conference committees began. On Monday evening, the House took an important step

Zoeller will defend Indiana’s traditional marriage definition from plaintiffs’ legal challenge

Last Friday Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced that his office will defend Indiana’s statutory marriage definition from a legal challenge filed on Friday in federal court.

“As Indiana’s Attorney General I will represent our state and defend our statute now and on any appeal to the best of my skill and ability, as I swore an oath to do. As state government’s lawyer, I must defend the state’s authority to define marriage at the state level within Indiana’s borders. People of goodwill have sincere differences of opinion on the marriage definition, but I hope Hoosiers can remain civil to each other as this legal question is litigated in the federal court,” Zoeller said. The Indiana Attorney General’s Office previously has successfully defended Indiana’s marriage-definition statute from other legal challenges in state court. In January 2013, the Indiana Attorney General’s Office was one of the lead authors of two amicus briefs filed in the United States Supreme Court in support of other states’ laws defining marriage in the traditional way, in the cases *Hollingsworth v. Perry* and *U.S. v. Windsor*. The Attorney General as defendant’s lawyer has not yet been served with the legal challenge announced today, *Love et al v. Pence*, but Zoeller said his office is prepared to defend the Indiana statute from the plaintiffs’ lawsuit.

pact on his/her community.”

To be eligible for the Golden Hoosier Award, the nominee must be an Indiana resident must be 65 years of age or older, who has volunteered at least three years in their communities.

Additional guidelines and the nomination form are available at www.in.gov/lg/2532.htm.

Completed applications must be submitted by April 25, 2014.

The awards will be presented on Friday, May 30, 2014 in Indianapolis at Fort Benjamin Harrison – Garrison Conference Center, Blue Herron Ballroom.

toward ensuring more rights for Hoosiers when they passed Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 9 by a vote of 79-16. SJR 9 is a proposed constitutional amendment to guarantee the rights of all Hoosiers to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife.

The first state to provide constitutional protection for its citizens’ right to hunt and fish was the state of Vermont in 1777. This is something they enacted because it was never a right that they enjoyed in England. Hoosiers have enjoyed the liberty to hunt, fish and harvest since 1816. Having this in our state constitution simply adds a layer of protection to those liberties and protects the people of Indiana from groups who might try to take this right away in the future.

The right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife goes deeper than just our rich Indiana heritage. It is a right that is necessary for the survival and well-being of all Hoosiers, as well as the economic stability of Indiana. Indiana’s economy benefits greatly from hunting, fishing and harvesting, with more than 16,000 Hoosiers employed in these fields.

As it should be, the process for amending Indiana’s constitution is somewhat lengthy. Any proposed amendment must be voted on and approved by two consecutive general assemblies before it is put to the voters in the form of a referendum at the ballot box. If Hoosiers vote in favor of the referendum, it then becomes part of the Indiana constitution. This is the first time that the General Assembly has voted on this particular resolution, so the same language will need to be voted on again next year, making it eligible for adoption into the Indiana constitution as early as November 2016.

The approval of this resolution shows a very important fact about Indiana. It shows that this is a state that prioritizes individual liberty and the history which has made our state stand out amongst the rest. As we wrap up the last week of session, I will continue to do all that I can to ensure efficient and accountable government in the state of Indiana that looks out for its citizens and works in their continued best interest.



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Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

To cereal or not to cereal that is the question? WIC recommends nothing but breast milk or formula for the first six months of your baby's life. No matter the size of your baby big or six-6 month mark, they will gradually eat more and more breast milk or formula to obtain the calories they need. Introducing solids too early can lead to a variety of allergies and food intolerances. Also adding even just a little bit of cereal in a baby's bottle can cause them to choke and gain weight too quickly.

Here is some signs look for when wondering if your baby is ready for solids;

opens mouth when seeing a spoon, accepts food from a spoon and does not spit it out, moves the food into his mouth without pushing it out with his tongue, uses jaw to munch up and down, good head control in a sitting position, uses whole hand to grasp objects. (Indiana WIC)

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

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RSVP "Food for Friends" Project

On Thursday March 8, 24 RSVP volunteers met to assemble 1,000 packages of Calico Bean Soup to distribute to six area food pantries in Daviess and Martin counties. The "Food for Friends" project is a new initiative for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). The goal of the project is to provide nutritious, appetizing, complete meals for distribution to those in the community who need a little help feeding their families. The calico bean soup contains ten types of beans and a spice packet and is ready to make. The packages are currently available in local food pantries.

RSVP has been meeting community needs for 40 years. Volunteers work in most non-profit agencies throughout both counties as well as initiating their own projects such as this one. RSVP will have four more food packaging events in the coming two years, meeting the goal of battling hunger in Daviess and Martin counties.

The food project is being funded by the Daviess County Community Foundation, the Duke Energy Foundation, the Martin County Community Foundation, the Perdue Foundation, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, and the Walmart Foundation. Donations for the project are still being accepted.



March is Disability Awareness Month

The month of March is Disability Awareness Month in Indiana. In 1987, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating March as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month", calling for Americans to provide the encouragement and opportunities necessary for people with disabilities to reach their full potential. Since that time, the commemoration has expanded to include persons with all types of disabilities.

More than 54 million Americans have some type of disability. Some are obvious, while others are less detectible. People with disabilities are our neighbors, friends, classmates, co-workers and family members. People with disabilities are people first. Disabilities are part of their lives and certainly affect the things they do, but disabilities do not define people.

Changes in laws, technology, public policies and attitudes have opened opportunities for people with disabilities to pursue education, recreation and employment in the mainstream of community life. Like other Americans, people with disabilities live, work, attend school, play, worship and volunteer in their communities.

While opportunities have increased significantly since Reagan's original proclamation, there is still much to do. Unemployment rates among people with disabilities are nearly three times higher than the mainstream rates. Bullying of people with disabilities continues to be a major problem.

In March, many social services agencies will be working to make the public more

aware of the barriers in our society to the full inclusion of people with disabilities. Displays and activities are planned in many areas. In Orange County, the First Chance Center is planning some activities. The Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living is also planning activities. County outreach coordinator Ralph Purkhiser says materials have been distributed to the public and school libraries. A "Dining in the Dark" experience is planned for some fourth grade students, to allow them to experience the challenges that people with limited sight face. Some high school students will be taking part in a wheelchair obstacle course. Purkhiser also says he would be available to speak to any organization that would want such a program at a meeting.

The theme for Disability Awareness Month is "Dream to Dare". It is certainly the dream of people with disabilities that they dare to be included in the mainstream of society. By working together to create positive attitudes toward people with disabilities, we can create a better society and that is a positive step for everyone.



Calendar of Events

Loogootee Park Board meeting

The Loogootee Park Board will meet Wednesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. in the city hall council room. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Commissioners' special meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session Thursday, March 13 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b)(7). The meeting is closed to the public.

Shoals Schools Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, March 13 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include dance clinic, the elementary volleyball league, girls' basketball resignation, teacher retirement, additional make-up days, the athletic director job description, and coaching recommendations. The meeting is open to the public.

Relay bingo

Relay for Life 31 Bingo will be held Friday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. A \$10 donation to Relay will be required to play. Snacks will be provided.

Extreme couponing class

An extreme couponing class to be held at the American Legion Post #120 on Monday, March 17 at 7 p.m. Cost prior to event is a \$15 donation paid to Georgette Sutton at 913 N. Line St., Loogootee, IN 47553 or by calling 295-4850. Cost at the door will be a \$20 donation. All proceeds go to Martin County Relay for Life. There will be prize giveaways and coupon trading. The class is sponsored by Suttons' Renegades Relay for Life team #12.

Goodwill Cemetery meeting

Goodwill Cemetery will be conducting their annual spring meeting, Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall building located at Faith Baptist Church, East Main Street, Loogootee. The public is welcome to attend.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Commissioners, council work session

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in work session with the Martin County Council and all department heads immediately following the conclusion of the regular meeting of the commissioners on Tuesday, March 18 at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the courthouse. The purpose of the work session is to discuss employee wages and finances with regard to a request to assist in the reconstruction of the City of Loogootee swimming pool.

School Safety Commission meeting

The Martin County School Safety Com-

mission will meet Wednesday, March 19 at 9 a.m. at the Martin County Civil Defense Building at 2660 U.S. Highway 50, Loogootee.

Tea Party meeting

Libertarian candidate for the 8th district congressional seat, Andrew Horning, will visit the next Martin County Indiana Tea Party meeting on Thursday, March 20. The Martin County Tea Party meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Shoals Public Library Basement. The library is located at the corner of Hwy 50 and High Street in Shoals. The public is invited to attend.

ACCTS 12th Annual Banquet

Area Churches honoring Christ Together in Service (ACCTS) will hold their 12th Annual Banquet on Saturday, March 22 at 6 p.m. in the lower level of the St. John Center on Church Street in Loogootee. The banquet is free of charge and there will be food, fun and fellowship.

Boy Scouts

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

GED exam fees

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

While winter will not let go altogether, we have had some warmer temperatures and a few beautiful days. The soil is too wet in most places to get into the gardens, but I have been able to get a little trimming done on some shrubs.

There is more to proper pruning than attacking a shrub with a set of electric hedge trimmers. In fact, most landscapers agree that the uses for such trimmers are limited to shearing privet and yew hedges after the lush growth in late spring. The trimmers often tear the wood and result in wounds that invite insect and disease damage.

The shrubs I trimmed this week were some yews and hollies that I had hoped to get trimmed in December, but my schedule and the weather kept that from happening. Hollies should be trimmed during the dormant period, and despite the fact that the leaves are evergreen, they do enter a dormant period in winter. Soon after the weather warms, they will begin to show some new tip growth.

One of the considerations when trimming hollies and other evergreens is that the cuts will appear as white dots on the plant. The idea is to hide as many of the cuts as possible. This is done by deciding from which angle the plant is most often viewed. Foundation plantings are usually viewed from the outside of the house, but plants in front of windows, especially picture windows may actually be viewed more from inside. Decide on the view you wish to protect before making any cuts on the shrubs.

The tool of choice for trimming hollies is a set of sharp by-pass pruners. Keeping them sharp will prevent crushing and tearing of branches. Always trim back to a spot

on the branch where there are leaves. The leaves will help hide the cut. Angling the cuts will also help hide the white wood. Depending on the way the branch is growing, one may angle the cut so that the cut mark is facing the ground or toward the side of the plant that is not usually viewed. In foundation plantings, that will usually be the side facing the house.

If you are not familiar with the growth habit of your particular plants, take time to look up some information before you begin cutting. Some plants will rebound quickly, even if you cut back to bare wood, while other plants will never grow new leaves on the old bare wood. Some plants are best controlled by cutting the oldest canes out completely and allowing new growth to fill in the shrub. If that is the case, limit your cuts to no more than a third of the total canes unless a shrub has gotten so completely out of shape that it needs to be cut down completely and allowed to grow back. Depending on the plant, it could take several years to get a landscape-quality plant again.

If there is disease present, one must also be careful that the pruning does not spread the disease. This is especially true when dealing with fruiting shrubs and trees. Use a disinfecting dip or keep a spray bottle of a 10 percent bleach or rubbing alcohol solution with you and spray the pruners after each cut.

Proper pruning certainly takes more time than shearing everything off with electric trimmers, but the results are a healthier and more attractive plant. Isn't that what one wants in a landscape? A healthy plant will keep on giving for many years.

Purdue workshops to cover fruit, vegetable food safety

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Purdue Extension workshops across the state will teach current and prospective fruit and vegetable farmers about practices that help keep food safe from seed to market.

"Good Agricultural Practices from A to Z" will be held in March and early April at several locations. The workshop will include sessions on health and hygiene, water quality and treatment, animals and animal products, sanitation on the farm, documentation and recordkeeping, and farm food safety plans.

The workshops' goal is to present current science-based information on how to reduce risk of contamination during production of fruits and vegetables, as well as provide practical knowledge on planning and documenting food safety practices from planting through marketing.

Attendance will satisfy the Indiana State Department of Health food safety training requirement for producers of fresh fruits and vegetables who sell to wholesale and institutional accounts. The workshops will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at most locations, with an evening program planned at LaGrange.

Events will be held on the following dates and at the following locations:

*March 25: Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center, 11371 E. Purdue Farm Road, Dubois. Contact: Kenneth Eck, kjeck@purdue.edu, 812-482-1782.

*March 27: Clearspring Produce Auction, 2050 S. 300 W, LaGrange. Contact: Steve Engleking, sengleking@purdue.edu, 260-499-6334.

*March 28: Wakarusa Produce Auction,

65460 County Road 9, Goshen. Contact: Jeff Burbrink, jburburink@purdue.edu, 574-533-0554.

*April 4: Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 3901 U.S. 41 S, Terre Haute. Contact: Jim Luzar, luzar@purdue.edu, 812-462-3371.

Registration is requested at least one week before each program date and costs \$30 per person and \$10 for each additional person from the same farm. Those interested in registering should call the contact at the site where they wish to attend. Producers who need the training but are unable to make one of the workshops might be interested in a coming online course that covers the same topics. The course is expected to be available in late March.

Spring thaw could expose winter fish kills on small lakes, ponds

Owners of shallow ponds and lakes, especially in northern Indiana, should watch for fish kills this spring.

Considering the record or near-record snowfall and ice up to 20 inches thick on lakes and ponds, Indiana fisheries biologists anticipate numerous reports of fish kills once the bodies of water thaw.

The most common cause of fish kills in Indiana ponds is lack of oxygen.

Aquatic plants can produce oxygen only when sunlight is available. While some sunlight can penetrate clear ice, snow can block sunlight, resulting in dangerously low oxygen levels.

Shallow, weedy ponds are more susceptible to winter kills. As aquatic plants naturally die during winter, plant decomposition consumes oxygen that fish and other aquatic life



Signs of life

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

It's been a very long winter and it is good to finally see signs of green come up out of the ground. While snow is expected sometime today, warmer weather will eventually show up.

Questions about pig losses to PEDv send hog futures soaring

BY JENNIFER STEWART
Purdue University News Service

Uncertainty surrounding total swine herd losses to porcine epidemic diarrhea virus has sent lean hog futures for spring and summer contracts to record-high levels, but it's possible the markets have overreacted, a Purdue Extension agricultural economist says.

PEDv is a virus of swine that is fatal to nearly 100 percent of infected piglets that are less than 2 weeks old. There is no vaccination or treatment for the disease, which poses no threat to human health or food safety.

While PEDv can be devastating to individual swine herds, Chris Hurt said it remains to be seen whether slaughter supplies will fall enough to warrant the \$10 to \$14 per-hundredweight surge in spring and summer futures prices over the past two weeks.

"So far this year the number of animals coming to market has been very close to the numbers indicated in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's December Hogs and Pigs report," he wrote in a weekly outlook report. "When adjusted for the number of slaughter days compared to last year, the slaughter count so far is down 0.5 percent. However, market weights have been higher by about 2.5 percent, thus causing total pork production to be up by about 2 percent."

According to Hurt, the futures market suggests that lean hog prices could average about \$112 per hundredweight for the period of March through August. This compares with an average of \$88 per hundredweight

for the same time period last year.

If fear of low slaughter supply is the cause of the price jump, Hurt said it means traders expect hog slaughter supplies could be down by as much as 7-10 percent.

When compared with USDA's December inventory count, those numbers indicate that slaughter supplies for the second quarter of 2014 will be down only 0.5 percent. Third-quarter supplies will come primarily from winter farrowings, which is where the most uncertainty comes into play.

"Winter farrowing intentions were up 1.3 percent, but since PEDv kills baby pigs and is most prevalent in cold months, the number of pigs weaned per litter could be down sharply," Hurt said. "This is where no one knows for sure."

The USDA will provide an updated inventory report on March 28, which will provide information on the number of pigs that survived the winter.

If lean hog slaughter supplies end up dropping by only 3-4 percent instead of the larger losses markets might be expecting futures prices could come down.

The bigger question, Hurt said, is how PEDv will affect the financial well-being of the pork industry as a whole this year.

"The initial answer might be somewhat surprising," he said. "PEDv will likely increase economic returns for the U.S. industry."

Demand for pork tends to hold fairly steady, and consumers are slow to reduce their pork use even in short supply situations. According to Hurt, hog prices tend to increase by at least 2 percent for every 1 percent that the quantity drops.

"This means that total revenue in the industry will likely increase due to PEDv and more than offset the losses from the disease," he said.

The outcome for individual hog producers won't necessarily mirror that of the overall industry. Producers with herds severely affected by PEDv with more piglet deaths than the national average, could end up with net financial losses, Hurt said. High hog prices could offset pig losses for producers with an average number of piglet deaths.

"PEDv could actually be a financial windfall for producers who are able to avoid the disease," he said. "At the farm level, current futures markets are suggesting a live price for 2014 at a record high of \$76 per hundredweight compared with \$64 last year. This will provide record-high industry revenues and the highest profit per head since 2005."

need. Once a winter kill begins, little can be done to stop it. Drilling holes in the ice will not help.

Pond owners who experience a fish kill or need advice on other pond-related issues can refer to Indiana's Pond Management Booklet at wildlife.IN.gov/3356.htm.

Biologists do not expect significant fish kills at deep natural lakes and reservoirs. The exception could be winter kills of gizzard shad, a species that is vulnerable to prolonged cold weather. Because the species is prolific and fast growing, shad losses do not have a lasting impact on shad populations.

Lake residents and anglers who observe significant fish kills on public waters should contact their district fisheries biologist. Contact information is in the 2014 Fishing Regulation Guide or at wildlife.IN.gov/3590.htm.