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Recycling center talks trash; seven million pounds of it

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The Martin County Recycling Center took in more than 7 million pounds of material last year. Despite a tougher market and a harder time getting recycled material to sell, Director Laura Albertson says that things are starting to look up for the center. They are currently in the process of building on a 3,600-square-foot addition to help accommodate other counties that use the Martin County Recycling Center. "We're growing and we need more space," said Albertson.

Due to the recycling center doing so well financially the tax levy originally imposed on taxpayers was reduced last year from 25 cents to 4 cents. The center does not charge businesses to take in material or other counties. The center makes their money when they sell the material and then the business



receives a share of the market value. Back in late 2008 Albertson had told the Martin County Council that the recycling center was more than willing to help out the county in any way possible. "We spend our money in Martin County first," she had said. The recycling center helped fund the county's 911 system by advocating that the signage would help locate illegal dumps and they also helped fund the clean-up of a brownfield at Crane. The money reimbursed is now helping purchase land for the Shoals Fire Station.

Between businesses and individuals in 2009, the center recycled 1,863 tons of cardboard, 328 tons of newspaper, 339 tons of magazines, 200 tons of plastic, 66 tons of scrap metal, 17 tons of aluminum cans, 10 tons of wooden pallets, 298 tons of paper, 84 tons of clothing, eight tons of e-waste which includes ('TRASH' continued on page 2)

Spring is popping up



-Photos by Wyatt Hughett
It's a sure sign of spring when flowers start to sprout up through the leaves left over from last fall. The first official day of spring is March 20th.

Daviess-Martin Joint Park Board releases 5-year plan

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The Daviess-Martin County Joint Park Board recently released their 5-year plan. The mission of the park board is to "provide the widest possible range of recreation opportunities, to the largest possible number of people, at the lowest possible public cost, without depleting the underlying natural resources." The joint park board consists of five members from each county. Martin County's members are President Chadd Mosby, Brian George, Harold Green, Donna Hawkins, and Secretary Spencer Keller. Daviess County's members are Vice President Lee Bennett, Gerald Lynch, Rex Malone, Mike Cecil, and Mark Traylor.

The Martin County portion of the park board has recently put forth plans for development of additional recreational venues in Martin County. The purpose of the 5-year plan is to help both counties become proactive in developing the additional recreation.

The department held a public input session prior to forming the master plan on December 10, 2009 at the activities center at West Boggs. No members of the public attended. The second effort for public input was in the form of an online survey. In total, 67 people participated. Of those participating in the survey 45 were males and 22 were females with a majority being between the ages of 36 and 55 and most were from around the Martin-Daviess region. The ac-

tivities done on a regular basis as answered by the survey participants were camping, fishing, hunting, picnicking, wildlife watching, golf cart trail riding, power boating, and walking. Of the 67 survey responses 38 percent said they visit West Boggs once or twice a year, 28.4 percent said twice a month, 10.4 percent said four or five times a week, 9 percent said three or fewer times per week, 7.5 percent said every day, and 6 percent said never. Most respondents also felt that the user fees at Boggs for entrance, daily camping, boating, and permit fees were about right with seasonal camping fees being too high. Survey takers also were asked what they felt was a high priority for facilities. A pool was highest on the list along with an inn or smaller lodging facility, a nature center, and more trails.

The master plan includes a 20-item goal list which carries the park through 2014. The park department notes that the list of projects is heavily dependent on funding

support from outside sources, and that without that support, it is not likely that many of the projects will ever be implemented. The department plans to explore all grant funding options and possible funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

In year one, 2010, the department would like to implement the Shoreline Renovation Project at an estimated \$60,000, they would like to continue with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) assessment at a cost of \$1,000, some of the park's aged facilities no longer meet the standards of current needs; acquire property needed for Whisky Creek Access at an unknown cost; set up new development advisory teams in both counties for \$2,000; and develop a new restroom according to ADA requirements near the boat ramp for \$25,000.

In 2011, the department would like to acquire property near the park's entrance zone, the cost is unknown; replace the main

sewage lift station at a cost of \$150,000. It is noted in the report that the wastewater system is old and in disrepair to the point it threatens the entire park operation if it should actually fail. The report goes on to state that this project would, perhaps, be the single highest priority, but due to the large cost of the project it makes is difficult to place such projects first on the list. Attempts at an OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) block grant in 2009 proved to be unsuccessful due to the area income survey that did not show significant levels of poverty to qualify. Another attempt to seek funding for road repairs found that both county funds and INDOT funds are not available for local park roads. This is due in part to those roads being controlled by a gatehouse with an entrance fee.

Also for 2011 the department would like to develop Whisky Creek Trail at a cost of \$80,000.

In 2012 the park board has a goal of replacing the West Boggs boat ramps at a cost of \$100,000; to construct new service docks at the ramp for \$25,000; upgrade campground utilities in the Muskrat section for \$60,000; and replace the fish cleaning station for \$50,000.

For 2013 the department hopes to establish a permanent lodging facility or inn at West Boggs at an unknown cost; replace the gate house for \$45,000; purchase equipment for trail development and maintenance for ('PARK' continued on page 3)



January Roush voted as Psi Ote of the Year; flower sales underway

The Gamma Iota, Psi Iota Xi held a business meeting Tuesday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tranquil Inn and Spa. The theme was "Psi Ote Madness" and everyone wore their favorite Psi Ote shirt/sweatshirt.

The meeting was called to order by President Amanda Fischer, and began with the opening verse. The February minutes were read by Recording Secretary Jane Payne; no corrections were made. Roll was taken with 14 members present.

Correspondence was read by January Roush. She read a "thank-you" note from the Kevin Harder family for hosting the girls' basketball banquet. She also read a letter from the Indiana State Nominating Committee which gave the slate of Indiana State Officers for 2010-2011.

The treasurer's report was given by Sherry Wade. Sherry reminded all members to turn in any outstanding monies. Cordilla George, Program Committee Co-chair, reminded members that next month's meeting is Tuesday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tranquil Inn and Spa. The theme will be "Hop Into Psi Otes!" A "Spring" basket auction will be held.

Jane Payne and Rachel Bauer, members of the finance committee, talked about the upcoming flower sales. Jane will make up a form for this year's ordering and email it to all members. She will also send a "hard" copy in the mail. The delivery date was set as May 6. If anyone wishes to order any geraniums, ferns, dragon-wing begonias, or double-wave petunias, please contact Rachel Bauer at 388-5651 or 812-486-5706; or Jane Payne at 247-2412, 854-3666, or 709-1324 by Thursday, April 8.

Membership Chairperson Tammy Winger passed out membership status forms to all members present. January Roush read the criteria for Psi Ote of the Year and Teresa Heckard passed out ballots to all members present. January Roush was voted Gamma Iota's Psi Ote of the Year! Congratulations, January! It was also recognized that Glenda O'Neill was transferring to the Gamma Iota chapter from Iota Rho in Odon. Welcome, Glenda!

Sherry Wade, February's cheer person, sent four cards in February. Susan Warren will be the cheer person for March, April, and May. Shari Hamby collected fines from two members for not wearing their pins. Five members turned in volunteer hours to Sherry Wade.

The Psi Ote state meeting was discussed and there are several members attending. It is to be held on April 17 in Nashville, Indiana. A raffle project was discussed. Gamma Iota will be selling Psi Ote shirts at the sales room during the state meeting. The shirts are being made by SSL in Shoals.

A donation request was read from the Shoals Little League. Gamma Iota members



JANUARY ROUSH

voted to sponsor a team. Information on the Farmer's Market was read and opening day is May 22. The market will be held on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Members voted to have a "reading corner" at the opening from 8 a.m. to noon, where children can come and sit and Gamma Iota members will read to them while their parents shop.

A donation request was read from a Martin County girl planning to major in Speech and Language Pathology. Gamma Iota will be donating \$500 to her for college upon receipt of her college acceptance letter.

March is "Music in our Schools" month. Gamma Iota is donating \$100 each to the Shoals Elementary and the Shoals Junior-Senior High School music programs. Members reported on the "Read Across America" day. Several members read to students at the Shoals and Loogootee Elementary Schools.

Gamma Iota will have a space at the Ag Day at the Community Center on Saturday, March 20. They will be giving away coloring books and also a basket full of goodies.

There will be a Philanthropic Committee meeting today, Wednesday, March 17 at the Tranquil Inn and Spa at 6:30 p.m. and a Library Project meeting will be held immediately afterwards at approximately 7 p.m. The monthly Gamma Iota Reading for Kids at the Shoals Library was held March 11.

A nominating committee was appointed: Cordilla George (Chairperson), Rachel Bauer, and Amanda Fischer. This committee will present the 2010-2011 officer nominations at the April meeting.

The traveling door prize was brought by January Roush and won by Tammy Winger. Secret Pal gifts were passed out. Thanks to hostesses Tammy Winger, Shari Hamby, and Rachel Bauer for the delicious refreshments. The meeting was finished with the closing verse.

MCCF announces Second Door Scholarship available

The Martin County Community Foundation would like to announce that the Second Door Scholarship is available this year. The scholarship is named after the saying "When one door closes, another one opens." The Second Door Scholarship is for non-traditional students who seek to improve their employability.

Qualifications are: Must be a resident of Martin County; must have graduated or left high school at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship; must demonstrate a financial need; the scholarship cannot be used for GED test fees; the schol-

arship cannot exceed the cost of course and course materials; applicant must provide evidence of program acceptance; program must be administered by a qualified institution or organization

This round's award will not exceed \$200. Applications are available at the Martin County Community Learning Center or the MCCF office. Applications must be returned to the Martin County Community Foundation office by 4 p.m. Monday, April 11.

Please direct any questions to 295-1022 or mccf@rtccom.net.

Guess where this is!

This picture was taken somewhere in Martin County. Do you know where? Be the first person to email courtney@martin-countyjourn.com and your name will be announced in this box next week as our "Guess where this is" winner and your name will also be listed on our website.



PARK

(Continued from page one)

\$100,000; construct docks/marina for \$40,000; and construct a new multi-use trail on the west side of the park for \$80,000.

In the final year of the plan, 2014, the park board wishes to resurface the park's roads including paving the ramp at \$350,000; add a new playground that abides by ADA rules for \$80,000; and renovate the campground utilities in the Bobcat section for \$100,000.

The total for the 5-year plan, aside for the unknown amounts, totals \$1,288,000. The potential sources of funding for the projects include money from the General Fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, county support, LARE (Lake and River Enhancement program), commercial loans, Recreational Trails Program grants (RTP), and donations.

Currently about 75 percent of the park's camping and boating use comes from those who do not live in Martin or Daviess counties while day-use recreation is opposite

with only 25 percent of non-county residents using these services. Since Boggs is not a state park it operates solely on user fees and without state funding of any kind. The park operates on an estimated \$780,000 annual budget and serves in excess of 150,000 visitors per year.

History of the joint parks department and West Boggs

The joint parks department was formed for the purpose of owning and operating West Boggs Park. West Boggs is a fairly large and diverse park, which opened in 1972. The 1,500-acre park includes the 622-acre West Boggs Creek Reservoir and a 250-acre outdoor recreation area. It offers boating, fishing, waterfowl hunting, camping and among several other day-use activities.

West Boggs Creek Reservoir was created circa 1970 as a project of the Small Watershed Flood Control Act. West Boggs was a joint project of several federal, state, and local entities.

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Public RECORDS

News from the Martin County Court

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

February 18

Rick D. Whipple, battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Class C Felony.

February 19

John R. Page, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Richard Wagner, receiving stolen property, a Class D Felony; possession of hash oil with vehicle, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Julie E. Lents, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony; criminal recklessness with a vehicle, a Class A Misdemeanor.

February 24

Jeremy J. Weatherman, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Justin G. Fraley, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; causing serious bodily injury when operating a motor vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class D Felony; causing serious bodily injury when operating a motor vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class D Felony.

February 25

Derek J. Knowling, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Earnest J. Mullins, intimidation, a Class D Felony.

Todd Bryant, criminal confinement, a Class D Felony.

February 26

Pete J. Rehl, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 2

Richard W. Wagner, burglary, a Class B Felony.

March 3

James D. Holt, resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

March 8

Harry W. Litzler, sexual misconduct. Defendant sentenced to serve six years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with credit for time served of 971 days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

Tracy W. Brazzell, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Adrian M. Brennan, 10 counts of child molesting, Class A Felonies, dismissed; five counts of criminal deviate conduct, Class B Felonies, dismissed; five counts of child solicitation, Class D Felonies, dismissed; five counts of sexual battery, Class D Felonies, dismissed.

Tabitha F. Salmon, leave scene – parked vehicle, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Roland Slaubaugh, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Andrew J. Stone, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

David R. Wagler, taking of wild animals vernal by laws and rules, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT FILINGS

March 3

Meridian Citizens Insurance Company vs. Jonathan Lackey and Gwaltney Drilling Inc., civil tort.

March 8

Capital One Bank vs. James M. Sorrells,

civil collection.

Wendy L. Hawkins vs. Robert J. Hawkins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

March 9

Toni Hardwick vs. Terry Hardwick, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL JUDGMENTS

February 23

Berta Davis to Midland Funding, LLC for \$2,552.48.

March 8

James E. Tedrow to Hoosier Hills Credit Union for mortgage foreclosure \$159,541.88.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 4

Daniel and Tammy Harder to Hoosier Accounts Service for \$1,258.50

Melissa Hert aka Gibson to Hoosier Accounts Service for \$725.46.

Jeffery Pottorff to Hoosier Accounts Service for \$1,059.59.

Donna and Rick Sergent to Hoosier Accounts Service for \$286.25.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

March 2

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Loretta Holt, complaint, dismissed.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Starletta Long, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

March 3 – March 10

Adam Arvin, Loogootee, speeding 42 in a 20, \$124.

Jermy Arvin, Loogootee, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Edward Brown, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25; no valid operator's license, \$119.

Paul Burch, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Jerry Burriss, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Matthew Clark, Loogootee, speeding 68 in a 55, \$119.

Yolanda Creel, Bedford, speeding 53 in a 40, \$119.

Donna Davis, Washington, speeding 54 in a 40, \$119.

Nicholas Dosch, Loogootee, expelling lighted cigarette, \$37.

Cathy Dreyer, Jasper, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Derek Faubion, Bedford, speeding 65 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

David Fletcher, Bedford, speeding 54 in a 40, \$119.

James Franklin, Indianapolis, speeding 74 in a 55, \$124.

Jarret Franklin, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Donald French, Shoals, child restraint violation, \$25.

Amber Gotfried, Austin, speeding 65 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Darvin Graber, Montgomery, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Marvin Graber, Loogootee, speeding 40 in a 25, \$119.

Darrell Graber, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

James Graper, Westphalia, speeding 65 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Dylan Greene, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Gregory Halcomb, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Kylee Harding, Bedford, speeding 53 in a 40, \$119.

Lacey Hawkins, Shoals, seatbelt viola-

tion, \$25; failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Nicole Hayden, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Suzettea Jones, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Curtis Kidwell, Shoals, failure to dim lights, \$119.

Aaron Land, French Lick, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Johnson Livingston, Clarksville, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Joshua Milligan, Odon, minor in posses-

Loogootee Police Department log

Monday, March 8

10:14 a.m. – Caller reports a stray gold shepherd running around East Main Street. Chief Rayhill made several trips down Main Street and was unable to locate the dog.

12:55 p.m. – Andrea Jones, High Street, reported her vehicle had been struck while

State police reminds of donation scammers

The Indiana State Police wants to remind all Hoosiers to ensure they verify phone and door-to-door solicitors of donations purporting to be collecting funds for charitable organizations.

Recently the Indiana State Police and many other police agencies across Indiana have received complaints from residents and businesses concerning solicitors who implied they have an association with the Indiana State Police or other police agencies.

These complaints have resulted in the initiation of an investigation.

Complainants have reported they were asked to tape the donation to the door of their home or business for collection later in the day.

On some occasions, the solicitors have told donors the funds would be used to send a local child to a law enforcement summer camp.

Whenever there is doubt or suspicion about the legitimacy or tactics of a phone or in-person solicitor, just say 'no' to the request and call the state police or your local police department to report your suspicions.

Martin County real estate transfers

Mark J. Bowling and Sheri J. Bowling, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wilson H. Hatter, Jr. and Suzanna E. Hatter**, of Martin County, Indiana, Tract 1: a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 8.30 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.31 acres, more or less. Subject to a water line easement across the entire 6.31 acres to the aforementioned 8.30-acre tract.

Matthew D. Lark, of Martin County, Indiana, to **David W. Duncan and Michelle J. Duncan**, of Martin County, Indiana part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.95 acres, more or less and subject to a 15-foot public utility easement.

Phillip M. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jennifer L. Tinkle**, of Martin County, Indiana a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 3 West.

Thomas N. Smith and Betta J. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jessie Keith**

of tobacco, \$138.

James Morrison, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Joseph Sanders, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Carole Strange, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

David Stone, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Brian Swartzentruber, Evansville, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Rhonda Towery, Owensboro, Kentucky, no valid operator's license, \$119.

parked at the Loogootee Family Restaurant. Chief Rayhill investigated and located the other driver. No injuries were reported.

Tuesday, March 9

5:22 p.m. – Clara Smith reported that the front window at her business had been broken. Deputy Fischer that advised it appeared a rock might have gone through the window.

7:36 p.m. – James Wilson, Loogootee, reported someone had stolen items from his residence. Sgt. Hennette investigated.

Wednesday, March 10

10 a.m. – Martin County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call in reference to a busted gas line near Martin County Video. Fire personnel were on the scene for approximately 30 minutes.

7:40 p.m. – Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to Brooks Bridge Road in reference to a fire at an abandoned house. Fire personnel were on the scene for approximately 40 minutes.

Thursday, March 11

7:46 p.m. – Caller reported a fight in the parking lot of the Loogootee Family Restaurant. Officers arrived and spoke with both parties involved.

10:25 p.m. – Caller reported a couple arguing in the parking lot at Country Place Apartments. Officers advised one subject had left the area.

Saturday, March 13

9:44 a.m. – First Responders were requested on Kentucky Avenue for a male with difficulty breathing.

Sunday, March 14

5:01 p.m. – Caller reported a domestic dispute at Sunset Trailer Court. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the parties involved.

Beavers and Timothy P. Beavers, of Virginia and Florida, the north part of the Southwest fractional Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 63 acres, more or less. Except therefrom: a part of the Southwest Fractional Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.07 acres, more or less. Containing after said exception 60.93 acres, more or less.

William C. Patterson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark L. Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana lot number 6 in Block D in the Loogootee Land Company Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Deanna M. Enriquez, aka Deanna M. Mahanand, of Howard County, Maryland to **Jack D. Bough**, of Martin County, Indiana a part of lot numbered 25 in Horsey's Addition to the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana. Also, a part of Freeman's Addition to the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana, containing .22 acre, more or less.

John D. Knepp and Angela B. Knepp, of Martin County, Indiana to **Derek Swartz**, of Daviess County, Indiana a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 9.32 acres, more or less.

Public RECORDS cont.

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Sunday, March 7

4:34 a.m. – Female caller on Hwy.550 requests an ambulance for a younger male who is vomiting and possibly has kidney stones. Patient transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:21 a.m. – Caller reports a property damage accident with possible injuries on 231 South just before the water tower. Caller advised that the male subject had cuts on his face.

3:30 p.m. – Several callers report four-wheelers on Hwy. 450 and Trambaugh Lane, in Loogootee. The Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

4:35 p.m. – 911 caller reports a domestic dispute at the apartment buildings behind the Shoals High School. Caller stated she did not know what was going on, she was at the park across the street and heard the couple arguing outside. Deputy Nolan investigated.

5:04 p.m. – Caller advises that he had a four-wheeler stolen sometime from yesterday morning to today. The ATV was a 2008 red, white, and black Polaris Outlaw 450. Deputy Nolan investigated.

7:24 p.m. – Caller reports that he hit a deer on Hwy. 231 north of Loogootee. Caller was near a church at Loogootee city limits and said they would pull off the roadway into a drive. The caller said they just needed to report the incident for insurance purposes.

8:02 p.m. – Caller reports a black Mustang is driving erratically on Hwy. 50 just past McDonalds. The caller had no further information on the vehicle. The Loogootee Police Department and Daviess County was notified.

8:42 p.m. – Johnny Ray Stoll, 21, was booked into the jail for possession of meth and paraphernalia.

11:11 p.m. – Dispatch is notified by Daviess County about a suicidal subject who left on foot in an unknown direction from Sundale Apartments in Washington. Subject was wearing black pants and left with a butcher knife on her person. If located the department was asked to contact the Washington Police Department or Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

11:30 p.m. – Ambulance is required for a 10-month-old baby with breathing difficulties. Patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

Monday, March 8

6:19 a.m. – Shoals Community Schools running on a two-hour delay due to fog.

6:32 a.m. – Caller advises he heard what he believes to be two gun shots from the opposite end of the trailer park. Additional calls were received with the same complaint.

7:20 a.m. – Female caller reports that she locked her keys in her car.

1:00 p.m. – Loogootee Police Department advised they had been called about a 17-year-old runaway.

1:05 p.m. – Loogootee Police Department advised that runaway reported from previous call may be in a Ford Escort with an 18-year-old male.

3:41 p.m. – Male caller states that there is a car on its top at the intersection of Hwy 150 and Butler Bridge Road; the passenger's condition is unknown. Martin County First Responders, Civil Defense and the Shoals Fire Department are called to the scene. Officer on the scene reports the female is out of the vehicle and is possibly intoxicated. G&M was contacted for removal of the vehicle.

4:31 p.m. - Reference female from previous entry, Carolyn Hoopengartner, 50, was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital and later charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Bond was set at \$7,500.

4:31 p.m. - Caller requests VIN check on a 1988 GMC Suburban and a boat.

4:56 p.m. – Dispatch receives a 911 hang-up call. Dispatch calls back and resident states that kids got a hold of the phone and

there was no emergency.

6:07 p.m. – Female 911 caller requests a fire truck to South Kentucky Avenue in Loogootee. The Loogootee Police Department was notified and said they were aware of the request and civil defense was not needed.

6:07 p.m. Female caller reports she received a phone call from a company claiming to be RAA. The company told her that she is going to be sued for illegally downloading music from the internet and that fines may top \$677,000.

7:39 p.m. – Female 911 caller requests ambulance in Odon for a youth who swallowed five prescription pills.

11:45 p.m. – ISP Officer Sexton is en route with female, Nancy Reed, who is being charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Tuesday, March 9

1:53 a.m. - Deputy Fischer responded to a 911 call in reference to a domestic dispute on Hwy. 150.

5:58 a.m. – Half Moon Road resident reports she hit a deer just before the Burns City gate. Caller states the front end of her Ford Freestyle was damaged but drivable. She said she would stop by the Sheriff's Department later so a report could be filed.

7:08 a.m. – Ambulance needed at Hwy 231 residence for breathing difficulties. No transport was required.

8:25 a.m. – Male caller reports he was involved in a domestic dispute the night before. He advised that his brother was at his house when he got home from the hospital this morning. Caller was asked if he wanted to file charges against his brother and, if so, he would be arrested.

8:49 a.m. - Previous caller says he is not going to file charges against his brother and he requested that he leave. Caller also states that he plans to file for an order of protection.

10:28 a.m. – Male caller reports deer carcass in the road on 645. Caller states he would like to have the carcass for his dogs. Office Pritchard advises that the carcass is torn up enough to tell that it has indeed been hit and tells caller he can take it.

3:26 p.m. – Caller requests officer to file a case report in reference to a minor traffic accident in his driveway.

3:26 p.m. – Caller reports that his residence burned down last week. He was told by his insurance company to not be inside the house until it could be inspected. Caller says someone has been inside the house and wanted an officer to get in contact with him. Caller also states that he has put up no trespassing signs.

5:31 p.m. - Resident requests a VIN check on a 1988 GMC Suburban and a 1985 Bass Boat.

6:07 p.m. – Caller reports a deer-vehicle accident on Hwy. 231, south of Truelove Church Road. Caller states deer is off the roadway and vehicle has sustained severe damage.

Wednesday, March 10

1:29 a.m. – Deputy Burkhardt responded to a battery on Baker Road.

3:15 a.m. – Caller reports a male subject in her home and she believes she knows the name of the person. Deputy Burkhardt responded to the call, searched the area, and waited with the caller until her mother arrived.

3:41 a.m. – An ambulance is requested on Baker Road for a male who had fallen and hit his head. Alert 1 responded and the Williams Fire Department First Responders were dispatched through Lawrence County. Civil defense was also paged twice with no response. The subject was transported to Bedford Regional Hospital.

5:41 a.m. – Deputy Burkhardt reports the sign at the corner of Windom Road and River Road is down. The highway department was notified.

12:00 p.m. – Female caller reports that her daughter didn't make it to school yesterday and she wanted to speak to an officer.

12:24 p.m. – Ambulance was requested on Stevens Road for an 80-year-old male who had fallen.

3:40 p.m. – Daviess County requests officers be on the lookout for a male driving a gray four-door car and possibly headed into Martin County. The driver was involved in a child abuse case.

4:01 p.m. – Female caller requests assistance with a vehicle on the east side of Martin State Forest with a broken axle. The vehicle is blocking the roadway. Officer later advises that the vehicle was off the roadway.

6:05 p.m. – Female caller requests to speak to an officer about harassment from her baby daddy.

6:56 p.m. – Reinhart Road caller requests fire department for a smoldering tree stump that keeps flaming up. The Loogootee Police Department was notified.

7:31 p.m. – Caller from Dubois County reports a fire at an abandoned house on Brooks Bridge Road. It was reported that there was no electricity to the home and there was suspicious circumstances involved. The Loogootee Fire Department was notified.

8:28 p.m. – Male 911 caller requests ambulance to Main Street in Loogootee for a female having difficulty breathing. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Thursday, March 11

1:50 a.m. – Deputy Greene investigated an open gate at the water tower on Highway 231 south of Loogootee.

Martin County accident reports

Sunday, March 7

7:20 p.m. – Claude W. King, 58, of Loogootee contacted the Martin County Sheriff's Department stating that he struck a deer while traveling south on US 231 N. The deer caused damage to the front of his 2005 Chevy Trailblazer. Corporal Fischer investigated.

8:35 a.m. – Cody A. Greene, 17, of Loogootee, was driving a 1992 Jeep Cherokee and traveling south on US 231. Driver stated that he tried to clean something off of the inside of his windshield and while doing so he traveled left of center and off the opposite side of the roadway. He then went down an embankment and then overturned onto the passenger side along the roadway. Greene was able to free himself from the vehicle and sustained minor cuts to the face. Deputy Nolan investigated.

Monday, March 8

3:40 p.m. – Carolyn Hoopengartner, 50, of Shoals, driving a 1996 Pontiac Grand Prix, was traveling east on US 150 and was attempting to turn right onto Butler Bridge Road. Hoopengartner's vehicle overshot the intersection and skidded off the roadway and overturned into a ditch. Driver was able to unbuckle herself and exit the vehicle on her own. Hoopengartner registered a blood alcohol level of .21 and was later charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Deputy Nolan investigated.

Tuesday, March 9

City of Loogootee traffic accidents

Friday, March 12

3:52 p.m. – Terry E. Kerns, Loogootee, was attempting to turn left from American Legion Avenue onto JFK Avenue. Traffic was backed up and another driver motioned for Kerns to proceed. At that time, Frank Sloan Jr., Washington, was operating a 1995 Chevy and proceeded around the stopped traffic and collided with the Kern vehicle. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer. Loogootee Police Department was assisted by the Martin County Sheriff's Department and G&M Wrecker Service.

6:02 p.m. – John W. Love, West Baden, was operating a 1995 Chevy and headed west on US Hwy. 50. Love was attempting to run into McDonalds and turned into the path of Jared L. Walton, of Loogootee. Love stated his view was obstructed while turning. Sgt. Hennette was the investigating officer. The Loogootee Police Department was assisted by Keith Keller of the Martin County Sheriff's Department and G&M Wrecker Service.

Saturday, March 13

1:53 p.m. – Larry Peek, Loogootee, was operating a 2002 Chrysler and backing out

6:00 a.m. – Julia Lamar, 50, of Loogootee, was driving a 2006 Ford and was traveling east on Hwy. 645 when a deer ran out into her path. Lamar's vehicle struck the deer causing damage to the front. Damage appeared to be over \$1,000. No injuries were reported. Sgt. Pritchard investigated.

11:28 a.m. – Virginia McLaughlin, of Loogootee was traveling on US 231 near County Road 350 N when she struck a deer with her 2000 Mitsubishi. Damage was sustained to the driver side hood. Deputy Nolan investigated.

3:20 p.m. – Jimmy Sergent, 60, of Shoals, contacted the sheriff's department stating that his vehicle was involved in an accident in his driveway. Officer arrived on the scene and found a green 1977 Chevy truck owned by Dustin Stinson, 28, of Bedford parked directly in front of Mr. Sergent's 2006 Dodge Dakota. Stinson's vehicle had slipped into gear and rolled into the front of the Sergent vehicle. Sergent's vehicle had slight damage to the front bumper and grill. Stinson's vehicle had a dent in the front bumper. Corporal Fischer investigated.

8:10 p.m. – Robert D. Sutton, 52, of Loogootee, contacted the Martin County Sheriff's Department stating that he struck a deer while traveling south on US 231 near Truelove Church Road. The deer caused damage to the front passenger side of his 1994 Mercury Grand Marquis. Corporal Fischer investigated.

of O'Reilly Auto Parts. Peek failed to see a 1996 Ford owned by Donald E. Vickers Jr., of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Officer Todd was the investigating officer.

Orange County couple arrested for making meth

On Tuesday, March 16, with assistance from the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Paoli Police Department a search warrant was executed at 209 NW Fifth Street in Paoli.

During a search of the residence several items used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine were located along with methamphetamine and paraphernalia.

The suspects, Randall R. Pearson, 60, and Linda S. Pearson, 53, were transported to the Orange County Jail without incident and charged with the following: Manufacturing Methamphetamine over 3 grams, Possession of Precursors, Possession of Methamphetamine over 3 grams, and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Possession of Marijuana under 3 grams, and Possession of Paraphernalia.



Green Zone

As a fan of the "Jason Bourne" series, I found myself compelled to see Green Zone thinking I would be treated to a nonstop action flick filled with twists and turns in which Matt Damon would outsmart and out-fight his pursuers. Rather, Chief Warrant Officer Roy Miller takes us on a journey to discover the weapons of mass destruction hidden in Baghdad after the 2003 invasion of Iraq. While there are several good action scenes throughout the movie, however, the political overtones of the movie take over and begin to choke out any semblance to an intriguing plot.

The movie centers around the belief that the entire invasion of Iraq is based on the misinformation of an informant named "Magellan" and carries only marginal suspense, or drama. The film tries to push the fact that the U.S. wrongly invaded the country and attempted to create a democracy.

The solid acting does not overtake the fact that the characters lack little substance and seem to miss the connection with the audience. There was a sense of realism passed along through the viewing, as the sights and sounds of a country in distress are accurately portrayed. Also, due to the employment of actual soldiers for the film, there was some degree of authenticity to the tactical actions and combat scenes.

While not a movie I suggest as a must see in the box office, the movie does carry enough entertainment value to merit a rent on DVD. The political pushiness just seemed too much for this moviegoer.

T.J.'s rating: ★★☆☆



First annual "Taste of Martin County" to be held next month

On April 20th, the Martin County Community Foundation will host the first annual "Taste of Martin County."

"Taste of Martin County" is an event where people can sample fantastic dishes from area food vendors. It will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Martin County Community building. Prizes will be given away.

Admission at the door is \$12 for a single adult, \$20 per couple, \$5 for students K-12, Children 5 and under are free. Presale tickets are available at discounted prices at The Shoals News, German American in Loogootee, or The Cartridge Depot in Loogootee. Presale costs are \$10/single adult, \$15 per couple, and \$3 Students K-12.

Proceeds will go to support the operations of the Martin County Community Foundation. Anyone with questions should contact the MCCF office at 295-1022 or mccf@rtc-com.net.

Events and Notices Calendar

Relay for Life fundraiser

A Relay for Life fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 20, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Loogootee Family Restaurant. DJ Dave and Linda will provide music and the cover charge is \$3. All money raised will go directly to Relay for Life team #12 Suttons' Renegades.

Catholic fish fry

The Martin County Catholic Cluster will host a Christ Renews His Parish Teams Annual Fish Fry Friday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the St. Johns Center Lower Level.

Lions Club pancake fry

Shoals Lions Club will be having a Pancake fry on Saturday, April 3, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. The pancake fry will be held at the Shoals American Legion Hall. The price will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 10 and under. Carry outs are available.

Relay for Life bake sale

Martin County Relay For Life Team #8 - "Remembering Dennis" Coney Dog/Bake Sale will be held on Saturday April 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Jasper Walmart. Assorted jellies and colored Easter eggs will also be available.

Youth workshop weekend

David Walters is coming to our area! Check out his website www.goodnewsministries.com. This ministry is not about entertaining your children, but making them mighty, our desire is raise a generation of anointed youth and children. Friday through Sunday, April 23 through 25, at Church on the Way, 700 W. Van Trees, Washington. \$8 per child, \$12 per adult, or max \$40 per family for Saturday's session. Call 295-4678, or email bdgreene5@verizon.net to register. Friday night at 7 p.m., Saturday at 9:30 a.m., Sunday at 10 a.m., and Sunday night miracle service at 6 p.m.

Habitat applications being accepted

Habitat for Humanity of Martin County is accepting applications through April 30. Applications must be postmarked by April 30. For questions or an application, you may call Nancy Consley at 295-4244 or Barb Strahley at 295-3750.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Country Cousins, Relay for Life teams #7 and #27 are hosting Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and pony rides Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Martin County Community Building for children 9 years and under. Breakfast and games \$3. Pony rides an extra \$3. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for purchase or bring your own camera.

5K Run and Walk Classic

The French Lick Resort will host its 5K Run and Walk Classic on Saturday, April 17 at the French Lick Resort. The 3.1-mile run and walk is open to runners and walkers of all ages, abilities, and experience. The course has no hills, is fast and scenic, and includes the town of French Lick and high school of the legendary NBA star, Larry Bird, as well as the campuses of the French Lick Springs and West Baden Springs hotels. The registration fee is \$25 and deadline is Monday, April 12 to receive a free t-shirt. After this date, t-shirts will be supplied on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration can be done online at www.kenlongassoc.com.

Martin County Ag Day going on this weekend at fairgrounds

2010 will mark the 37th year we celebrate National Ag Day in America with producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies, and countless others across America gathering to celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. It will also mark the 14th year Martin County will host its own Ag Day celebration.

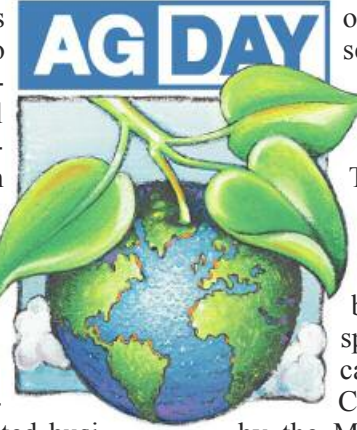
Join us in saying thanks to the family farm on Saturday, March 20, at Martin County Ag Day.

The event is taking shape to be an excellent event. Twenty-five ag and educational related businesses will be on hand to display and showcase what they do with the community from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The event will be held at the Martin County Community Building beginning with a breakfast of eggs, sausage, potatoes, biscuit, fruit, and beverage for only \$3. Breakfast will be served by the Martin County Junior Leaders from 8 a.m.

to 10:30 a.m. Events for the day include free TC/HDL-PSA and GRF (kidney function) testing by Good Samaritan Hospital, free coloring books provided by Psi Iota Xi, petting zoo sponsored by German American Bancorp and the Ag Day Committee, free trees provided by the Martin County SWCD, door prizes, and more.

For more information call David Gregory at 644-7599 or Teresa Harder at 295-3149.



Accident in Loogootee -Photo by Joshua Hughett

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Martin County Humane Society

Pet of the Week



This is a very nice dog. She is a female Great Dane/Lab mix. She is around 5 to 6 years old and is great with kids and other animals. She weighs 134 pounds and loves to go for walks. You can view all dogs available for adoption at www.martincountyhumesociety.org.

Not-for-Profit WISH LISTS

If you or someone you know has any of the items listed below, please donate them and help these organizations.

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Dog food, collars, crates, kennels, dog houses Email ddgreene5@verizon.net

Martin County Chamber of Commerce
Telephone with answering machine, filing cabinets, shelving units Email kariloum@aol.com

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Messmer bill on Governor's desk

I'm sure you've had days where you reach bedtime and think, "I've been running around since I woke up, but what have I done today?"

Well, that's how last week felt at the Statehouse.

Although we have had more than two months of hearings and discussions, sometimes it takes a deadline to prompt legislators to finally get down to business.

Next week, I'll give you all the details on what finally ended up in the unemployment insurance tax delay, and what finally ended up in a bill to give schools some funding flexibility during these financially difficult times.

However, one of my bills passed both chambers last week.

As a freshman legislator in the minority, that doesn't happen too often, so I'm very pleased that Senate Bill 356 is now ready to be sent to the governor for his signature.

At its core, Senate Bill 356 is really about government efficiency.

The ideas contained in it were sparked last summer when we returned to the Statehouse for "study committees" in preparation for this year's session.

It contains many more law changes now than it did originally, everything in the bill pertains in some way to professional licensing.

Granting licenses is one of the most important duties of the state.

Because standards for various professions are different from state to state, licenses to practice each profession — be they teaching licenses, beautician licenses or nursing licenses, for example — must be administered by the state (vs. being administered by the federal government).

The process of research and administration required to dispense these thousands of

licenses each year can be expensive and cumbersome.

However, it is a vital process because it ensures that Hoosiers will be kept safe from people who are not actually qualified to sell the services they want to sell.

This bill will streamline some of these processes.

For example, this bill allows private agencies to do criminal history checks for employees of home health agencies.

Private agencies are perfectly qualified to do this kind of work, and it becomes one more function the state doesn't have to perform.

Another thing it does is to merge and change the membership on the cosmetology and barber boards.

It also eliminates the controlled substances advisory committee and transfers those responsibilities to the Indiana board of pharmacy.

Again, it's all about streamlining and consolidating government functions in order to save you, the taxpayer, a few dollars.

By making sure that two different state boards are not both doing the same work, we'll save money.

Representative Peggy Welch, a Democrat from Bloomington, was also a sponsor of Senate Bill 356, and it was a pleasure to collaborate with her on this project.

In fact, the whole bill was really a bipartisan effort.

It passed out of committee unanimously, and passed both the House and Senate unanimously as well.

Now, the next step is for it to be signed by the governor.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at 1-800-382-9841 or h63@in.gov.

Your State Representative,
Mark Messmer

Indiana not among states delaying tax refunds

INDIANAPOLIS — In stark contrast to states like New York and Hawaii, who are delaying or are considering delaying income tax refunds this year, Indiana is issuing refunds as usual.

The Indiana Department of Revenue reports it has issued right at one million refunds to date, compared to approximately one million refunds it issued the same time last year, too.

"Once again, it comes down to the solid leadership at the helm in our state," said Revenue Commissioner John Eckart. "Indiana has had to make adjustments in the face of this critical economic time, but its adjustments have still been marginal compared to

many other states — and, as a result, the money is available to ensure those taxpayers who overpaid their fair share in 2009 are getting their refunds just as soon as we can properly process them."

The average refund has increased this year to \$312, compared to \$271 the same time last year.

"Those who are filing electronically and have their accounts set up to receive their refunds via direct deposit are receiving those in about four to seven days, on average," said Eckart. "Paper filings take longer to process, so those refunds are being issued in six to 12 weeks, which is the annual average for a refund from a paper return."

Upcoming government meetings

Fire station special meeting

The Martin County Commissioners, County Council, Shoals Town Board, the Redevelopment Commission, and the Solid Waste Board will hold a special meeting Wednesday, March 17, at 6 p.m., at the recycling center in Loogootee. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss requirements for the new fire station for the Town of Shoals. The meeting is open to the public.

Special meeting on interlocal agreement

The Martin County Council will hold a

special meeting Tuesday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and approve the Daviess, Greene, and Martin Counties Interlocal Agreement amendments. The meeting is open to the public

Commissioners

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 23, at 6 p.m., in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals.

This has seemed like the longest short session of the Indiana General Assembly ever. We had our own version of March Madness.

Our work is done for 2010. In the final push toward completion, we were able to pass a number of substantial proposals that will benefit the people of our state.

There will be time in the days and weeks ahead to discuss the accomplishments of the 2010 session. Here are some of the highlights of our work these past few months:

- passage of job creation proposals that can bring hope for more than 300,000 Hoosiers who are out of work;
- greater accountability from employers who receive taxpayer incentives and better protections for their workers;
- funding flexibility to help schools reel in from the loss of \$500 million in state support ordered by the governor;
- ethics reform to restore public trust in state government; and
- allowing Hoosier voters to decide if the 1-2-3 property tax caps should go into the Indiana Constitution.

I will tell you about some other achievements in more detail in my next report. This week, I want to focus on the work we did in this session's final hours, when it seemed that nothing would be done.

I am happy to report that we passed legislation to address the top priority for this session: creating jobs. Almost every provision of the Hoosiers First plan that received strong bipartisan support in the Indiana House earlier this session was approved and will be going to the governor for his signature. It was important legislation, and it was the right thing to do.

Once in place, this plan is expected to put as many as 60,000 Hoosiers back to work. It provides assistance for Indiana's small businesses, which often get neglected in our state's economic development programs, even though they employ 1.3 million Hoosiers.

Small businesses will have access to EDGE (Economic Development for a Growing Economy) credits for the first

time. An ombudsman will be brought on line to help small businesses work more efficiently with state government, and explore opportunities.

Two new programs will target job creation. A new employer tax credit will be offered to encourage companies to come to Indiana and the new HIRE (Helping Indiana Restart Employment) program will go after \$100 million in federal stimulus dollars to reimburse companies that hire new workers.

We listened to the concerns expressed by the business community and provided a one-year delay in the unemployment premium increase approved by the Legislature in 2009. This will help companies during tough economic times. No new taxes, no new levies in a time of economic stress.

As we lend employers a helping hand, we also are asking them to be more accountable. A new "clawback" program will enable state government to reclaim taxpayer-financed benefits from companies that do not live up to promises of creating new jobs. We set up a system to take action against employers who wrongly fail to provide health insurance, Social Security, pensions, workers compensation, and other benefits for their employees.

I also want to mention passage of a separate bill (House Bill 1367) that will help our schools as they try to cope with the cuts ordered by the governor. This added financial flexibility will not keep our schools from cutting programs, laying off teachers, and increasing class sizes, but it will give local school boards more tools to use to reduce the impact of the governor's funding cuts. It will allow for more local control of finances and provide more local flexibility in dealing with economic issues.

These accomplishments are substantial, and it is good to note that they all passed with bipartisan support in both the Indiana House and Senate. Next week, I will take a longer look at some other achievements.

If you wish to share your views or opinions about these issues or any other topics related to Indiana state government, please contact me at h62@in.gov.



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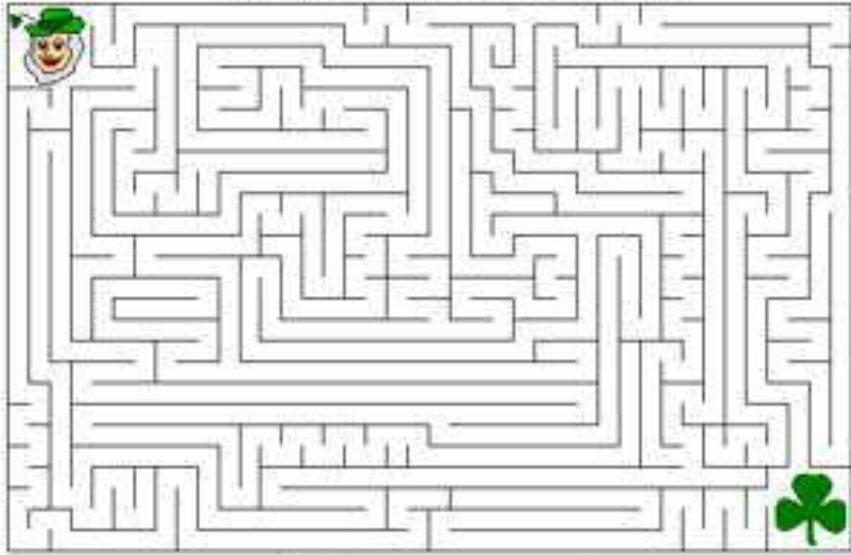
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The very first St. Patrick's Day parade was not in Ireland. It was in Boston in 1737.

In Chicago, on St. Patrick's Day, the rivers are dyed green.

Shamrocks were worn on the lapel. (folded flaps of cloth on the front of the jacket or coat)

Nine of the people who signed our Declaration of Independence were of Irish origin, and nineteen Presidents of the United States proudly claim Irish heritage - including our first President, George Washington.

In Seattle, there is a ceremony where a green stripe is painted down the roads.



ARE YOU INVOLVED IN A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION?

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'It is critical that all census forms be completed and returned'

Dear Editor of *The Journal*:
The 2010 Census is here. This is a very important event in time. The participation of every resident in the city is critical to the outcome of this census.

The forms have been arriving in many homes in the last two weeks and many have already been completed and mailed back. This is great. However, the professional census people tell us that many will not be completed and returned. That is the reason that census takers are going door to door. They don't know the people are that will or will not respond without a personal invitation. To be sure, you should ask for identification before talking with them. They should have a photo ID card, a badge, and a handheld device to take the needed information. They should never ask for your social security number or any information about bank accounts or credit cards. They should treat everyone courteously and we ask that everyone return the courtesies.

The complete count of every person living the city of Loogootee is very important to the city. Your representation on the state and national legislature depends on everyone being counted.

There are also many government sources of funding which are allocated depending on population. These include highways, schools, health facilities, and many other programs. It has been said that for every person that is not counted, the city will lose \$3,000 of funding. It is in our hands.

The bottom line is that it is critical that all census forms be completed and returned so that everyone will be counted.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the forms and please encourage everyone else to do so.

Thanks again,
Don Bowling, Mayor
City of Loogootee

'I would sign the form with the last phrase deleted.'

Dear Editor of *The Journal*:
In all 92 Indiana counties, a "4-H Youth Development Projects, Events, & Activities Release Form" is required for participation in 4-H.

It reads like this...I understand that participating in 4-H activities can involve certain risks to my child. On behalf of my child I accept those risks. I hereby release and discharge Purdue University, The Trustees of Purdue University, the Franklin County Commissioners, the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service, and each of their trustees, officers, appointees, agents, employees, and volunteers ("Released Parties") from all claims which my child or myself might have for any injury or harm to my child, including death, arising out of my child's participation in any activity relating to the 4-H your development program, **EVEN IF SUCH INJURY OR HARM IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR FAULT OF ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES.** (The emphasis is mine.)

Even if such injury or harm is caused by the Released Parties??? Since when are we not responsible for any harm we cause through our own negligence or fault? Is injury or harm caused by the negligence or fault of the Released Parties now considered a risk to participating in 4-H? 4-H is asking us to sign a release form stating that if our children are injured or harmed through negligence or fault that we consider this an **ACCEPTABLE** risk. How does this protect our children?

I understand accidents and I understand the need for 4-H to protect itself especially against frivolous lawsuits. What I do not understand is the last phrase of the form relieving individuals of responsibility for their own actions and not being held accountable for them. I would sign the form with the last phrase deleted.

4-H parents, former 4-H members, 4-H supporters, Purdue alumni, anyone uncomfortable with this strong language, I ask you to come together to petition for this phrase to be eliminated by visiting our website, www.indianafourreleaseformopposition.org and/or contacting www.four-h.purdue.edu/contactus.cfm to express your concern. Get the word out! Contact your state representative and state senator. We can create change if we stand together.

Most Sincerely, Resa M. Sucietto
Brookville, Indiana



I am so not a morning person and until I have had my coffee I don't like to talk to anyone and I really, really don't like to answer questions. On the weekdays, when I get up, my husband has already been at work for a few hours and since I get my kids up for school I typically do my "waking up" before I attempt to get them out of bed. I get my coffee and sit in my bedroom and watch the Today Show until I've finished that first cup. During the school week, as soon as I wake the boys, I know that it will be craziness until we pile in the car to leave. I hate the mornings that I oversleep, it ruins the entire day.

Wyatt, my 12-year-old, is like me and does not like mornings. He always looks so sad when he comes down the stairs rubbing his eyes, and almost every morning he climbs back in my bed and goes back to sleep. I am sure that I say my children's names about 300 times every morning before school.

Alex, my 10-year-old, is the "picky clothes kid" and is never satisfied with what I chose for him to wear. By school time my bedroom floor looks like we have been robbed with the amount of rejected clothes that have been tossed. Usually by the fourth try we get it right.

During the time I am playing 'personal fashion assistant' with Alex, Wyatt is still nestled, on my side of the bed, sound asleep. Wyatt doesn't care what he wears. He has actually tried to get out of the door wearing Alex's pants on many occasions. Wyatt is about a foot taller than Alex so you can imagine. He also doesn't care if the clothing he wears is clean or if he just wore the same outfit the day before. I think he figures if he is dressed then he has the okay to go back to sleep, one of his favorite pastimes.

After the clothes are finally approved I take each boy in the bathroom, one at a time, to make their hair presentable. Most people find it strange that, at their age, I still brush my boys' hair, but if you saw what they looked like when they did their own hair, you would understand. I am not sure what they do at night but I've told them many times, they should just shower when they get up, it would be easier. I have never seen hair stick up in so many places. So, one by one, I have to pretty much soak down their hair and start from scratch, every

morning. And they complain, every morning.

After the clothes and hair are acceptable and after they have eaten it's usually time to go. This is when the meltdowns, if that is a morning for meltdowns, take place. Despite my attempts to get my boys to give us papers that need to be signed or to tell us if they need something for school the night before, they just don't get it. They wait until the 11th hour when we are in the car headed down the street. Naturally I usually flip out and yell, but I absolutely hate sending my kids to school after a fight, so I try to keep my cool. I don't remember doing that when I was a child but I am sure I did.

Sometimes when I get back home, after dropping them off, I just sit and wonder what my mornings will be like when they are grown. Other mornings, when I have been too hard on them, I fight the urge to go down to the school just to make sure they are okay.

I never had a parent at home to get us up for school, my older sister, Tyra, always had that pleasure. Poor Tyra would fight to get me up. I would finally give in and almost always took my blanket and curled up on the heater vent on our bedroom floor and went back to sleep. Tyra would get so mad, she hated being late. Just like Wyatt I never cared what I looked like and wore some interesting outfit combinations. The difference between me and Wyatt was I actually went to school like that.

There has only been one morning that I didn't see my kids off to school. I think maybe I was sick and my husband was home from work that day, so he let me sleep. When I woke up and realized the boys were gone I started crying. Josh was baffled and couldn't figure out what the big deal was. Since I almost never had a parent home to see me off to school, I vowed that my boys would, every single day, and, when possible, I would be there when they got home. It's funny how your childhood affects you. Through my tears I explained to Josh, that although I may have been overreacting, I couldn't help how I felt. He didn't do it again.

I want my boys to remember me always being there. I'm lucky that, so far, I have been able to do it. Like them, I also count down the days until summer vacation every year. I think it's 53 days.



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Local SPORTS



Shoals Jug Rox 2009-2010 Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Place	Opponent	Time	Win/Loss
April 1	Home	West Washington	5 p.m.	
April 3	Home	Linton	12 p.m.	
April 7	Away	Pike Central	5 p.m.	
April 10	Home	Bloomfield	11 a.m.	
April 12	Away	Washington Catholic	4:30 p.m.	
April 14	Home	North Daviess	4:30 p.m.	
April 16	Away	Barr-Reeve	5 p.m.	
April 17	Away	Trinity Lutheran	11 a.m.	
April 21	Home	Vincennes Rivet	5 p.m.	
April 23	Home	Loogootee	5 p.m.	
April 24	Home	Springs Valley	11 a.m.	
April 26	Home	Wood Memorial	5 p.m.	
April 28	Away	White River Valley	5 p.m.	
May 4	Away	Dubois	4:30 p.m.	
May 5	Home	Pike Central	5 p.m.	
May 7	Home	South Knox	5 p.m.	
May 8	Away	Paoli	11 a.m.	
May 12	Away	North Knox	5:30 p.m.	
May 14	Home	Eastern	5 p.m.	
May 18	Away	Mitchell	5 p.m.	
May 19	Home	Orleans	5 p.m.	
May 22	Home	New Harmony	12 p.m.	



Loogootee Lions 2009-2010 Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Place	Opponent	Time	Win/Loss
April 2	Away	North Daviess	5 p.m.	
April 3	Away	Round Robin @ Springs Valley	11 a.m.	
April 3	Away	Round Robin @ Springs Valley	1 p.m.	
April 3	Away	Round Robin @ Springs Valley	3 p.m.	
April 6	Home	North Knox	5 p.m.	
April 7	Home	Heritage Hills (V)	5:30 p.m.	
April 9	Away	Vincennes Rivet	5 p.m.	
April 10	Home	Boonville (CST @ BHS, EST @ LHS)	1 p.m.	
April 13	Away	Vincennes Lincoln	6:05 p.m.	
April 14	Home	Washington	5 p.m.	
April 16	Away	White River Valley	5:30 p.m.	
April 19	Home	South Knox	5 p.m.	
April 22	Away	Southridge ((V))	6 p.m.	
April 23	Away	Shoals	4:30 p.m.	
April 27	Away	Barr-Reeve	5 p.m.	
April 28	Home	Washington Catholic (V)	5 p.m.	
April 29	Away	Paoli	5 p.m.	
April 30	Home	Pike Central	5 p.m.	
May 4	Away	Eastern Greene	6 p.m.	
May 5	Home	Bloomfield	5 p.m.	
May 7	Away	Shakamak	5 p.m.	
May 10	Away	Forest Park	6 p.m.	
May 13	Home	Mitchell	6 p.m.	
May 15	Home	LHS Classic	11 a.m.	
May 15	Home	LHS Classic	1 p.m.	
May 15	Home	LHS Classic	4 p.m.	
May 15	Home	LHS Classic	6 p.m.	
May 17	Away	Orleans	4:30 p.m.	
May 18	Away	Linton	5 p.m.	
May 20	Home	Northeast Dubois	4:30 p.m.	
May 22	Away	Wood Memorial	4:30 p.m.	

Primary Candidates

The following are the candidates who have applied to run for elected office. Those who are unsure of their district can look on their voter registration card or contact the clerk's office at 247-3651.

- District 63 State Representative**
Daniel M. (Dan) Steiner (Democrat)
- School Boards**
(Voters will choose one candidate from their district. The school board elections will be decided in the primary on May 4.)
- Loogootee School Board**
- District 1**
Scott Hall
- District 2**
Larry W. Craney
Mark C. Sims
- District 3**
Lori Mattingly
Shawn Howell
Jason Ziegler
Keeven Neukam
- Shoals School Board**
- District 1**
Christy Farhar
Chad D. Cundiff
- District 4**
Glen A. (Tony) Cundiff
- Martin County Circuit Court Judge**
Lynne E. Ellis (Republican)
David Lett (Democrat)
- Martin County Clerk**
Julie Fithian (Republican)
Bobbi Sue Nonte (Democrat)
- Martin County Sheriff**
Robert F. (Rob) Street (Democrat)
- T.A. (Andy) Burkhardt (Democrat)
- Kevin R. Boyd (Republican)
Bruce Hardwick (Republican)
- Martin County Assessor**
Carolyn Sue McGuire (Republican)
- lican)
- County Commissioner District 2**
Paul R. George (Democrat)
- County Council District 1**
Randy Winger (Democrat)
- County Council District 2**
Phyllis J. (Allen) Kidwell (Democrat)
- Keith Gibson (Republican)
- County Council District 3**
Michael (Mike) Dant (Democrat)
- John D. Stoll (Republican)
- County Council District 4**
Lynn Gee (Democrat)
- Township Trustees**
- Perry Township**
Noel D. Harty (Democrat)
- Rutherford Township**
J. Sue Hembree (Democrat)
- Mitcheltree Township**
Michael R. LaMar (Democrat)
James Norman (Republican)
- Lost River Township**
Alice Dianne Butler (Republican)
- Halbert Township**
Exzelia Montgomery (Republican)
- Township Advisory Board**
(Voters choose up to three in their township)
- Perry Township**
Brandi Hennessee (Democrat)
Julie Green (Democrat)
Sandra (Sue) Hunt (Democrat)
- Rosemary Harder (Democrat)
- Mitcheltree Township**
- Barbara Braton (Democrat)
Tammy Gore (Democrat)
Dan J. Butler (Republican)
- Rutherford Township**
Rosamary Street (Democrat)
Lonnie E. Survance (Democrat)
- Jason Survance (Democrat)
- Lost River Township**
Mildred C. Brown (Republican)
- Keith Emmons (Republican)
- Halbert Township**
Travis Montgomery (Republican)
- Kimberly L. Albright (Republican)
- Jane Montgomery (Republican)
- Center Township**
Kenneth L. Brett (Republican)
Larry L. Downs (Republican)
Norma J. Baker (Republican)
- Precinct Committeeman**
James (Rich) Taylor – Perry 1 (Democrat)
Floyd "Lonnie" Hawkins – Perry 6 (Democrat)
Raydies Thimling – East Memphis (Democrat)
Roger Cooper – Lost River (Democrat)
Charles W. Stringer – Halbert (Democrat)
Richard T. (Rick) Baught – Halbert (Democrat)
Harley L. Bratton – Mitcheltree (Democrat)
Tammy Gore – Mitcheltree (Democrat)
Chad D. Cundiff – West Memphis (Democrat)

Shoals Lady Rox 2009-2010 Varsity Softball Schedule



Date	Place	Opponent	Time	Win/Loss
April 6	Home	Paoli	5 p.m.	
April 8	Away	West Washington	5 p.m.	
April 13	Home	Barr-Reeve	5 p.m.	
April 14	Away	North Knox	5 p.m.	
April 19	Home	Springs Valley	4:30 p.m.	
April 22	Home	South Knox	5 p.m.	
April 23	Away	Bloomfield	4:30 p.m.	
April 27	Away	Orleans	4:30 p.m.	
April 28	Home	Wood Memorial	6 p.m.	
April 30	Home	Mitchell	5 p.m.	
May 3	Home	Washington	5:30 p.m.	
May 4	Away	Dubois	4:30 p.m.	
May 5	Home	West Washington	4:30 p.m.	
May 10	Home	North Daviess	5 p.m.	
May 13	Away	Trinity Lutheran	5:30 p.m.	
May 14	Away	White River Valley	5 p.m.	
May 17	Away	Loogootee	5 p.m.	
May 18	Away	Springs Valley	4:30 p.m.	
May 20	Home	Southridge	6 p.m.	

Loogootee basketball awards



The Loogootee Varsity Basketball team received honors at the awards banquet held Monday night, March 15. Shown from left to right are, Bryant Ackerman, Ben Hogan, Conner Wittmer, Jordan Arvin, Greg Woody, John Baugh, and Josh Divine. The following awards were presented: 70% Free Throw Club: Conner Wittmer, Bryant Ackerman, Jordan Arvin, and John Baugh; Josh Divine received James Hagerty Award, the Lion Backer Mark Gillick MVP Award, Most Assists Award, 3-Point Percentage Award, Hustle, Desire & Mental Attitude Award, Blue Chip All-Conference Team Award, and Defensive Award; Jordan Arvin received the Free Throw & Field Goal Percentage Award; Greg Woody received Most Improved; and Conner Wittmer received Blue Chip All-Conference Team Award and Most Rebounds Award; John Baugh received Blue Chip All-Conference Team Award; and Ben Hogan received the Defensive Award.



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The following awards were given to the Loogootee Freshmen Basketball team: Cameron Wagler, Hustle, Desire & Mental Attitude; Ryan Vaupel, Most Rebounds Award; Will Nonte, Free Throw Percentage and Most Assists, Alex Frye, Defensive Award; and Zach Dove, Field Goal Percentage.

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Loogootee Junior Varsity awards went to Austin Bradley, Field Goal Percentage; Waylon Matthews, Hustle, Desire & Mental Attitude; Matt Tucker, Free Throw Percentage and Most Assists; and Kirk Lengacher, Most Rebounds.



Loogootee Lady Lions 2009-2010 Varsity Softball Schedule

Date	Place	Opponent	Time	Win/Loss
April 6	Away	Bloomfield	5 p.m.	
April 7	Home	Washington Catholic	4:30 p.m.	
April 8	Home	Pike Central	5 p.m.	
April 10	Away	Northeast Dubois	11 a.m.	
April 12	Away	Orleans (will play JV if enough players)	4:30 p.m.	
April 14	Home	Southridge	6 p.m.	
April 16	Home	Washington	5 p.m.	
April 17	Home	Crawford County	11:30 a.m.	
April 20	Home	Paoli	5 p.m.	
April 21	Away	Eastern Greene	5 p.m.	
April 23	Home	Wood Memorial	5:30 p.m.	
April 26	Away	Forest Park	5:30 p.m.	
April 27	Home	Vincennes Lincoln	5 p.m.	
April 29	Away	Springs Valley	4:30 p.m.	
May 3	Home	South Knox	5 p.m.	
May 4	Away	Mitchell	5 p.m.	
May 5	Home	Jasper	5 p.m.	
May 8	Away	Lawrenceville	1 p.m.	
May 10	Home	North Knox	5 p.m.	
May 11	Home	North Daviess	4:30 p.m.	
May 13	Away	White River Valley	5 p.m.	
May 15	Home	Barr-Reeve	1 p.m.	
May 17	Home	Shoals	5 p.m.	
May 20	Away	Linton	5 p.m.	
May 22	Away	Riverton Park Invitational	10 a.m.	

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Our **SCHOOLS**

Shoals, Loogootee participate in Blue Chip Academic Bowl

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Blue Chip Academic Super Bowl was held last Thursday, March 11, at Shoals High School. Eight area schools participated in the bowl and they included Loogootee, Shoals, Washington Catholic, Northeast Dubois, Vincennes Rivet, Wood Memorial, North Knox, and South Knox.

The bowl consisted of six subjects: Social Studies, Mathematics, English, Science, Fine Arts, and Interdisciplinary.

Shoals placed first in Social Studies and English while Loogootee place third in Science.

North Knox High School placed in all six categories. They received first in Science and Interdisciplinary, second in Fine Arts and Social Studies, and third in Math and English.

South Knox placed first in Math and third in Social Studies and Fine Arts.

Northeast Dubois place second in Math and Science and third in Interdisciplinary.

Vincennes Rivet place first in Fine Arts. Washington Catholic placed second in Interdisciplinary and Wood Memorial placed second in English.

Students from Loogootee who participated were Misty Bough, Aaron Bridgewater, Cameron Chilton, Addison Dant, Cassie Hopkins, Hannah Lamar, Megan Lottes, Leah Lottes, Ashton Matthews, Diane McFeaters, Jeff Norris, Tia Pennington, Megan Smith, Kyle Watkins, Bryce Wilz, Linsay Winger, and Greg Woody. Loogootee's team is coached by Shelley Christmas, Josh Mullins, Charity Truelove, Joe Williams, and Roger Willis.

Students from Shoals who participated were Whitney Albright, Alex Bauernfiend, Brad Berry, Aimee Farhar, Eric McDonald, Megan Montgomery, Sabrina Rossi, Anna Shepard, Gus Sherfick, Ramona Simmons, Heather Tinkle, Kim Wherry, Shema Wright, and Violet Wright. The Shoals team members are coached by Tina Rue, Sue Lanham, and Janice Riley.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Shown above, the eight teams who participated in the Blue Chip Academic Senior Bowl last Thursday, March 11, prepare for the first round after finishing up a practice question.



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Shoals Assistant Principal Chris Stevens was the first to read the questions to the teams.



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Score keepers for each time wait patiently for the bowl to start. After answering a question correctly, a member of each school's team would hold up a sign toward the student score keepers above.



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Loogootee's Tia Pennington holds up her team's sign to signify a correct answer in the Social Studies round.



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Teammates from Shoals discuss a question before time runs out to answer. Shown above are, from left to right, Brad Berry, Aimee Farhar, and Alex Bauernfiend.

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Any and all donations will be accepted.

Team results

School	Social Studies	Math	English	Science	Fine Arts	Interdisciplinary
Northeast Dubois	9;1;0;3	16;4;2;3 Second	9;2;1;3	13;3;2;3 Second	16;3;2;4	17;4;2;7 Third
North Knox	14;2;2;3 Second	16;2;1;4 Third	17;3;2;3 Third	16;3;2;4 First	21;4;2;13 Second	17;5;3;6 First
Loogootee	3;0;0;1	12;2;2;4	13;3;2;5	13;2;1;5 Third	14;1;0;7	15;2;1;5
Shoals	17;3;1;5 First	6;2;1;1	18;4;3;5 First	12;3;2;3	17;4;3;6	16;3;2;3
South Knox	14;1;1;5 Third	17;2;1;8 First	16;3;3;4	6;1;1;1	18;3;2;5 Third	12;3;1;2
Vincennes Rivet	11;0;0;4	10;2;2;2	16;3;1;5	12;2;1;2	21;4;3;8 First	11;5;3;6
Washington Catholic	13;2;2;3	11;4;2;5	16;2;0;8	8;2;1;2	14;3;2;6	17;4;3;4 Second
Wood Memorial	13;1;3;3	15;3;2;4	17;4;3;4 Second	11;2;1;3	15;2;2;4	12;0;0;4

Scores are noted as regular score, first tie breaker, second tie breaker, and third tie breaker.