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Joshua Hughett

Even though the weather may be a teaser right now at around 70-80 degrees for the highs, cooler temperatures are reported to be coming again this weekend. Many properties are starting to see a little color of life. Lilies, like the one shown above, are popping up all over. Easter Lilies are the one sure sign of approaching warmer temperatures and little threat of any more snow.

Loogootee Water to be flushing mains

The Loogootee Water Department will be flushing water mains beginning March 27 and ending April 1. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and, or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry. If problems with your water quality should continue, contact the water office at 812-295-2497 or after 4 p.m. call the Loogootee Police Department at 812-295-2246.

Water department crews will be flushing

mains during the night and early morning hours, the reason for this is to help prevent interruptions during the day and high-demand periods. The water department would like to caution drivers and pedestrians to be cautious when utility employees are in the area.

Water main flushing through fire hydrants releases large volumes of water at high pressure which can be dangerous and harmful to you and to water department employees.

Car of missing Loogootee woman recovered in river

The Indiana State Police along with local Martin County Law Enforcement officials and the DNR recovered the vehicle of missing Loogootee woman, Wanda Warren, Tuesday, March 22. The vehicle was submerged in the White River in Shoals between the boat ramp and the bridge.

Although a female body was found in the vehicle no positive identification was confirmed by publication time. Dental records

will be used to help identify the body.

Autopsy reports show no signs of foul play and preliminary cause of death is drowning.

Wanda Warren, 57, went missing on February 25 and a Silver Alert was issued by the Indiana State Police on March 3.

On Tuesday, a neighbor located the vehicle in the river as water was beginning to recede from recent flooding.

Senator Lindel Hume releases survey results on district issues

Indiana Senator for District 48 Lindel Hume recently released results of a survey made available to constituents via his website. The following are the results of that survey.

Question 1: Under current Indiana law, the General Assembly writes the state budget, appropriating money and directing how it is to be spent. However, the law specifies that the governor can spend more or less than is appropriated. Do you support or oppose the governor having this ability?

Response: 31 percent support the governor's ability to spend more or less than is appropriated; 69 percent oppose that ability.

Question 2: This year the General Assem-

bly will create a new two-year state budget. Please choose one of the following areas that you believe to be the top spending priority for the state:

Response: 60 percent said K-12 education, 24 percent said economic development, 4 percent said higher education, 3 percent said mental and public health, 2 percent said general government, 2 percent said social services, 2 percent said conservation and environment, 1 percent said teacher pensions, 1 percent said corrections, and 1 percent said Medicaid.

Question 3: Do you support or oppose the retail sale of alcohol on Sundays?

Response: 45 percent support; 55 percent oppose

Loogootee School Board approves East lease, name of company not revealed

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The Loogootee School Board at their meeting last night, Tuesday, March 22, voted to enter into a lease agreement with an unnamed company in the former Elementary East building. The board stated that specifics could not be released – along with the name of the company, the terms of the lease, the lease payment amounts – the only information that was given was that the company would be providing training for Crane personnel. A member of the audience asked if the layout would be changed for the purpose of ever possibly getting the building back for students. “When everything comes out, you’ll know,” said board member Eric Ackerman stating that the leasing company wants the info kept private until the deal is final. Mr. Weitkamp added that since the leasing company will use the building for training they expect little modification of the building, if any. Board member Tim Bradley also noted that it would bring many jobs to town and many people to town for training.

“They (the leasing company) will be making an announcement in the very near future and we need to honor that and it won’t be long and you will know answers to lots of things,” stated Weitkamp. The

board however agreed to go ahead and sign the lease.

In other business, resignations were accepted from Rita Divine as the Beta Sponsor, Betsy Graves as cross country coach, and Mike Winger as JV basketball coach.

Kevin Smith was approved as volunteer junior high baseball coach.

The board offered their condolences to Tara Fuhs for the death of her aunt, Nikki Wagoner for the death of her aunt, and Anne Marie Hand for the death of her uncle.

Board member Larry Craney made the motion and spoke regarding the 2012 graduation date and opinions received from the school’s request on their website from school patrons. He said the general consensus was for graduation to be held on Friday, May 25. The rest of the board agreed unanimously.

The board approved a request from the Beta Club to travel to Nashville for Nationals.

The board approved the bus escalation fuel prices. Diesel has increased \$1.50 over the base price at the beginning of the school year and gas has increased by \$1.76.

Elementary Principal Laura Mattingly reported that students participated in Read Across America on March 2nd. The students were joined by members of SOAR!

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-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Members of the Loogootee Intermediate Math Bowl team were present at the school board meeting Tuesday night to receive acknowledgement and congratulations for their recent 5th place state finish and first place division and local finish.

ity-based system to a merit-based system?

Response: 56 percent support; 44 percent oppose

Question 8: Do you support or oppose the unlimited expansion of charter schools?

Response: 29 percent support; 71 percent oppose

Question 9: Members of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission are appointed by the governor. Do you support or oppose a requirement that these positions become elected?

Response: 66 percent support; 34 percent oppose

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LEASE _____ SURVEY

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the student council and the French Club. Report cards were recently sent out and Mrs. Mattingly said that 75 students received perfect/outstanding attendance. Mr. Fountain's class participated in the annual Martin County History Fair last Friday. Students researched a specific area of Martin County and presented that information for viewing.

Mrs. Mattingly also thanked Tri-Kappa for a donation to the art and library program and Pamida for a donation that will go toward improvements to the playground.

She also noted that Loogootee Elementary was named as a four-star school for last year which is a state honor. On April 8 Kindergarten Round-up will be held and on April 19, the kindergarten and first graders will present their music program.

High School Principal John Mullen reported that Brooke Nonte, Aaron Bridgewater, and Christina Powell received first place honors at the state solo chorus contest in Indianapolis. Conner Wittmer, Ben Hogan, and Bryant Ackerman were named All-Conference for basketball. He also reported that an Incentive Breakfast was held last week and there was perfect attendance by both students and parents for the first time in six years.

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pointed by the governor. Do you support or oppose a requirement that these positions be appointed by the governor with General Assembly confirmation?

Response: 59 percent support; 41 percent oppose

Question 11: According to Indiana's Attorney General, the death penalty may be too expensive for Indiana to maintain during these tough economic times. Do you support or oppose legislation abolishing the death penalty in Indiana?

Response: 37 percent support; 63 percent oppose

Question 12: Do you support or oppose the practice of persons or companies that receive state government contracts being allowed to make political contributions to state elected officials or candidates?

Response: 89 percent oppose; 11 percent support

Question 13: New legislative and congressional district boundaries are drawn every 10 years based on U.S. Census data. Do you support or oppose the creation of an independent commission to recommend new maps for the 2011 redistricting process?

Response: 74 percent support; 26 percent oppose

Humane society on a roll

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Martin County Humane Society President Don Greene reported at the monthly society meeting Tuesday, March 15 that he has had four or five dog adoptions since last month's meeting. Sandy Sherfick, who's grooming shop acts as a foster home for the society's pets, said she adopted out three cats and three dogs.

During the treasurer's report, it was stated that the checking account holds \$1,655.34, \$3,093.23 was in the savings account, \$5,966.81 was in the spay/neuter fund, and the building fund has \$47,213.96.

A donation was reported on behalf of Elizabeth Brown who recently passed. It was unsure how much the donation was but was as the check was just received and has not been deposited yet but was estimated to be \$50-\$100.

An invitation to the Spring Fling on April 9 at the American Legion was received. The humane society usually sells baked goods. It was decided since the date was so soon after the dinner/auction it would be passed on this year.

It was discussed that Josh Hughett is working to get a live trap built at a cost for materials which would save money for the

society. The trap would fit a large dog.

Greene reported that he and humane society member Theresa Abney met with the Shoals Town Board recently and they have pledged some money to help fund the society's efforts. The board asked them to return to a meeting prior to putting together the 2012 budget, around July.

The animal control ordinance was discussed. The Martin County commissioners were set to approve it after a second reading at their meeting last night. Greene said that once the ordinance is passed the commission members can begin to meet to discuss the dog tax, etc. The commissioners also approved the sheriff's department donating their old van, a 1989 Dodge, to the humane society. Greene said it needs to be repainted. Abney's husband volunteered to sand the van down and Greene's Body Shop may provide the painting, Don will be taking it to them to be looked at once insurance is secured on it. Greene then presented quotes for insurance on the van that was requested from Farm Bureau, American Family, State Farm, and American National. Not all quotes have been received so the issue will be discussed later. Greene also brought up the possibility of getting general liability insurance for the society to cover all locations where dogs are to be housed or taken around the public. He said he is going to check with the Humane Society of the United States and other county shelters in the area to see what companies they use. He said locally, the insurance companies are unable to find a policy.

Greene then brought up the recent city council meeting. It was discussed at that meeting the possible need for a survey on the property given by the city and who would be paying for it at a cost of around \$1,500 to \$2,000. The land was donated for a shelter to be built. Greene said that since the property has already been plotted it shouldn't have to be surveyed which Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling had also stated. He also noted that the city has not pledged any funding yet to help fund the shelter. Greene said if no money is given the humane society would have no choice but to charge the city for each dog caught in the city limits.

Greene then reported that when he went to get a new cellular phone, he would have had to pay \$400 due to the humane society not having credit established. He said he went ahead and put the phone plan in his name and it would be switched over to the humane society after a year, possibly sooner. Greene also suggested that the humane society get a credit card for animal food and gas expenditures, and set up a PayPal account for accepting donations online.

For spaying and neutering, it was reported that Burch's Vet Clinic has appointments for or already fixed 14 dogs and 11 cats. Wallace's Vet Clinic has scheduled appointments for and procedures done for 15 dogs and 22 cats. A total of 62 animals so far for March - spay and neuter month. Greene noted that calendar sales are down and each calendar contains a half-off spay and neuter coupon. He said he is unsure why they are not selling.

Greene discussed with the other society members the possibility of buying dog food by the pallet from Mattingly Feed. He said they carry a line of dog food that feeds both puppies and adult dogs. The food is advertised to last longer because it fills the dogs up quicker and also limits the waste from the dogs. He said that this could be a money-saving possibility and he bought a test bag of the food to test it out on the dogs and will report back.

It was reported that 18 women participated in the Zumbathon held to raise money for the society. \$210 was raised.

A music group, No Plan B, approached Greene about possibly doing a benefit in Loogootee. Don asked the other members if this would be something they would be interested in doing. They responded that they would. Don said he will check with the group and the American Legion to see if something can be set up for around May.

Martin County Ag Day Saturday, March 26th

8:00 a.m. to Noon

Martin Co. Community Building

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- Hopf Equipment, Inc.
- IN Dept. of Natural Resources
- Martin Co. Community Foundation
- Martin Co. SWCD
- Martin Co. Sheriff's Dept.
- Martin State Forest
- Patoka Equipment
- Purdue Extension - Family Nutrition
- Purdue Extension - Martin Co.
- Springs Valley Bank & Trust Co.
- White River Co-Op
- Wright & Stemle

Sponsored by the Martin County Ag Day Committee. For more information, contact David Gregory, at 644-7599 or Teresa Harder, at 295-3149

CLARENCE J. MANDABACH

Clarence J. Mandabach died at 10:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at Washington Nursing Center. A resident of Washington, he was 96.

He was born December 16, 1914, in Daviess County; the son of John and Josephine (Stump) Mandabach. He married Ruth Agnes (Mattingly) Horsting Mandabach in November 1977 and she died on August 29, 1994. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Washington American Legion and V.F.W., and St. Vincent DePaul.

He is survived by three stepdaughters, Betty Williams and Patty Melvin, both of Washington, and Joyce Ashcraft of Vincennes; three stepsons, Robert Horsting of Shoals, Walter Horsting of Loogootee, and Frank Horsting of Washington; 31 step-grandchildren; several step-great-grandchildren; and several step-great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Rita Martin; a stepson, Jerry Horsting; two sisters, Irene Cannon and Rosemary Mandabach; two brothers, Louis and Joseph Mandabach; and one step-granddaughter.

Graveside services were held Friday, March 18 at St. John Cemetery, with Rev. Gordon Mann officiating. Military graveside rites were by the Washington American Legion, Washington V.F.W. and Indiana Military Honor Guard.

Arrangements were made through Ed Lee Mortuary. Condolences may be sent online at www.edleemortuary.com.

FERN TAYLOR

Pauline Fern Taylor passed away on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at her home. Pauline had been in failing health for several years. A resident of Washington, she was 64.

She was born August 1, 1946 in Shoals; the daughter of Samuel Roscoe and Minnie Viola (Probasco) Butler.

She is survived by three daughters, Cindy (David) O'Brien of Loogootee and Donna (Christopher) Dunn, both of Loogootee; and Ilene (Lupe) Cortes of Crofton, Kentucky; one son, Anthony "Brad" (Stacy) Taylor of Washington; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Jane Crowe of French Lick and Ruth Holman and Betty Salmon of Shoals; and three brothers, Samuel Butler of French Lick, Laverne "Bud" Butler of Shoals, and Leroy Butler of Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Elsie Mae Butler, and her father Samuel "Rocky" Butler.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 31 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals with burial following in Butler Cemetery in Shoals.

Online condolences can be left for the family at www.fergusonlee.com.

RUBY FOSTER

Ruby Elizabeth Foster died at 8:18 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at Eastgate Manor Rehabilitation. A resident of Washington, she was 84.

She was born February 2, 1927, in Daviess County; the daughter of George and Sarah (McLemore) Hicks. A 1945 graduate of Washington High School, she had been an In-

diana Bell telephone operator. She attended Trinity Gospel Tabernacle Church.

She is survived by her husband, James Foster, whom she married June 1, 1947; three daughters and sons-in-law, Karen E. and Mack Jones, Kathy and Brian Blaize, and Charlotte and Mark Stewart, all of Washington; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Karen Foster of Washington, and Rodney and Julie Foster of Dover Hill; grandchildren, Teresa Gilley, Lisa Higginbotham, Rachel Beaton, Susan Tooley, Marlena Foster, Joni Brett, Andrea Frady, Kristin Stewart, Brandon Foster and Jameson Coy; step-granddaughter, Erin K. Jones; 13 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Frank Hicks of Kentucky.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; one sister; and one granddaughter. The funeral was held Saturday, March 19 at Trinity Gospel Tabernacle Church, with Rev. Chadwick Hunting officiating. Burial followed in Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens in Petersburg. Gill Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM WEAVER

William Robert "Bill" Weaver died Sunday, March 13, 2011 at his home. A resident of Bicknell, he was 66.

He was born October 3, 1944, in Linton; the son of William and Jeanette (Dunning) Weaver. He was a 1962 graduate of Linton-Stockton High School, a 1964 graduate of Vincennes University, and a 1966 graduate in chemical engineering from Purdue University. He began at Crane in 1966 and retired in 2006, then worked there until the present as a contractor/consultant. He was a member of the Bicknell First Baptist Church, the Sons of the American Legion and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his mother, Jeanette Weaver of Linton; a son, Bryan (Kristi) Weaver of Chicago, Illinois; two daughters, Kristin Massaro (Jeff Tucker) of Marshall and Mackenzie Weaver of Bloomington; two sisters, Carolyn Hay and Sue Weaver, both of Linton; two granddaughters, Brittany Hogg and Aileese Massaro. His third grandchild is due in August.

He is preceded in death by his father and a stillborn brother, Stephen Reid Weaver.

The funeral was held Saturday, March 19 at Welch and Cornett Funeral Home, Linton, with Pastor Seth Alexander officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in Linton.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer or American Heart associations. Online condolence can be sent at www.welchcornett.com.

JAMES LARKIN

James Albert Larkin died at 11:56 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2011, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 87.

He was born August 2, 1923, in Loogootee; the son of Frank and Lorena (Ackerman) Larkin. He married Lenora (Davis) Larkin on October 10, 1953, and she survives. He attended St. John's grade school and graduated from Loogootee High School and Indiana University, where he earned a BS degree in business, and was also a member of the IU Marching 100. He was a member and actively involved in St. John Catholic Church, in Loogootee. He was a Lector and a member of the church choir, St. John's prayer group, and served as a Eucharistic Minister to shut-

ins. He was a 4th Degree Knight in the Loogootee Knights of Columbus, and he was the recipient of the Brute Society Award from the Diocese of Evansville. He was a WWII Army veteran, serving in China, Burma, and India during the war as a medic. He was a member of the Loogootee American Legion Post # 120. He owned and operated the Loogootee Red & White Grocery Store.

He is survived by his wife, Lenora Larkin; two daughter, Mary Ann McAtee and husband Steve, of Lafayette, and Jayma Acton and husband David, of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Bernard, John, Patrick, and Robert Larkin, and three sisters, Alberta Padgett, Rosemary Larkin, and Louise Larkin.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, March 17, at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery, with military graveside rites conducted by the American Legion and V.F.W. Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

MARGARET HARRIS

Margaret Ann Hawkins Harris passed away Monday, March 14, 2011. A resident of Douglasville, Georgia, she was 70.

She was born September 25, 1940 in Shoals; the daughter of the late Hubert J and Sadie Rainey Hawkins. She was a homemaker and loved to fellowship with friends at her church and the Woody Fite Senior Center. She was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

**MARGARET HARRIS**

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Harris of Douglasville, Georgia; daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Rob Harris of Marietta, Georgia, Debra and Jim Heggins of Oceanside, California; son and daughter-in-law, David J. and Elaine Harris of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; daughter and son-in-law, Tamara and Raymond Necasie of Pass Christian, Mississippi; grandchildren, Megan Harris, Jenna Harris, Brooke Murakami, Tiffany Skinner, Brett Harris, Justin Harris, Dylan Necasie, Olivia Necasie; great-grandchildren, Emory, Evan, Micah, Maddox, Kaiden; brother and sister-in-law, William and Betty Hawkins of Tilene, Kentucky; one niece; one nephew; and many, many friends.

Margaret was cremated and a memorial service was held Friday, March 18 in the Rosehaven Chapel in Douglasville, Georgia with Father Tim officiating.

There was another memorial service held on Tuesday, March 22 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shoals with Father Erbacher officiating. Interment of cremains followed in Springhill Cemetery.

Whitley-Garner at Rosehaven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Those who wish to express condolences or share a special memory may do so online at www.whitleygarner.com.

LINUS NEUKAM

Linus F. Neukam died at 2:29 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Dubois, he

was 82.

He was born February 27, 1929 in Dubois; the son of Thomas and Catherine (Braun)



LINUS NEUKAM Neukam. He married Ellamae Sendelweck on August 12, 1950 and she preceded him in death on September 24, 2005. He was retired from Kimball International and also was a school bus driver for the North-east Dubois Corpora-

tion and farmed the family farm in Dubois. He was a life member of St. John Lutheran Church at the Dubois Crossroads.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bill (Peggy) Wiesehan of Holland and Mrs. Gary (Nancy) Moeller of Jasper; two sons, Tom Neukam and his spouse (Jan) of Louisville, Kentucky and Terry Neukam and his spouse (Glenda) of Dubois; seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, a sister, Marcella Bauer and two brothers, Wallace Neukam and Cletus Neukam who died in infancy.

Funeral services were held at Saturday, March 19, 2011 in St. John's Lutheran Church with burial following in St. John's Cemetery at the Dubois Crossroads. The Rev. Mary Poston officiated.

Becher & Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

CARRIE B. BLEDSOE

Carrie B. Bledsoe died at 4:40 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at Garden Villa Health Care in Bloomington. A resident of Loogootee, she was 85.

She was born June 18, 1925, in Loogootee; the daughter of Charles and Evelyn (Arvin) McKinney. She attended St. John's High School and was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. She married Hubert Bledsoe on November 17, 1945 and he preceded her in death on August 24, 1988. She retired from Crane Army Ammunition Activity, the former Black Beam in Loogootee, Kimball in Jasper, and RCA in Bloomington.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Tori Garner of Bedford, Becky and Ed Summers of Loogootee and Janet and Tom Nonte of Vincennes; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim Bledsoe of Terre Haute and Ben and Wendy Bledsoe of Bloomington; one sister, Betty Parsons of Loogootee; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, Mildred Osborne, Margie Klem, Ada Marie Grafton and Virginia Ward, and two brothers, Dallas and Charles McKinney.

Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 24 at the Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, March 25 at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, March 15

1:40 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Rutherford Road.

2:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northbound on U.S. 231 from the Highway 645 junction.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of cows on the roadway on Killion Mill Road.

5:48 p.m. - A female caller reported harassment by her estranged husband.

7:38 p.m. - Received a report of a possible battery.

8:54 p.m. - A male in the Shoals area called with a complaint about a controlled burn in the area.

Wednesday, March 16

5:20 a.m. - A female caller reported having hit a deer just north of Loogootee on U.S. 231.

6:38 a.m. - Received a call from a male in Shoals requesting assistance in removing a female subject from his residence.

7:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on S.R. 550. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - A female caller reported a burglary from her residence.

1:23 p.m. - Received a report of cows on Chicken Farm Road.

9:45 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft of a central air unit.

11:25 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, westbound from Shoals.

Thursday, March 17

12:06 a.m. - Received a report of a theft of a radiator from a vehicle.

2:40 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, near Truelove Church Road.

7:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Ziegler Road, south of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver, northbound on U.S. 231 from Whitfield.

11:50 a.m. - A female caller reported harassment by a male in Shoals.

12:18 p.m. - A female caller reported a possible break-in.

3:32 p.m. - A female caller in Shoals advised that someone had broken into her residence.

5:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on S.R. 645. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:06 p.m. - Received a call about a property dispute.

6:53 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off in Loogootee.

10:02 p.m. - Received a request to assist an Indiana State Trooper with a complaint of a trespasser on private property.

11:06 p.m. - Received a complaint of a suspicious vehicle on S.R. 550.

Friday, March 18

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of mail found alongside the roadway in Mitchell Township.

1:25 p.m. - Received a complaint of a possible poisoning of a dog.

2:49 p.m. - Received a report of cows in a subject's yard on Old State Road 450.

2:56 p.m. - Received a report of two missing dogs from Possum Hollow Road.

6:18 p.m. - A female caller reported that a large tree fell and struck power lines on West River Road, near McBride's Bluff.

6:27 p.m. - Received a report of a power

outage on Wadsworth Lane and County Farm Road.

6:28 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm.

6:57 p.m. - Received a report of power outage on Hickory Ridge Road.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of a large tree branch on U.S. 150.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle westbound on U.S. 50, nearing Loogootee.

Saturday, March 19

12:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in a subject's driveway.

12:56 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check on a subject in the Indian Springs area.

1:42 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50, near the state highway garage.

3:23 p.m. - Received a call about a vehicle speeding and tailgating on U.S. 50, nearing Loogootee.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of mail tampering in the Mitcheltree Township area.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of a car that had spun off the roadway on Chicken Farm Road.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of possible gun fire near Sorrells Lane.

7:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:06 p.m. - Received a report of tree limbs on the roadway on U.S. 231, near Mt. Pleasant Road.

9:59 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Boyd Hollow Road.

Sunday, March 20

1:25 a.m. - Received a report of medication possibly stolen from a residence in Shoals.

2:00 a.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity.

10:36 a.m. - Received a report of horses possibly being mistreated on Old St. Rd. 450.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Dover Hill Road.

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of a grass fire on Tedrow Road.

6:13 p.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm on Crane Naval Base.

6:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare.

The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of subjects riding double on the back of a four-wheeler on Progress School Road.

9:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Rama Dye Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:55 p.m. - Received a call about a break in on S.R. 450.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on S.R. 645, off of U.S. 231. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

Monday, March 21

6:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

10:50 a.m. - A female subject came on station to report that she had hit a deer on March 19, 2011.

11:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Progress School Road. No transport was necessary.

11:51 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off on U.S. 150 just past Rusk Road.

12:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. No transport was necessary.

2:24 p.m. - Received a report of a battery.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire in Daviess County. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

3:56 p.m. - Received a call from Greene County Sheriff's Department about a possible violation of a protective order.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of several four-wheelers driving on S.R. 550 and Progress School Road.

7:29 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak with the Shoals Town Marshal about the noise ordinance.

8:18 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in an area of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

Tuesday, March 22

2:25 a.m. - Received a report of a slow-moving vehicle with flashers on, on U.S. 231, northbound from the water tower.

5:20 a.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated subject walking in the roadway on U.S. 150, nearing Orange County. Orange County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

6:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

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Loogootee Police log

Sunday, March 13

6:35 p.m. - Female came on station to report a battery. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

7:28 p.m. - Female requested extra patrol.

9:28 p.m. - Male reported his medication stolen. Medication was later located.

Monday, March 14

3:52 p.m. - First responders requested in Burns City for a female with heart problems.

5:39 p.m. - First responders requested on US 231 North for a female that had fallen.

Tuesday, March 15

7:50 p.m. - Female came on station to report stolen medication, female was advised we no longer complete case reports on stolen medication.

Wednesday, March 16

5:20 p.m. - Female called and advised of abandoned vehicles on Wood Street.

7:58 p.m. - Caller advised of a bank scam. Caller stated he had received a call requesting his banking information with an 800 number to call.

8:09 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint on SE First Street.

Thursday, March 17

1:16 a.m. - Male caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231 South. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

10:30 a.m. - Female reported a domestic dispute at the Country Place Apartments.

6:45 p.m. - Female caller requested her brother be removed from her house. Sgt. Hennette and an ISP unit responded.

Friday, March 18

10:19 p.m. - Female caller requested a welfare check on a male who has been depressed. Sgt. Hennette and a Martin County unit responded.

11:02 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Riley Street.

Saturday, March 19

12:16 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making illegal passes. Driver was located and cited.

1:21 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle ID check.

8:25 p.m. - Female caller from the Larkin Apartments called to report a smell of plastic burning in the hallway. She requested someone check it out. Sgt. Norris and the maintenance man went through all the apartments but were unable to locate anything.

9:06 p.m. - Female caller reported tree limbs in the roadway at Mt. Pleasant. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

11:36 p.m. - DCSD reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 50 eastbound, into Loogootee.

Sunday, March 20

2:29a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

The City of Loogootee would like to remind citizens that in order to operate golf carts in the city limits they first must be registered. Anyone observed operating a golf cart without a valid registration could be cited. Golf carts could also be impounded. Golf carts can be registered during normal business hours at the Loogootee City Hall. Golf carts that are required to be plated with the State of Indiana do not have to be registered with the city.

Jail bookings

Tuesday, March 15

5:38 p.m. - William Bryson, 42, of French Lick, was arrested on a Martin County warrant.

Wednesday, March 16

6:37 p.m. - Daniel Allbright, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

Thursday, March 17

12:30 a.m. - Rebecca Rush, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with failure to abide by bond terms.

10:30 p.m. - David S. Lents, 39, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with invasion of privacy.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

March 7

William E. Bryson, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 10

Matthew D. Arvin, driving while suspended with prior, a Class A Misdemeanor.

William J. Jones, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Amber L. Orchard, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 14

Justin M. Rembe, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Christopher H. Raney, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Abby M. Hamilton, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 16

David M. Baugh, theft, a Class D Felony.

Trevor J. Kneip, theft, a Class D Felony.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

AND SENTENCING

March 10

James M. Amos, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for two days served. Court suspends 361 days. Defendant received one year of probation.

March 14

Warren M. Tenbarge, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Martin County Security Center with credit for 152 days served. Defendant received 180 days of probation.

March 15

Michael P. Cundiff, convicted of child molesting, a Class B Felony. Sentenced to serve 20 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with credit for time served. Court suspends 13 years. Defendant received seven years of probation.

James C. Mesarosh, Jr., convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for six days time served. Court suspends 48 days. Defendant received one year probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 10

Charles P. Davis, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Joshua A. Phillips, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Donnie L. Montgomery, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 11

Amy S. Street, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 14

William M. Tenbarge, visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; dealing in methamphetamine, a Class A Felony, dismissed.

March 15

Alan C. Moorhead, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 10

State of Indiana Department of Transportation vs. David Rottet, Jr., civil tort.

Lisa Cundiff vs. Mary Lee, civil tort.

March 11

GE Money Bank vs. Patti Sander, civil collection.

March 14

Capital One Bank vs. Michael E.

Holzmeier, civil collection.

Capital One Bank vs. Brian K. Wagler, civil collection.

Capital One Bank vs. Larry R. Padgett, civil collection.

Michael E. Chambers vs. Deana L. Chambers, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Gary Jay Smith vs. Carolyn Sue Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Everbank vs. Jeffrey A. Martin, A. C. Martin, Old National Bank, and State of Indiana, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

March 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Beneficial Indiana, Inc. and against the defendant Charlotte Cundiff for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$100,098.66.

March 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Central Mortgage Company and against the defendant Michael Strange for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$54,760.15.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

March 7

Carl Wiscaver vs. Melanie Wiscaver, petition for dissolution of marriage, dismissed.

March 11

Glen Wyatt vs. Matthew Lynch, civil collection, dismissed.

Gary Arvin vs. Lynette Arvin, petition for dissolution of marriage, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suit Filed

March 14

Family Dental Care vs. Buddy Rather, complaint.

Family Dental Care vs. Amanda Baker, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Alicia Burnette in the amount of \$763.12.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Sylvester G. LaBarge in the amount of \$1,216.16.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Lori Moore in the amount of \$866.99.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Melissa D. Pierce in the amount of \$1,994.34.

March 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Brian and Candace Hawkins in the amount of \$2,902.31.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Thomas R. Ivey in the amount of \$2,367.66.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant James D. Walls in the amount of \$1,725.02.

March 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Family Dental Care and against the defendant Jerry Allbright in the amount of \$617.44.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff G&M Auto Service, Inc. and against the defendant Stephanie Erwin in the amount of \$227.51.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff G&M Wrecker Service, Inc. and against the defendant Stephanie Erwin in the amount of \$184.13.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff John Covell and against the defendants Jerry and Julia Sanders in the amount of \$899.98.

March 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Michael Brassine in the amount of \$694.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Phillips Well Drilling and against the defendant Dave McCarty in the amount of \$925.75.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

March 10

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Larry Payne, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

March 9 – March 15

Anneta Dawson, Loogootee, speeding 65 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Chad Grafton, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Chad Haycox, Shoals, child restraint violation – child less than 8, \$25.

Jerry Wall, Jasonville, maximum weight restrictions; enforcement of limits, \$539.

Karl Schroeder, Apalachicola, Florida, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Matthew Wittmer, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

March 17

Tyler Keith Cooper of Loogootee and Megan Desiree Mitchner of Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

Tina Rose Neukam, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael L. Wininger**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, being Lot No. 21 in Country Court II.

Roger L. Abel and Rosalie J. Abel, of Martin County, Indiana to **Roger Lee Abel, Tracy Bledsoe, and Dusty R. Bledsoe**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 5 McCormick's Subdivision of Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Roger L. Abel and Rosalie J. Abel, of Martin County, Indiana to **Roger Lee Abel, Jr. and Deidre N. Bledsoe**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 4 McCormick's Subdivision of Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Joe I. Mattox and Donetta K. Mattox, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jimmie J. Mattox and Douglas A. Mattox**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 9 and the east one-half of Lot Number 10 in Heck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana and also the following described adjacent parcel of land: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot Number 9 in Heck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana thence North 30 feet, thence west 90 feet, thence South

30 feet to the north line of Lot 10, thence east 90 feet along the north lines of Lot 10 and 9 to the point of beginning.

Elmer Bitner and Linda Bitner, of Floyd County, Indiana to **James M. Phillips and Dinah L. Phillips**, of Martin County, Indiana, the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Except a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, and containing 10.3 acres, more or less. Also except a part of the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, and containing 2.3 acres, more or less. Also except a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, and containing 1.65 acres, more or less. Also except a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, and containing 6.78 acres, more or less.

Anita Tuttle, of the District of Columbia to **Randall J. Blankenbaker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 8.17 acres, more or less.

Week in Review at the Indiana General Assembly

As the legislature entered its fourth week of stalled action in the Indiana House of Representatives, committee hearings and floor sessions continue to be conducted in the Senate. Senators have been debating and advancing numerous House bills that had gained House approval prior to the walkout by House Democrats, which was brought on by that chamber's advancement of several contentious bills. Among other things, House Democrats contend that those proposals aim to hurt public schools and weaken labor unions. This brief summary highlights some of the recent action taken by the Senate and other Statehouse activities.

Rallies continue to draw hundreds of Hoosiers to the Statehouse

Rallies focused on equality for all Hoosiers and immigration reform as well as anti-labor issues drew the attention of many state lawmakers throughout the week. Early in the week, hundreds of protestors rallied against House Joint Resolution (HJR) 6, which would amend the state's constitution to include language that would ban legal recognition of benefits for any partnership other than marriage between a man and a woman. Although this language is already in state law, the proposal goes further and includes a ban on all civil unions and employer domestic partnership agreements, which are traditionally accepted by many employers in the state including Eli Lilly, Cummins and state universities. Some lawmakers have expressed concerns that HJR 6 goes too far and could hurt Indiana's ability to attract top flight employers and employees. HJR 6 passed the House by a vote of 70-26. It received a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, but no vote was taken. Since this is a constitutional amendment, if it passes both chambers this year, it must be approved again by the General Assembly elected in 2012 before it could go to the voters in 2014.

The "No Hate In Our State" rally was organized by the Indiana Student Coalition of Immigration Rights. Protestors expressed their opposition of two bills, House Bill (HB) 1402 and Senate Bill (SB) 590. Both bills target illegal or undocumented immigrants in the state. HB 1042 would prohibit students who are illegal immigrants from paying resident tuition rates thus doubling the tuition costs of their education at a state university. This bill is currently stalled in the House. However, SB 590, the toughest of the two proposals and very similar to the strict immigration law passed in Arizona, gained passage in the Senate by a vote of 31-18. Five Senate Republicans joined all Senate Democrats who voted against the bill. Opponents expressed numerous concerns including the fact that the bill could face a court challenge because immigration is a federal issue. Opponents also stated that the bill would hurt Indiana companies, limit the academic recruitment potential of state universities, and stymie job creation. At a time when lawmakers should be focused on job creation and economic stability, some opponents emphasized that passage of SB 590 would label the state as being "intolerant" and ultimately take a distressing toll on the state's economy due to a potential decline in tourism, conventions and overall economic growth. Since passing the Senate, more legislators have become concerned about the

enforcement costs of the measure.

Charter schools

The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development took final action on a controversial bill being pushed by the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to allow for additional charter schools in Indiana. Charter schools are publicly funded schools that operate free of many state regulations. Currently there are 60 charter schools in the state sponsored by Ball State University and the Indianapolis Mayor's office. HB 1002 was amended by committee members to allow more charter schools to be established by various other entities including non-profit colleges and universities that offer education programs, and another revision would require anyone other than a mayor wanting to establish a charter school to be required to hold a public hearing and receive community input. Another change increased from 50 percent to 75 percent the number of full-time charter school teachers required to be licensed or in the process of obtaining a teacher's license. Also, committee members changed the language to allow a shutdown of a low-performing charter school after five years instead of six years. In addition, language was removed that would have required public schools to provide a portion of their transportation funding to charter schools within their districts. It was estimated that this would have increased property taxes statewide by as much as \$50 million per year. The bill was re-committed to the Senate Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

Redistricting process in high gear

Now that all of the newly-accumulated 2010 U.S. Census data has been received, including population totals and demographic characteristics, the redrawing of state and federal election districts is underway in the General Assembly. Also referred to as reapportionment, the process of redrawing legislative districts provides that each one contains approximately the same number of citizens. There are 50 Indiana Senate districts, 100 Indiana House districts and nine Congressional districts to be determined. The new data indicates that Indiana's population has grown slightly to 6,483,802 citizens. Areas of greatest growth include Marion County and its surrounding doughnut counties as well as Tippecanoe County. While the greatest population growth has been in Hamilton and Hendricks counties, 29 counties have experienced a negative change in population. Populations in Benton, Wabash, Blackford and Fayette counties have declined the most over the past 10 years. New district maps are expected to be completed and voted on by the end of session. For more information on these statistics and the redistricting process, go to the Senate Democrats' web site at www.in.gov/legislative/senate_democrats/redistricting.htm.

Upcoming deadlines

April 8 - Deadline for Senate committee hearings on House bills

April 15 - Deadline for Senate to consider House bills

April 29 - By law, session must conclude business and adjourn by midnight

To stay informed about bills moving through the General Assembly or to track legislation, log on to www.in.gov/legislative.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Moving Forward

As we encroach on the month-long strike by the House Democrats, steps have been taken by leadership in the House Republican caucus and by Senate leadership to salvage the legislative session. The resolve of the three remaining caucuses to work together for the majority of Hoosiers and not only special interest groups is a responsibility I take to heart. In what job could a person leave for a month, with no explanation, and expect to still be employed when they return?

In a press conference late this week, Speaker of the House Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) and Senate President Pro Tempore David Long (R-Fort Wayne) announced they would begin, along with leadership from the Senate Democrat caucus, to insert House Bills into Senate Bills. In addition, they will be moving forward with budget hearings in the Senate. We are constitutionally required to pass a budget by the end of this session on April 29. But, if a budget cannot be voted into law and the process continues to be stalled until June 30, then the governor will have to temporarily shut down government agencies. If there is no money allocated to these agencies, they can't run, and the people of Indiana will be hurt even more by the House Democrat strike.

I fully support the continuing work in the Senate to move this session forward. Committee chairmen from both the House and

Senate will be meeting to discuss which House and Senate bills are germane, or similar enough, to one another to combine and be heard first in the Senate. Then, if the House Democrats return, the bills can be heard on the House floor. I and my Republican colleagues are here at the Statehouse working hard to ensure that Hoosier families are getting the respect they deserve by moving the process forward.

The message of the Speaker to the House Democrats is that we will not negotiate and if they want to continue discussions, they need to return to their seats in the Statehouse. We can have open debate on the House floor and they must participate in the democratic process they pledged to uphold. They cannot continue to hold a moving target and expect to try to control the General Assembly while holding hostage the voices of all Hoosiers.

I take my pledge to represent the citizens of my district and collectively all Hoosiers, as well as the democratic process this country thrives on, very seriously. It will no longer be tolerated to put the democratic process at stake when the vast majority, 90 percent of Hoosiers that are not members of a union, needs a voice in the process.

We are standing up for those voices and will continue to work as we were elected to do. We won't shirk our duties, and I wholeheartedly support the decision to not let our plans be derailed to strengthen the state of Indiana.

Fred Dupps announces candidacy for Loogootee City Council at-large seat

Fred Dupps, would like to announce that he will be a Democrat candidate for the council at-large seat on the Loogootee City Council.

Fred and his wife Bev reside at 240 Country Court in Loogootee. After working in purchasing in Jasper wood working plants for 33 years, Fred is currently employed by SAIC as a Sub-Contract Administrator.

He is a member of St. John's Catholic Church, president of the Church Cemetery Committee, a member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Moose Lodge 1080, and Precinct 4 chairman of the Democrat Central Committee. He is a past member of the Parish Council and the Loogootee Park Board.

Fred said, "I believe that it is very important for a City Council member to be frugal with the expenditures of the city while, at the same time, maintain a vision for future needs. It is also important to work closely with economic development units to bring



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Daffodil Days

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Cheryle Ritchey (at right), president of the resident council at Ketcham Memorial Nursing Center in Odon, accepts daffodils from Betty Huelsman (at left), an American Cancer Society representative known as a 'daffy girl'. The Odon Pharmacy donated the daffodils to the nursing center for the enjoyment of the residents.

St. Mary's Breast Center to officer mammograms at Urgent Care Loogootee

St. Mary's Breast Center in Evansville will conduct Mobile Digital Screening Mammograms on Thursday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Urgent Care of Martin County located at 104 Wood Street in Loogootee.

St. Mary's mobile mammography unit offers state-of-the-art digital technology. Aided by computer magnification, digital mammography provides clear, crisp pictures of the breast which can be visualized and manipulated by their Radiologist. The result is earlier detection. Digital imaging also reduces the amount of radiation exposure for patients by 60 percent.

Dr. Charles Lackey, St. Mary's Breast Center Radiologist, is the only board-certified physician in the area who specializes solely on breast imaging.

If you would like to schedule your mammogram for Thursday, April 7, call St. Mary's Breast Center directly at 812-485-4437. To qualify, it must be one year and one day since your last mammogram. If you have insurance, your insurance will be billed. If you are without insurance or have a financial need, you may qualify for receiving the mammogram at no fee.

Please call Urgent Care of Martin County at 295-2955 if you have any questions.

Homeland Security community seminars for Vincennes and Jasper

The Vincennes University Jasper and Vincennes campuses will each offer a one-day Homeland Security Community Academy that is open to the public. The Jasper Campus academy will be held on March 26 and the Vincennes Campus academy will be on April 2.

Admission is free but advance registration is required. To register, call 812-888-6830 or send an email to communityacademy2011@gmail.com.

Sponsored by VU's Eta Sigma Iota Homeland Security Professional Society, the sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EDT) and include a catered lunch. Topics include corporate security, international and domestic terrorism, emergency management, agro-terrorism, community risk management and vulnerability, and weapons of mass destruction.

The presenters will be fourth-year VU Capstone Experience students who are enrolled in the Homeland Security and Public Safety baccalaureate degree program.

Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has this nice beagle that needs a good home. He is around one year old. The humane society is having a benefit dinner and auction this Saturday, March 26 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church, from 4-9 p.m. Volunteers will be serving soup and sandwiches with dessert, all for a donation. A silent auction will also be held from 4 to 7 p.m., with a live auction starting at 7 p.m. There are a lot of nice items for the auction. COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE HUMANE SOCIETY!

Calendar of Events

Walking for fitness at LUMC

Walking for fitness is held each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Loogootee United Methodist Church in the Family Center. The program will follow school weather closings. There are devotion discussions every Wednesday at 8:30. All ages are invited, and it is free. Call Sandy Haseman at 295-9822 with any questions.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Loogootee Municipal Building, at 7 p.m. To become a member, contact Martin County Humane Society, P. O. Box 537, Shoals, Indiana 47581, call Don at 296-0952.

Youth football meetings

Martin County Youth Football League meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Pizza Junction at 7 p.m. Questions, call Audrey Robinson at 295-4773.

Recovery support group

The Overcomers Recovery Support Group meets every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Learning Center.

4-H Shooting sports

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

US Route 50 Yard Sale

The 12th Annual Great US Route 50 Yard Sale will be held May 20-22. Organizers are inviting the public and businesses of Route 50 through Martin County to participate in this great coast to coast event. For more info contact Sara Hornback (Martin and Daviess Coordinator) at 812-254-0480 ext. 111 or email shornback@washtimesherald.com.

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Pastor's wife

Something is happening here!
Galatians 2:20-21

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me," Galatians 2:20.

Spring gives us a feeling of newness, the lilies are sprouting up, the trees are budding, birds chirping and singing, it all reminds us of the difference that God's rebirth in us makes. It's all around us, God's beautiful creations, things starting over. An important fact we must grab a hold of today is that the Bible actually teaches that the reality of living the life of Christ in us is none other than the Spirit of the glorified Christ on the throne of power. Living a divine conquering, triumphant, and victorious life through us. We must live a Christ-filled life or maybe we should say a Spirit-filled life.

We were changed at the cross; Jesus' death on the cross is the first provision for us to live a life filled with Jesus living through us. This takes place at the moment you give your life to Christ. Something happens! Something has to happen; the I becomes the we. Jesus and me.

"If we have been united with Him like this

in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin, because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now, if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also lie with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus," Romans 6:5-11.

Crucified with Christ. Were we hanging on the cross with Jesus? In a sense. Our old sinful nature, all our sins were killed, crucified. The penalty for the sin we commit is dead, the penalty has been satisfied.

Our life is lived in a new way; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. We were so caught up in the I form of life before we became Christians, death must come to self or repentance. We must repent, turn away from self and turn to Jesus. We must not be the people who make a profession of faith, ask for forgiveness and don't change. When we follow ourselves we are not living in the new way that Jesus wants us to. We must become a follower of Christ.

Pastor Ernie read an illustration from John R Van Gelderen. The illustration was giving

us an example of where a greater law counteracts and overcomes a lesser law. The law of gravity is the downward pressure toward planet Earth that lets us know if we throw a rock in the air it is going to come back down. Same if you are in a hot air balloon; you are going up as long as you stay in the basket. Once you step out of the basket what happens? In the case of the hot air balloon and gravity you have a greater law, the law of hot air rising counteracting and overcoming a lesser law.

Do you see the analogy? The law of sin is like the law of gravity. It is constant tendency downward where the law of the Spirit is like the law of hot air rising. We must depend on Christ, abide in Christ, be connected to that law of the Spirit overcoming sin and overcoming human temptations.

With this you must live by faith with Jesus residing in you. Have faith. You have access to a life of living, Not I but Christ, kind of life. We are responsible to believe and when we fail we fall, it's because we are not staying in the basket. The access is faith. If we don't take the access by faith into God's grace we are in trouble. We must continue depending on God. Stay in the basket.

If you are always arguing, losing your temper, you have stop and let reality set in, you know Jesus Christ does not argue. Jesus doesn't lose His temper. Jesus is emotionally stable. Jesus is the answer.

Are you bitter toward someone? Unforgiving? Are you thinking, 'I can't forgive that wrong done to me?' Christ within you can forgive. If you will access the life that wins, you will see that with God all things are possible. You can't say you are a follower of Christ and be dishonest, hateful, vengeful, or bitter toward someone. You can't separate yourself from Christ because now Christ lives in you. Your life is one lead and directed by Christ.

Is your life a life of defeat or of victory? Are you living the spirit filled life? Is it, not Christ but I, or is it Not I but Christ? If you want the blessed life this side of Heaven you must stay in the basket. You must live as if Christ is living in you. When you do you will find a new power, in words, thoughts and in action. You will be bold to share your faith because Jesus is living in you.

We are urgently asking for donations for the U.S. Ministry (new underwear and socks), which we will pass out to the needy kids of Martin County. We currently have drop off locations at New Beginnings Community Church on Sunday morning, Printing Express, Shear Perfection and with American National-Cindy Lagle and also at Wabash Valley Transportation in Shoals or you can call Shirley Canell at 709-2525 or Ernest Canell at 709-0258. We have set our first distribution date as April 16. Please help us help the kids.

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Friday, March 25
Sausage, biscuit, egg, juice
Monday, March 28
No School – Spring Break
Tuesday, March 29
No School – Spring Break
Wednesday, March 30
No School – Spring Break

Lunch

Thursday, March 24
Hot dog, French fries, peaches
Friday, March 25
Fish sandwich, baked beans, pears
Monday, March 28
No School – Spring Break
Tuesday, March 29
No School – Spring Break
Wednesday, March 30
No School – Spring Break

LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

Thursday, March 24
Chicken fajita or pizza, rice, corn, apple-sauce, salad plate, milk
Friday, March 25
Spicy chicken sandwich or pizza or tuna salad, French fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, March 28
No School – Spring Break
Tuesday, March 29
No School – Spring Break
Wednesday, March 30
No School – Spring Break

SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

Thursday, March 24
No School – Spring Break
Friday, March 25
No School – Spring Break
Monday, March 28
Cereal, cinnamon bread, juice, milk
Tuesday, March 29
Pancakes with syrup, sausage, juice, milk
Wednesday, March 30
Cereal, muffins, cheese, milk

Lunch

Thursday, March 24
No School – Spring Break
Friday, March 25
No School – Spring Break
Monday, March 28
Breaded turkey sandwich, French fries, fruit, cookies, milk
Tuesday, March 29
Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, baked beans, whole wheat roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza
Wednesday, March 30
Taco salad, corn on the cob, fruit juice, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

Spring classes, programs at the Martin County Community Learning Center

Computer Applications II
The Fathers Forever Coalition will be hosting another free computer course on Monday nights April 18 through May 23 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The class will go through Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint as well as creating a resume and cover letter. This is a great class for those who have some computer skills but would like to advance their knowledge of Microsoft Office 2007. Contact the learning center to sign up.

USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder)
The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the Federal government's official web site and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an online resume training session and will provide applicants with information and advice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshops will be held on April 7 and April 19 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Choose the date that is best for you and call Kathy to sign up.

Résumé Writing and Career Planning
Need help with your résumé? Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting will offer Résumé Assistance-Level One on April 12 and again on April 28. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and cost is \$25. This is a basic course designed for an applicant needing help with the application process for government civilian and/or government contractor positions, specifically for NSWC Crane. Applicants need to pre-register no later than the Friday before the scheduled class date. Contact Kathy at the learning center to pre-register.

Sign language class
Anyone who has completed the Intro to Sign Language class and would like to continue learning this beautiful language can contact the learning center about starting the next level class. If you still remember the

basics from the intro class, you are welcome to join. When there is enough interest in the class, we will set the dates.

Storm spotter training
The National Weather Service, along with the Martin County Civil Defense, will conduct a severe storm spotter's training Thursday, March 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A certified meteorologist will describe cloud and wind patterns associated with severe weather, how to interpret weather radar data, and how to remain safe during severe weather. The training session is free and is open to the general public. Registration will be at the event.

Overcomers' Group
Indiana Drug Education and Awareness Solutions are conducting an ongoing Overcomers' Recovery Support Group at the center. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and newcomers are invited. There is no cost for participation. For further information, contact Jason Underhill at 812-653-1908.

Adult literacy and education
Do you know someone who could use some help with his or her reading skills? Anyone interested is encouraged to contact SOAR! at 812-709-1618 for further information.

For GED-Adult Basic Education, call Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881.

Free Biotechnology Classes – Ivy Tech Bloomington
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VU offers free math workshops for parents, teachers

Free elementary math nights will be offered at elementary schools in Vincennes, Jasper, and Shelburn. All area parents, relatives, and teachers of elementary school children are invited to attend.

"Math Matters!" workshops will show parents, relatives, and teachers new math games and activities they can use to build mathematical fluency and number sense. Teachers can also earn a certificate for 2 hours/1 CRU of professional development from VU. The evening will include free refreshments and a free raffle.

All of the workshops will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. EDT. The April 11 session will be at the Fifth Street Elementary School in Jasper; the April 12 session at Shelburn Elementary School in Shelburn; and the April 19 session at Franklin Elementary School in Vincennes.

WVUT to broadcast Meet Your Legislators

"Meet Your Legislators" will be broadcast on March 26 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. (EDT) on WVUT-TV. The live broadcast from Vincennes University's Davis Hall, Studio B, will feature legislators discussing issues in the recently concluded session of the Indiana General Assembly. The public is invited.

Legislators invited to attend include Representative Bruce Borders of District 45, Representative Kreg Battles of District 64, Representative Mark Messmer of District 63, Senator Lindel Hume of District 48, and Sen. John Waterman of District 39.

The event is co-sponsored by the Knox County Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters of Knox County, and Pace Community Action, Inc. Viewers can phone-in questions the day of the show to 812-888-5334 or email questions in advance to wvut@vinu.edu.

In addition to the live morning broadcast, the program will be repeated at 5 p.m. the same day.

Loogootee Kindergarten registration date set

Kindergarten registration will be held at Loogootee Elementary on Friday, April 8. The schedule is as follows:

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

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

Parents will drop children off in room 103, and then proceed to the library to complete enrollment forms. While the parents are in the library, children will be screened for beginning kindergarten skills. Parents may pick their child up after they have completed the enrollment forms.

Children must be five years old by August 1, 2011 in order to register for kindergarten. Please be sure to bring a birth certificate and shot record with you to registration. It is helpful if you can have copies made before registration; however if this is not possible we will make copies for you.

All kindergarten classes at Loogootee Elementary are all day, every day.

Parents will have the opportunity to order their child a kindergarten t-shirt during registration. Students are encouraged to wear these shirts on the first day of school. A sample shirt will be available for preview during registration, and orders will be taken at that time. The shirts are \$8, and must be paid for when ordering. Shirts may be picked up at registration in August.

If you have any questions, you may call the Elementary West office at 295-2833.



GARRETT BATEMAN

Garrett Cole Bateman is the son of Lori and Jeff Lundy. His favorite pastimes include playing basketball, going to Denny's at midnight, hanging out at Bo-Mac's, and being with his girlfriend. During high school he was involved in basketball, cross country, and Beta Club. One of his fondest memories was in basketball when he scored 43 points and hit the game-winning shot against Bloomfield. Garrett plans to attend USI after graduation and get a bachelor's degree in sports management.



AMBER BAUER

Amber Lynn Rhea Bauer is the daughter of Lance and Angela Bauer. Her favorite hobbies include playing The Sims on the computer and sports and dancing. During high school he was involved in the Beta Club, volleyball, basketball, track, and Spanish Club. One of her fondest memories was when the Blue Chip Conference award was given to someone else at Dubois when it was supposed to go to her and she got it back. She also remembers when Sarha slipped in a puddle of water in the cafeteria and almost broke her arm. After high school Amber plans to attend the University of Evansville and study pre-med.





Martin County Humane Society DINNER & AUCTION Saturday, March 26

at Loogootee United Methodist Church

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~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

My take – it's tax time again

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

It's tax time again, and a good time to reflect upon the confusing abomination that we call our tax code. Think of the multitude of tax forms and instructions that make it almost impossible for us "mere mortals" to properly file our taxes with the federal government. We spend hours gathering documentation and other forms to prove that we are not crooks. Most of us then contact a trained tax preparer to take our information and "properly" file our federal taxes. We sometimes are grateful when we are told that we are going to receive a tax refund, not realizing that we have loaned the federal government that amount of money "interest free" over a period of time.

There are now two alternatives to our present tax code. They are a "fair tax" and a "flat tax". Either one would reduce the

100,000 plus IRS employees significantly and would be orders of magnitude more simple - eliminating the need for tax preparers.

The "fair tax" would be essentially a 23 percent sales tax on most new products and services that we buy and would be collected by the seller. For more information on the "fair tax", go to fairtax.org.

The "flat tax" is a very simplified 17 percent income tax on earned income, and it can be filed on a single sheet of paper. For more information on the "flat tax", go to flattax.org.

Both provide for exemptions and would require significant safeguards against increasing the tax rates.

Let's all become more knowledgeable on these great alternatives to our present tax code and contact our federal representative and senators regarding this issue.

Dennis Jones
Shoals

My Point of
VIEW

By Courtney Hughett Owner, MCJ

It seems sometimes like I tend to write about negative things in this column so this week I am going more positive. Yes, that's right – I'm taking a break from griping and small-town politics and focusing on the actual important things going on in Martin County – those who actually want to make a positive difference.

As many of you know the Martin County Humane Society will soon have an animal shelter. After 35 years . . . well, our county is long overdue. I was amazed when I moved back to Martin County and learned that the humane society didn't have a shelter. I guess I just assumed all counties had one. Being the huge animal lover that I am, I felt this was a cause that I should be a part of. I am the definition of a dog person. Most of the time, I think dogs are better than people. I had Leah, my Lhasa Apso, for 14 years. That dog had my heart – and still does. When she died in 2009, my need to help the humane society got stronger, I wanted to do something on behalf of Leah – and of course all of the dogs in Martin County but Leah was and is my inspiration.

When I started the Martin County Journal in 2010 I contacted humane society president Don Greene and told him I would do whatever was asked of me to help. Through the Journal I would promote, raise funds, or do whatever I could to get that shelter built. While Josh and I are certainly not rich, nor do we care to be, what we can give is time and as much support as possible.

The humane society has collected \$46,000 to date. \$10,000 of that came from an anonymous donor. I was told that this person is a former Martin County resident who went on to be successful and wanted to give back to their hometown. This person would not allow their name to be released. They didn't want glory, praise, or their picture splashed all over the newspaper, they just wanted to help. How refreshing is that! There are still people out there who want to

make a difference in their hometown without sponging up all the fame and making everyone around them aware of how great they are. To me, this is the definition of a true giver and if that person is reading this – I don't think I know you but I have a lot of respect for you.

The humane society is not the only thing I care about but doing The Journal takes up quite a bit of my time – my boys take up the most. I can only work on one cause at a time and the humane society is my number one priority right now. Not to mention I have made new friends with my involvement with this group – who will be my friends long after that shelter is built. These are good, kind, caring people – the kind I like to surround myself with.

I hope at some time in your life you are compelled to volunteer for a cause you believe in. Not only does it feel good but it is so needed in several areas of this county. There is not just the humane society – there is literacy group SOAR!, the food pantry, our schools and helping our teachers, the historical society, and many more. On the other side of things there is the community foundation, the tourism committee, the chamber of commerce, the SummerFest committee, the Catfish Festival, and so on. These things make our county a better place to live – and it's pretty dang good already, so just imagine the possibilities.

I am a firm believer in all of us looking out for each other and getting involved. This is our community and we need to improve it to the best of our ability for future generations, not just us. Personally, every time I do something I feel is worthy, I think about how much my children will benefit and their children, and so on.

If your club, organization, etc., needs help with promotion, please feel free to contact me. I would be more than happy to help. Things can get accomplished – anything is possible, but we all must work together.

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Nominations sought for annual Women in Agriculture Awards

BY JEANNE GIBSON
Purdue University News Service

Purdue Extension is accepting nominations for the 2011 Women in Agriculture Awards.

The annual awards recognize women who have provided leadership and made positive contributions to Indiana agriculture through their involvement in an Indiana agricultural enterprise, agribusiness, farm or commodity organization, said Christa Holloway, Extension educator in Fulton County and awards coordinator.

"Women have always been an important part of agriculture but were less likely to be sought out or recognized for their involvement and successes in the field," Holloway said. "The Women in Agriculture Awards validate that women are an important part of Indiana agriculture. In addition, it is important to highlight the agricultural field in general because younger generations need to know that agriculture is still a career op-

tion."

Two awards will be presented: The Achievement Award honors a woman who has been active in Indiana agriculture primarily through a home farm operation or agribusiness. The Leadership Award is given to a woman who serves in an agribusiness or policymaking position.

An award nomination form is available online at

www.agriculture.purdue.edu/wia/index.htm

The Purdue Women in Agriculture Team will present the awards during Purdue Day at the Indiana State Fair on August 12.

The 2010 award winners were Louise Beaman of Johnson County and Carolyn Hegel of Wabash County. Beaman received the Achievement Award for work on her family's farrow-to-finish hog operation and grain farm and for her efforts on legislative issues affecting Indiana agriculture. Hegel received the Leadership Award for her 20 years of involvement in various roles in the agricultural industry.

Governor Daniels receives national conservation award

Gov. Mitch Daniels was recognized last Friday by the national conservation organization Ducks Unlimited for "making land conservation a top priority and for preserving thousands of invaluable acres across the state for future generations."

The governor received the 2011 Wetland Conservation Achievement Award at the Ducks Unlimited annual breakfast during the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Daniels was the only state leader to receive an award this year.

"The nation's leading conservation organization has taken note that we are breaking all records for protecting our natural beauty," said Daniels. "The satisfaction really comes from knowing that future generations of Hoosiers will be able to enjoy these outdoor spaces in a more pristine character than they are today."

Each year Ducks Unlimited recognizes the achievements of individuals from the U.S., Canada or Mexico who have made exceptional contributions to wetlands and waterfowl conservation in North America. These individuals have made long-term contributions to the conservation of these vital resources.

Among conservation efforts under Daniels' leadership:

-The state has launched a major conservation initiative to acquire 43,000 acres of river corridor along 94 miles of the Wabash

River and Sugar Creek in west central Indiana and another 26,000 acres along the Muscatatuck River in southern Indiana. Ducks Unlimited is a partner in the project.

-Protected more than 34,000 acres of sensitive habitat through the Indiana Heritage Trust program.

-Developed and opened the Wabashiki Fish and Wildlife Area near Terre Haute.

-Initiated a proposed land exchange between Camp Atterbury in Johnson County and land in Putnam County near the Putnamville Correctional Facility that will result in an additional 800 acres of recreational land for public use.

-Began cleanup of the Grand Calumet River's West Branch in northwest Indiana.

Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 12 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow, and forever.

The governor spoke about the importance of Indiana's conservation efforts in video remarks available here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=RP64LntJdV0&safety_mode=true&persist_safety_mode=1

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SCOUTING MATTERS

By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

As many of you know, I took a trip to Japan last year and while there, I investigated the Japanese Scouting Program. The recent and continuing tragedy in Japan has me thinking about that experience and reflecting on the BSA Emergency Preparedness Program. What are my newfound scouting friends doing to assist others? Is their training and preparedness to respond to those in need being mobilized? I certainly hope so.

What is being experienced in Japan few, if any of us can relate to. We have our share of tornadoes and some have experienced a hurricane but the tragedy in Japan is truly one of biblical proportions and something that would be difficult to be prepared for.

As many of you know the basic concept and motto of the BSA is - Be Prepared. This motto is foundational to the BSA's programming and training. Emergency management, emergency preparedness, and disaster services are common throughout the United States. By whatever name, these activities encompass mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery related to any kind of disaster. Emergency Preparedness means being prepared for all kinds of emergencies, able to respond in time of crisis to save lives and property or to help a community, state and nation.

It is a challenge to be prepared for any emergency in a world of manmade and natural phenomena. However, the BSA Emergency Preparedness Program is planned to inspire the desire and foster the skills to meet this challenge in our youth and adult members so that they can participate effectively in this crucial service when needed.

The emergencies of today's world demand more than ever that our young people and adults become trained as individuals and as units to meet emergency situations. The importance of this training is not new to the BSA, as scouting has always taught youth to be prepared for all types of emergencies. From its beginning, scouting has taught youth to do their best, to do their duty to God and country, to help others, and to prepare themselves physically, mentally, and morally to meet these goals. The basic aims of scouting including teaching youth to take care of themselves, to be helpful to others, and to develop courage, self-reliance, and the will to be ready to serve in an emergency.

In addition to the millions of scouting's active members, millions of former members have been trained in scouting skills that prepare them to meet emergencies. They are a built in source of help to meet the challenge of readiness. As scouting units across the country begin to plan and emphasize emergency preparedness, this foundation of former members can be a resource for support to help assure a response in any situation that benefits homes, families, and communities.

The BSA Emergency Preparedness Program creates the responsibility to respond first... as an Individual. To be mentally and emotionally prepared to act promptly and develop the ability to take care of themselves. Teaching young people to know and be able to use practical survival skills when needed. Secondly, to respond... as a member of a Family. Since families will be involved in most emergencies, this part of the plan includes basic instructions to help every scouting family prepare for emergencies. Families will work together to learn basic emergency skills and to know how to react in emergency situations. Thirdly, to respond to the Community. The program fosters the desire to help others and teaches members how to serve their communities in age appropriate ways.

Because of these multiple levels of responsibility, the BSA Emergency Preparedness Program provides another layer of effectiveness when a disaster happens and can make a big difference in the lives of others. This is why the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is pleased to collaborate with the BSA to increase the level of citizen preparedness across the country. DHS has asked the BSA to build upon the foundation of the Ready campaign and to help citizens across the country prepare for emergencies of all kinds.

If you would like to learn more about the scouting program in your local community, drop me an email at mike.leighty@centurytel.net or call (812) 295-8417 and I will help you make contact with a local unit.

Yours in Scouting,
Scoutmaster Mike

Get your photo with the Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny will pose for photos in Vincennes April 15-17 at the Vincennes University Foundation and Alumni Center located on the corner of 3rd and College streets.

Sponsored by the VU Alumni Association's Alpha Chapter, the public is invited to bring their children and their own camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny for a fee of \$10 per family. Proceeds from the event will support projects of the Alumni Association such as providing scholarships for local students to attend VU.

The times when the Easter Bunny photos may be taken are April 15 from 4-6 p.m. (EDT), April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and April 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We hope to bring lots of smiles to children that can be captured in a family keepsake photo. Perhaps some of these children will receive a VU scholarship in the future thanks to the funds we raise from this project," said Denise Dayson-Bristol, president of the Alpha Chapter.

For more information call 812-888-4354.

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for **Loogootee City Council District 3**

- As a one time commuter back and forth for years, I know the desperate need to bring companies to Loogootee, so that we may create a business friendly environment that will attract all different ideas to our community.
- Being a mother and grandmother, I can see that our children and grandchildren do not have a variety of choices in activities locally. I feel it is important that we should build new, safe attractions for our children, or maintain, re-build or add to some of the attractions we have now.
- Crime and graffiti are something all of us cannot tolerate; it brings our community down. To resolve this, we must make a stand even harder on the criminals at fault. We have a good police force in Loogootee and I am sure they do their best to bring justice to the violators. It must continue to not get out of control.

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

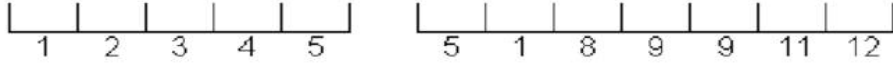
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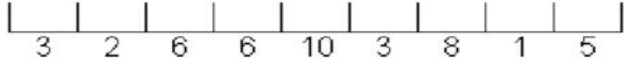
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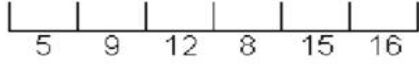
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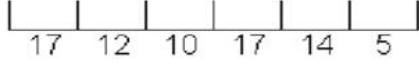
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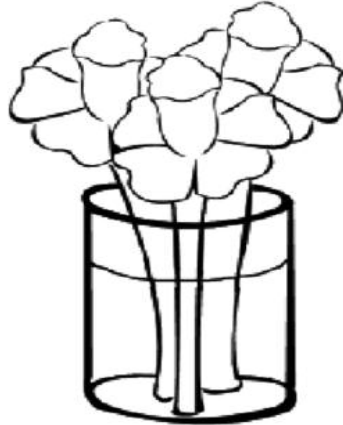
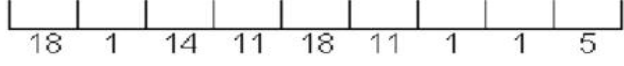
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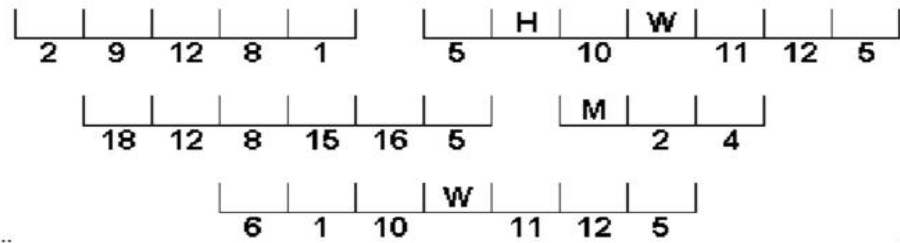
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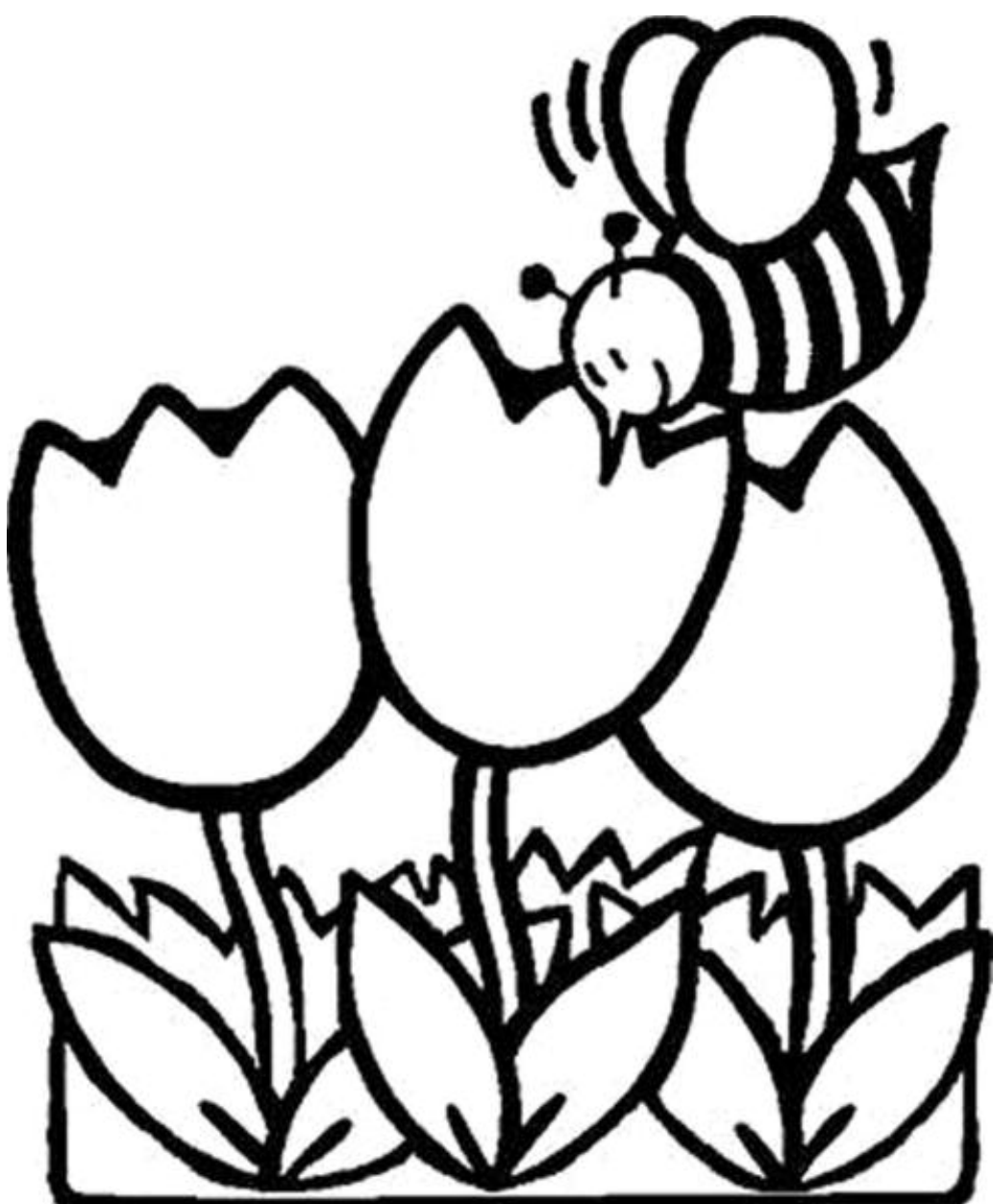
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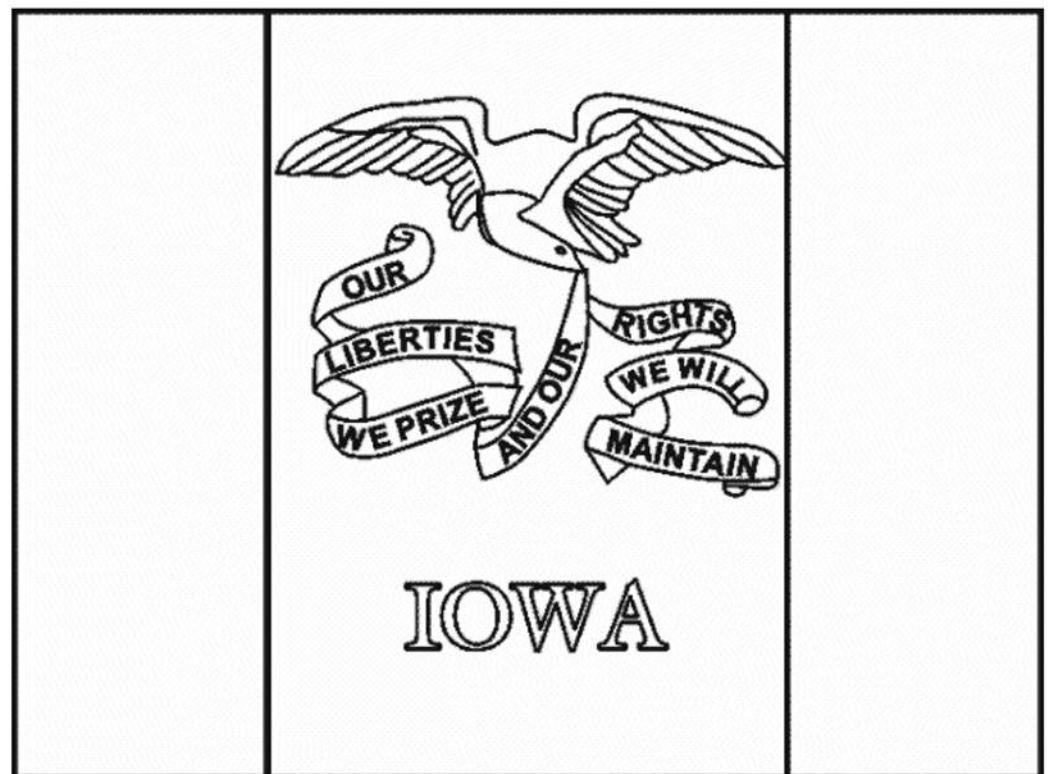
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