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## Easter Egg Hunt at Elementary West

-Photos by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee Elementary West first grade teacher Mrs. Buchta, shown above, explains to the students of Mrs. Wagler's class the rules of hunting the Easter eggs in her classroom. Due to the wet conditions on the playground, the egg hunt was moved inside. Students hid the eggs in their classrooms and then swapped rooms with another class. In the photo on the left, one of Mrs. Slaven's second grade students patiently waits to have her hands stocked with eggs.

## So, what exactly is the Martin County Local Coordinating Council?

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Have you heard about the Martin County Local Coordinating Council but had no idea what it was or what the council does?

The Local Coordinating Council recognizes alcohol, drug abuse, and problem gambling to be among the most severe social, health, and economic problems in Martin County.

This abuse affects children, adolescents, adults, and older community members. Critical needs exist in the areas of prevention and education, intervention and treatment and judicial/law enforcement. The purpose of the council is to measurably assess Martin County's needs and existing resources, to find the gaps in the current system of resources, and to develop and implement strategies to fill those gaps to help reduce and eliminate issues dealing with substance abuse and problem gambling in our community.

The Local Coordinating Council system was created in 1989 by then-Governor Evan Bayh. He felt that the best way to address

the rising substance abuse issues in the state was at the local level and that the local communities knew best and that the state would benefit from their expertise. Bayh created, by state statute IC 5-2-11-1.6, a local coordinating council (LCC) in each of the 92 counties.

As defined, the LCC is a "county-wide citizen body approved and appointed by the commission for a drug-free Indiana to monitor, plan, and evaluate comprehensive local alcohol and drug abuse plans".

The local coordinating councils were to be made up of concerned community leaders and volunteers who were charged with several duties. Those duties include monitoring and gathering data and reporting to the state on what substances were having the greatest impact on their community; develop, write, and institute a three-year comprehensive community plan for approval by the commission and to implement the plan to impact those substances; and administer the funds collected into the county drug-free community fund to support and develop programs and projects to serve the commu-

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## Local law enforcement perform dangerous intruder simulation at Shoals High School

On Thursday, March 25th, the Shoals Community Schools, in partnership with surrounding law enforcement agencies, performed a dangerous intruder simulation on the school grounds. The purposes of these pro-active exercises were to familiarize law enforcement officers with the school grounds, perform strategic exercises in response to a dangerous intruder, and strengthen the current crisis management plan.

"We live in a day where the safety of our students and staff must constantly be the top priority in public education. Students can only excel at state tests, homework, and athletics when we create and maintain a safe learning environment. This task is best achieved when our students, parents, staff, and community work together to protect our area's most precious resource, our kids," said Shoals Jr.-Sr. High School Assistant Principal Chris Stevens.

"Today, Shoals Community Schools is proud to take another step in the safety of our kids with the help of our local and surrounding law enforcement agencies. This group of law enforcement officers is made up of great men who genuinely care about the safety of our students. We've been able to learn so much from them," he added.

There were 21 different law enforcement personnel who participated in the simulation training.

Those agencies participating were the (SIMULATION' continued on page 2)



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Major Andy Burkhardt and Damon Baker with the Martin County Sheriff's Department practice a drill for entry around corners where a dangerous intruder may be present.

## Martin County falls one spot in state's unemployment ranking

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Although the unemployment rate stayed at 7.7 percent from January to February, Martin County fell one spot in the rankings to 88th place. The county is still in the top five for the lowest unemployment in the state.

Martin County had 5,051 residents in the workforce in February, down from 5,069 in January. Of those residents in the workforce, 4,664 were employed and 387 were unemployed. In January those numbers were 4,681 and 388.

The county's unemployment rate in February, 2009 was 8.1 percent.

Daviess County's jobless rate fell another .3 percent for February to 6 percent. Daviess has had the lowest unemployment in the state for many months.

Dubois County fell out of the top five lowest unemployed from January. Their rate jumped from 7.8 percent to 8.2 percent in February. Dubois stands at 88th place.

Orange County made a tiny change going from 11.6 percent unemployed in January to 11.7 percent in February changing their

ranking from 39th place to 40th.

The five counties with the lowest unemployment rate in Indiana, for February, were Daviess County at 6 percent; Monroe County at 6.9 percent; Hamilton County at 7.1 percent; Knox at 7.3 percent; and Martin County at 7.7 percent.

The counties with the highest number of unemployed were Elkhart County at 15.5 percent; Vermillion with 14.8 percent; Noble with 14.3 percent; Fayette with 14 percent; and Starke with 13.9 percent.

Indiana's preliminary seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate held steady in February inching up 0.1 percent to 9.8 percent. The increase is not considered statistically significant.

"There are some positive stories in February's Employment Report," said Teresa Voors, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Indiana saw a small increase in total employment and a large increase in Professional and Business Services, a sector which includes temporary staffing and often predicts future job growth."

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EMILYN JOYCE SPARKS

## It's a girl . . .

Colten Sparks is proud to announce the birth of his sister, Emilyn Joyce. Emilyn arrived at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, on February 12, 2010 at 11:15 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 22 inches long. Her parents are Todd and Jennifer (Divine) Sparks of Odon. Grandparents are Doug and Rheta Divine of Loogootee and Randell and Hilda Sparks of Odon. Great grandparents are Philip and Virginia Street of Loogootee, and Doris Long of Odon.

## Humane Society Pet of the Week



This is a male one-year-old Havanese/Schnauzer. He is housebroken and good with other dogs and kids.

This would make your family a great dog. You can view all dogs and cats available for adoption online at [www.martincountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.martincountyhumanesociety.org) or call 296-0952.

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# LCC

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nity.

The Martin County LCC has been in existence since 1990. The LCC has developed a mini-grant system to manage the community drug-free fund annually advertises the availability of those mini-grants. The council also accepts grant applications, reviews them for compatibility and accountability, and distributes funds to those awardees according to their regulations and approval by the commission.

Prevention programs supported throughout the years have included local school ac-

tivities for students in efforts to prevent substance abuse, support for the purchase or training of law enforcement efforts, supplies to support probation programs, and treatment slots for the poor.

The LCC is currently working on the rewrite of their Comprehensive Plan and will be requesting information from various agencies and individuals throughout the county.

Current officers are elected by the members and the LCC meets on a monthly basis at the Learning Center in Shoals. Rob Street is currently serving as chair; Amy Kirk-

patrick is coordinator with responsibilities including secretary/treasurer, Steve Gonzales is the historian of the group and Lin Montgomery is the community consultant assigned to Martin County by the commission.

For more information or to become a member and assist the Martin County Local Coordinating Council in its planning and activities contact Amy Kirkpatrick at 812-583-0919.

The council's next meeting is Thursday, April 15, at 2 p.m. in the learning center at the fairgrounds.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

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Seasonally-adjusted total non-farm employment in Indiana increased by 1,500 in February. Sectors reporting employment increases include: Professional and Business Services (5,400), Private Health and Education (2,200), Manufacturing (1,800),

Trade, Transportation and Utilities (1,400), and Leisure and Hospitality (1,100). Sectors reporting employment declines include: Government (-6,600), Construction (-1,900), and Other Services (-1,500).

Indiana is the only state among its neighbors to report an unemployment rate below

10.0 percent. Indiana is also the only state among its neighbors and the U.S to report year-to-year unemployment growing less than one percent.

Article created in part with a news release from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

## Unemployment January - February, 2010 state comparison

|          | February 2009 | January 2010 | February 2010 | Monthly Change | Yearly Change |
|----------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Indiana  | 9.5%          | 9.7%         | 9.8%          | 0.1%           | 0.3%          |
| U.S.     | 8.2%          | 9.7%         | 9.7%          | 0              | 1.5%          |
| Illinois | 8.7%          | 11.3%        | 11.4%         | 0.1%           | 2.7%          |
| Kentucky | 9.6%          | 10.7%        | 10.9%         | 0.2%           | 1.3%          |
| Ohio     | 9.1%          | 10.8%        | 10.9%         | 0.1%           | 1.8%          |
| Michigan | 12.0%         | 14.3%        | 14.1%         | -0.2%          | 2.1%          |

## SIMULATION

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Shoals Police Department, Loogootee Police Department, Martin Co. Sheriff's Department, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana State Police, and the Dubois Co. EMT.

Members of these organizations participating from the Martin County Sheriff's Department were Major Andy Burkhardt, Deputy Jim Pritchard, Corporal John Fischer, staff member Damon Baker, and Deputy Steve Nolan.

From the Loogootee Police Department were Police Chief Kelly Rayhill and Officers Jeremy Branham and Pat Todd.

Also participating was Tony Holt, Tactical Medic at Bedford Regional Hospital Medical Center; Indiana Conservation Officer Jon Watkins, Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert.

Others in attendance were ISP Troopers Jared Lents and Steve Sexton and Shoals Assistant Principal Chris Stevens. Instructor was Indiana Conservation Officer Eric Doane.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Shown above, from left to right, practicing the four-man formation are Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill, Martin County Sheriff's Department Major Andy Burkhardt, Martin County Sheriff's Department Corporal John Fischer, and Martin County Sheriff's Department staff member Damon Baker. The purpose of this drill was for members of the formation to have their eyes covering all directions.

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## Psi Iota Xi's annual flower sale fundraiser

Gamma Iota, Psi Iota Xi, is conducting their annual Flower Fundraiser. They are selling geraniums, 4 1/2-inch pots for \$3.50 each and hanging baskets of the following items: Dragon Wing Begonias in red or pink; Ferns; and Double Wave Petunias in pink or purple.

The baskets are \$13.50 each. Orders need to be turned in to Rachel Bauer by Thursday, April 8.

Contact Rachel at 812-388-5651 or cell phone 812-486-5706.

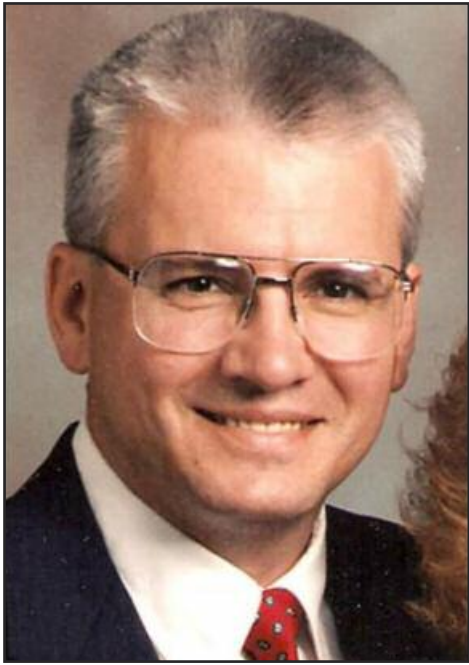
Your order will be available for pickup on Thursday evening, May 6, (just in time for Mother's Day!) at Wendell and Linda Stone's home in Shoals.

The flower sales is a major fundraiser for the group, and all profits go back into the community. They would appreciate your support!



# Obituaries

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. -Matthew 5:4*



**GARY W. RANEY**

Gary W. Raney died Friday, March 26, 2010, at the Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, he was 58.

Gary was born March 25, 1952, in Jasper, to the late Henry L. and Edith Ione (Harris) Raney. He married Bonita (Blake) Raney on July 3, 1970.

He was retired from NSWC Crane and a member of the Loogootee Trinity Gospel Tabernacle. He graduated from Barr-Reeve High School in 1970.

He is survived by his wife, Bonita; one son, Anthony "Tony" Raney; one daughter Lucretia Osborne and her husband Dewey, all of Loogootee; two granddaughters, Kylie and Ashlee Raney; and one brother, Roy Raney and his wife Ethel Mae, of Alfordsville.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Linda Schaffer.

Visitation was held Monday, March 29 at Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 30, at the Loogootee Trinity Gospel Tabernacle Church. Burial was held in the Alfordsville Community Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center Fund.

**SHAYA NICOLE TOMPKINS**

Infant Shaya Nicole Tompkins died at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, 2010, at St. Mary's Medical Center, in Evansville.

She was born at 12:08 p.m. on Sunday,

March 28, 2010, to James Roy and Amber Nicole (Casper) Tompkins, of Loogootee. They both survive.

Other survivors include one brother Owen Tompkins, maternal grandmother Linda Casper, of Washington; maternal grandfather Mike Casper, of Washington; paternal grandparents Jerry and Marjorie Tompkins, of Loogootee; maternal great-grandparents Margaret Casper, of Washington and "Bud" and Noralea Fitzgerald, of Washington; paternal great-grandparents Audrey Tompkins, of Mankota, Minnesota; and Lillian Souerdyke, of Loogootee.

A graveside funeral service was held Wednesday, March 31, at St. John Catholic Church, in Loogootee, with Father Joseph F. Erbacher officiating. There was no visitation. Brocksmith Funeral Home, in Loogootee, was in charge of the arrangements.

**ERNEST M. PRIDEMORE**

Former Martin County resident Ernest Morris Pridemore died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at the Stonebridge Health Campus, in Bedford. A resident of that city, he was 92.

He was born on September 22, 1917, in Martin County, to the late Tomas A. Pridemore and Ethel Pearl (Pearson) Pridemore. He married Eva M. (Pruett) Pridemore on December 25, 1939. She preceded him in death on June 22, 2000.

Ernest was a retired detective with B&O Railroad, and had worked in St. Louis and Cincinnati. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, and a member of the Hillcrest Christian Church in Bedford, the Mitchell Masonic Lodge #228, and the Shriners International in Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from Huron High School in 1935.

Survivors include two sisters former Shoals resident Dolores Cannon, of Pittsboro and Alleen Recker, of Mitchell; caregiver and niece Judy Crews, of Orleans; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers Maurice "Glen" Pridemore, Linza Pridemore, and Homer Pridemore; two sisters Bernice "Lucille" Pridemore and Adren "Louisa" Bush.

There was no visitation and a funeral service was held on Saturday, March 27 at the Mausoleum Chapel at Cresthaven Memory Gardens. Brother Charlie Scott and Brother David Conley officiated.

Burial was held in Cresthaven Memory Gardens.

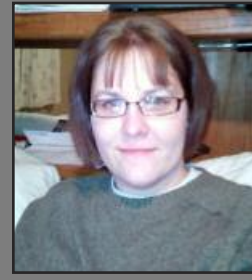
## Guess where this is!

This picture was taken somewhere in Martin County. Do you know where? Be the first person to email [courtney@martincountyjournal.com](mailto:courtney@martincountyjournal.com) and your name will be announced in this box next week as our "Guess where this is" winner and your name will also be listed on our website. Ready, Set, GO.



### LAST WEEK'S WINNER - BECKY CLARK

*Last week's picture was the Redbox in front of Ruler in Loogootee.*



## My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett

This week has been my craziest and most challenging since I started this paper. Not only have my boys been on spring break, but since Loogootee Schools are closed, all of the sports photos you see in today's paper had to have the players identified somehow. In a panic on Monday, I got on facebook and started sending them out to various friends. By the end of the day, I had them all back identified, minus one friend who is soaking up the sun in Florida. Yeah, you know who you are! I had no reason to panic. I am blessed to have a lot of friends in this community and even though I was gone for 12 years, I am so glad I was able to move back here a few years ago.

When my mother decided in early 1995 that we were moving to Bloomington I was devastated. At 17, I had a group of friends that I spent almost all my time. For several years I don't think we ever spent a weekend apart.

I also had a job that I had held for five years at the good old DQ and that was, by far, the most entertaining job I have had to date.

Martin County and the immediate area was all I had known since first grade and I didn't want to leave.

Due to being underage I reluctantly packed my things and my family moved to Bloomington. Growing up in Loogootee, I was not prepared for life in the "big" city. I was not happy in Bloomington and came back home every chance I got.

Six months after moving to Bloomington my mother decided that Bloomington was not the place for us and Brown County was, so we moved again. I had just turned 18 and had enrolled in college in Bloomington. I was majoring in business and realized a semester in, that I wasn't interested in that subject so I joined my family in Brown County toward the end of 1995.

I met my husband, Josh, shortly after arriving in Brown County, in early 1996. In 1998 we got married and had Wyatt and then Alex in 2000.

I never felt like I fit in Brown County. Josh graduated from Brown County High School and since he had never once attended any sporting events, I would try to explain to him that I wanted to go to a Brown County basketball game just to experience that excitement that I had felt at Loogootee basketball games. I loved sports, and wanted the family to enjoy the games as I had. The first

time I went to watch the Brown County team play I was shocked at how few people were there. It was not the same at all!

Brown County also had four elementary schools so my boys would go through six years of school only to be put into this large high school with 300 kids they had never met. The grade schools all had their own individual mascots . . . it was just strange and not what I had known.

Josh got so sick of my Loogootee reminiscing over the years and assured me that we were staying put so I did my best.

When I started working for the *Brown County Democrat* newspaper in 1998, I signed up for a subscription to *The Loogootee Tribune*. I was shocked to see that *The Democrat* and *The Tribune's* addresses were both PO Box 277. Call me a weirdo, but in my eyes it was a sign. Years later, Josh had been out hunting and he came home with a bunch of papers that he had found lying in the woods behind our house. Apparently a tornado had gone through the Loogootee area and my backyard was filled with receipts and cancelled check from Loogootee, Indiana. That was sign number two. Of all the places that Loogootee tornado papers had to fall - my backyard in Brown County. I was convinced that I was in the wrong place.

In 2006, after 10 years with Josh, I finally convinced him to let me start looking at houses in Martin County. I'm sure I made it sound like a fairy tale land and despite him saying time and time again, "I am never moving to Martin County!" I never gave up. Josh refused to live in town so that posed a challenge because I wanted to be as close to the schools as possible. In early 2007 I found my little A-frame and sealed the deal with Josh when I told him it had close to 2.5 acres, it wasn't exactly in town, but was about 10 seconds from Elementary East. We signed the papers on May 15, 2007.

When I decided to start this newspaper last month, I knew that I would face some backlash from a few particular people. I didn't mind and still don't. Being from here and knowing the attitudes of most people, I knew I would be okay and I was right.

He won't admit it but my husband has grown to love it here. Seeing the amount of support I've received with this venture has only strengthened his respect for my home town. Some day he will call it "home" too.

## Nominations for Martin Co. Ambassador

At times people can become so accustomed to something special that it isn't appreciated anymore. Or opportunities may be available right around the corner that aren't taken advantage of, or even noticed at all. Other times you may be so wrapped up in the daily grind of life that you overlook a moment to offer a hand or a simple smile.

Martin County has many citizens who do an outstanding job of representing our county, and these citizens should be recognized. For example, it is a nice touch to see those who work hard to landscape their property along the highways so visitors have a positive experience driving through. Did you know that someone volunteers to pick up trash along our major roads on a regular basis! Maybe you've noticed someone offer assistance to a stranger whose car has broken down, or give a cheerful smile as a visitor orders lunch, asks for directions or pays for gas. And don't forget others who have the courage to start a new business, right here in Martin County, which ultimately improves our economy and quality of life.

If you know someone who fits the above description, please complete this form, cut it out and return it to: Martin County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 257, Loogootee, IN 47553

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think this person should be a Martin County Ambassador?

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# Public RECORDS

## MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

### Monday March 22

5:35 a.m. – Female caller in Shoals reported that her sister has two individuals at her residence that are refusing to leave. Deputy Josh Greene was advised.

1:35 p.m. – Deputy James Pritchard picked up a live bird with injuries to be turned over to Conservation Officer Anthony Mann.

2:12 p.m. – Male 911 caller in Shoals reports a dispute with his son and the son would not leave the residence. He then advised that the son was leaving and he would not need an officer after all. The subject was called back a short time later to make sure the situation was resolved.

3:43 p.m. – Ambulance requested at senior citizens apartments in Shoals regarding a fall. Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department First Responders were dispatched. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:17 p.m. – Male 911 caller reports a speeding vehicle and reckless driver on U.S. 150. Shoals Town Marshall Todd Eckert and Orange County Sheriff's Dept. were notified.

8:10 p.m. – Received report of commercial burglar alarm. Deputy Nolan responded and business checked secure.

11:33 p.m. – Deputy Greene and Marshall Eckert responded to a complaint of gunshots and a siren on S.R. 450. A male caller then requested to know why officers were driving past his house. Deputy Greene attempted to call him back but the caller's phone would not accept blocked numbers.

### Tuesday, March 23

9:38 a.m. – Daviess–Martin Medical Clinic requested an ambulance for a patient. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:45 p.m. – Received a panic alarm from a business. Chief Deputy Rob Street checked the business and it checked secure.

3:51 p.m. – Male caller advised he had found a credit card in his mailbox. He requested an officer pick it up and attempt to return it to the owner. Deputy Nolan was notified.

5:15 p.m. – Male caller requested a vehicle check on S.R. 450. Major T.A. Burkhardt responded.

5:58 p.m. – Male caller advised that a school bus had struck his mailbox post. The school bus was apparently dropping kids off and was attempting to turn around. There was no damage to the bus or the mailbox. The mailbox post was loosened in the ground, but was already straightened when the officer arrived. Deputy Greene was the investigating officer.

8:00 p.m. – Male caller advised there is a red pickup and white pickup stuck by the restrooms at Hindostan. Deputy Greene responded.

8:08 p.m. – Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The ambulance transported a female to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 p.m. – Subject called in and requested to speak with Deputy Nolan in reference to receiving threats. Nolan was not on duty and was left a message.

### Wednesday March 24

12:22 a.m. – The Daviess County Sheriff's Dept. reports an attempted suicide by a juvenile in Crane. Major Burkhardt, Martin Co. EMS, and Deputy Greene responded. There had been no attempt made, only threats.

11:30 a.m. – 911 Caller reports that there is a deer accident on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. Indiana State Police responded.

11:36 a.m. – Received a call regarding a broken down vehicle on U.S. 50 near Max Warrens curve.

11:56 a.m. – A female caller stated that her stepson took her vehicle without per-

mission. She advised he then returned with her keys and told her that her car is in a ditch somewhere and left. Chief Deputy Rob Street spoke with the caller and her stepson.

5:22 p.m. – Male 911 reports an enraged driver that followed him to his residence and then left. Deputy Nolan observed for the vehicle.

5:40 p.m. – Female caller on S.R. 450 advised that she will be riding her horse and there are individuals revving their engines and honking their horns. She requested extra patrol. Deputy Nolan was advised.

6:30 p.m. – Male caller requested to speak with an officer in reference to threats made against him. Deputy Nolan spoke with the caller and made contact with the other subject involved.

### Thursday, March 25

12:05 a.m. – Received report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. The Loogootee Police Dept. was notified, and Major Burkhardt and Deputy Greene responded.

12:35 a.m. – An ambulance was requested on Dover Hill Gate Rd. A subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:16 a.m. – The Loogootee Police Dept. requested an ambulance at Country Place Apartments for a female needing assistance. No transport was necessary.

11:32 a.m. – Received a report of speeding semi trucks on U.S. 231 north of Loogootee. Sergeant Pritchard was advised.

11:51 a.m. – Male caller requested an ambulance for his wife, but called back a short time later and requested they disregard.

1:00 p.m. – Male caller requested a vehicle check south of Loogootee. Deputy Keller was notified.

1:18 p.m. – A male reports checks being written against his business checking account. Deputy Keller will be the investigating officer.

6:25 p.m. – Received report of rocks on U.S. 50 near Max Warrens curve. The State Highway Dept. was notified.

7:00 p.m. – A tree was reported across East River Road near the Boat Club. The Martin County Highway Dept. was notified.

7:13 p.m. – Received a report of a possible intruder on U.S. 150. The residence was checked by Major Burkhardt and Indiana State Trooper Sexton.

8:15 p.m. – Ryan Hunley, 21, of Shoals advised that he had been driving on Anderson Road earlier, before a severe rainstorm. He was unaware of the flooding that had occurred in that area and when coming around a curve his vehicle ran into high water. The vehicle flooded and had to be pulled out of the water. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:00 p.m. – A tree was reported across U.S. 150 near the intersection of S.R. 550. The State Highway Dept. was notified.

11:10 p.m. – Major Burkhardt advised that Anderson Road north of the Peggy Hollow intersection is completely underwater.

### Friday, March 26

3:12 a.m. – Received a call from Crane Village requesting an ambulance. Subject was transported to Bedford Memorial Hospital.

6:05 a.m. – Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:10 a.m. – Received a call about a stranded vehicle in the middle of the road near the Powell Valley and Anderson Road intersection. Deputy Keller was notified.

10:27 a.m. – Received request for ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:15 p.m. – Male caller requested a vehicle check on U.S. Highway 150. Major Burkhardt was notified.

8:05 p.m. – Received a call from Loogootee Police Dept., requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Subject was transported

to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:15 p.m. – An ambulance was requested in Loogootee. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### Saturday, March 27

1:38 a.m. – Major Burkhardt responded to a report of a vehicle needing assistance on the bridge in Shoals.

4:33 a.m. – A male caller reported something had fallen off of another truck hitting his semi and causing damage.

11:00 a.m. – A female business owner in Shoals reported vandalism to her business. Deputy Keller is the investigating officer.

12:00 p.m. – A male caller from S.R. 450 reported trespassing. Deputy Keller was advised.

12:10 p.m. – Deputy Keller assisted Deputy Nolan and a Loogootee officer with a complaint of underage drinking and drug activity.

1:57 p.m. – Deputy Keller responded to a complaint of shots fired in Loogootee.

2:08 p.m. – Deputy Keller responded to a report of cattle in the roadway on Hart Road.

3:38 p.m. – A male caller from S.R. 450 called again in reference to trespassing. Deputy Keller returned to the same residence he was called to at 12:00 p.m. He was involved in a pursuit with the driver of a dirt bike, and received assistance from Deputy Nolan.

10:45 p.m. – Received a request for an ambulance off of U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:31 p.m. – Female caller on S.R. 450 reports a noise complaint. Corporal John

Fischer was notified.

### Sunday, March 28

12:28 a.m. – Received a 911 call from a female subject. The call was located in Daviess County and transferred to that department.

12:42 a.m. – Female caller in Crane Village reports that her vehicle had been vandalized. Corporal Fischer was the investigating officer.

2:10 a.m. – Male caller in the Hindostan area reports a speeding vehicle. Corporal Fischer was notified.

1:12 p.m. – Male caller north of Trinity Springs on Hwy 450 states he was picking trash up alongside the road and a car passed him and didn't give him much room. He advised that the vehicle also revved its engine.

4:52 p.m. – Male caller reports that he is having a controlled burn on State Road 450.

6:47 p.m. – Received a 911-call in reference to a subject being followed by his ex-wife who assaulted him.

10:35 p.m. – 911 Caller reports that a tree was on the roadway on Hwy 550 about one-half mile west of Spout Springs Road. Corporal Fischer was in the area and removed the tree from the roadway.

### Monday March 29

12:14 a.m. – Loogootee Police Department request an ambulance at Sunset Trailer Court. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:14 a.m. – Medical alarm at Cedar Street in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:28– 911 Caller from Shaded Estates requests an ambulance. Alert-1 transported subject to Good Samaritan Hospital.

## Sheriff's Department jail bookings

### Monday, March 22

12:00 p.m. – Darren K. Holt, 19, of Shoals was arrested by Deputy Steve Nolan on a Lawrence County warrant. He was transported to Lawrence County Security Center where he posted \$2,000 bond.

### Tuesday, March 23

11:00 a.m. – Sasha Pottorff, 22, of Shoals, and Brandi Pottorff, 28, of Shoals, were both arrested by Deputy Nolan on Martin County warrants for theft, a Class D Felony. Both subjects were transported to the Martin County Security Center where they are being held on \$10,000 bond.

9:05 p.m. – James Jones, 21, of Shoals, arrested by Shoals Town Marshall Todd Eckert for possession of marijuana.

11:36 p.m. – William Threet, 26, of Shoals, arrested by Shoals Town Marshall Todd Eckert for driving under the influence of a controlled substance.

### Thursday, March 25

1:50 a.m. – Ryan Souerdike, 21, of Loogootee brought in by Loogootee Police Officer Jason Hennette. He was charged with Public Intoxication.

7:35 p.m. – Jacob Sanders, 24, of Loogootee, brought in by Loogootee Police Officer Glen Akles, and charged with Domestic Battery and Violating a Protective Order.

### Friday, March 26

1:50 p.m. – Brandon Wildman, 31, of Odon, brought in by Deputy Keith Keller, and booked in for Failure to Appear.

3:00 p.m. – Thomas Bevers, 37, of Washington was booked in for Petition to Revoke.

3:45 p.m. – Robert Albright, 45, of Loogootee, was booked in on a warrant for Possession of Methamphetamines, Dealing in Methamphetamines, and possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

8:30 p.m. – Jeremy Terry turned himself in on a Petition to Revoke warrant.

### Saturday, March 27

1:36 p.m. – Phillip Fellers, 18, of Loogootee, brought in by Deputy Nolan, and charged with Public Intoxication.

### Sunday, March 28

6:50 p.m. – Nathaniel Fuhrman arrested for habitual traffic violator by ISP Trooper Lents.

## Martin County accident reports

### Monday, March 22

5:00 p.m. – Marvin Graber, 61, of Loogootee, was traveling westbound on U.S. 50, operating a 1993 mini-truck. Graber's vehicle traveled off the north side of the roadway and traveled along a ditch before going over a culvert. After striking the culvert, Graber's vehicle crossed Dover Hill Road and struck a 1995 Chevrolet Silverado in the front driver's side fender, operated by Matthew Wagler, 27, of Odon. Wagler's vehicle was stopped, facing south on Dover Hill Road, waiting to turn onto U.S. 50. After impact, the Graber vehicle came to a rest on the northeast corner of the intersection. Mr. Graber was trapped in his vehicle and had to be extricated by fire personnel. He was then transported to Jasper Memorial

Hospital for treatment of his injuries. Mr. Wagler was uninjured in the accident. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan. He was assisted by Sheriff Tony Dant, Loogootee Police Officer Jeremy Branham, ICO Mann, Loogootee Fire Dept., Martin County EMS, and G & M Auto.

### Wednesday, March 24

1:38 a.m. – Linda Davis of Huntingburg was traveling on U.S. 231 in her silver 2001 Audi when she collided with a coyote that was present in the roadway approximately eight to nine miles north of Loogootee. The vehicle had damage to front bumper area of the vehicle. No one was injured in the collision, and she was able to drive her vehicle. The investigating officer was Major Burkhardt.



# Loogootee Police Department log

## Monday, March 22

10:58 a.m. – A resident on Park Street reports a dog complaint. The owner was located and the dog was returned.

5:00 p.m. – First responders were requested on Highway 50 to an accident with possible injuries. First responders were on the scene for approximately 45 minutes.

## Tuesday, March 23

8:34 a.m. – Employee at Buehler's Buy Low reports a theft. Chief Rayhill responded and charged female with theft.

12:27 p.m. – Daviess County Sheriff's Department reports a reckless driver complaint eastbound on Highway 50. Chief Rayhill responded by was unable to locate the vehicle.

6:35 p.m. – Subject came to the station to report that juveniles in a blue Chrysler nearly ran him over. Captain Akles was advised.

7:33 p.m. – Female subject came to the station to report a fight. Captain Akles spoke with the parties involved and advised them to fill out statements.

8:01 p.m. – Extra patrol was requested on Sherman Street. All officers were advised.

## Wednesday, March 24

2:45 p.m. – Subject on Trambaugh Lane reported harassment. Chief Rayhill responded and spoke with both parties involved.

10:17 p.m. – Extra patrol was requested on SE First Street. All officers were advised.

## Thursday, March 25

12:05 a.m. – Domestic dispute was reported on Cooper Street behind Breaktime Bar and Grill. Sgt. Hennette arrived, spoke with both parties involved, and transported the female back to her residence. Another call was received approximately 20 minutes later advising that the two subjects were arguing in a parking lot off Church Street. The incident led to the arrest of Ryan Souerdike, 21, of Loogootee for Public Intoxication. Souerdike was transported to the Martin County Security Center. The Loogootee Police Department was assisted by the Martin County Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Hennette was the arresting officer.

6:15 p.m. – Jacob C. Sanders, 26, of Loogootee, was charged with Domestic Battery and Invasion of Privacy. Sanders was transported to the Martin County Security Center. Captain Akles was the arresting officer.

## Friday, March 26

10:07 a.m. – Clara Smith, of The Hair Corner reported vandalism to her business. Chief Rayhill spoke with Smith and filed a case report.

11:53 a.m. – Numerous calls were received in reference to power outages in the East Main Street and Bloomfield Road area. Loogootee Police contact Duke Energy.

10:08 p.m. – Subject reported a noise complaint on North Street. Sgt. Hennette responded and spoke with the individual playing the music.

## Saturday, March 27

1:20 p.m. – Phillip R. Fellers, 18, of Loogootee, was charged with Public Intoxication. Fellers was transported to the Martin County Security Center. Officer Nolan was the arresting officer.

6:11 p.m. – The Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a field fire on Scenic Hill. Personnel were on the scene for approximately one hour.

## Sunday, March 28

1:34 a.m. – Subject reported a noise complaint on Church Street. Sgt. Hennette responded and spoke with the juveniles.

7:57 p.m. – Sgt. Hennette responded to a property damage accident on West Main Street. The Owner of the vehicle could not be found and the vehicle was transported to G&M Wrecker Service.

12:15 a.m. – First responders were requested at Sunset Trailer Court in reference to a female with difficulty breathing. Personnel were on the scene for approximately 20 minutes.

# Martin County Court news

## Criminal Court New Charges Filed March 9

Lois I. Summerton, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## March 10

Carolyn S. Hoopingarner, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Nancy C. Reed, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## March 15

Morgan D. Hunter, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jonathan D. Baker, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Robert J. Hawkins, residential entry, a Class D Felony; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## March 16

Ean G. Arth, using private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Judy R. Archer, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Sasha L. Pottorff, theft, a Class D Felony.

Brandi J. Pottorff, theft, a Class D Felony.

## March 18

Corey-Brendan McCormick, intimidation, a Class D Felony; refusal to identify self, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

## March 8

Daniel R. Allbright, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Charges originally filed September 9, 2009. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 359 days. Defendant received 11 months probation.

Shane R. Diamond, convicted of burglary resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Felony. Charges originally filed February 4, 2005. Sentenced to serve 12 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with credit for time served. Court suspends 4 years and 115 days.

Garth D. Greenwell, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Charges originally filed January 13, 2010. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 359 days. Defendant received 11 months probation.

Kevin D. Parker, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Charges originally filed December 29, 2009. Sentenced to serve 42 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 0 days. Defendant receives 0 days probation.

Mark A. Pennington, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor. Charges originally filed on January 13, 2010. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 54 days. Defendant received 11 months probation.

## March 18

Steven M. Richardson, convicted of escape, a Class D Felony. Charges originally filed October 2, 2009. Sentenced to serve 547 days in the Martin County Security Center. Court suspends entire sentence except for time served. Defendant received 1 year probation.

Mark A. Pennington, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Zachary T. Blaker, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Shane R. Diamond, theft, a Class D Felony, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; escape, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Cody Edwin Jasper, three counts of receiving stolen property, Class D Felonies, dismissed.

Timothy W. Witt, criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT FILINGS

## March 19

HSBC Bank Nevada vs. Beth Venard, civil collection.

Jonathan W. Cornett vs. Lelah M. Cornett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## March 22

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Byron O'Neill, civil collection.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Stephanie Hall, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

## March 17

Terri L. Crane to Capital One Bank for \$1,811.17.

Kevin M. New to Arrow Financial Services, LLC for \$1,272.30.

Joseph B. Padgett to Arrow Financial Services, LLC for \$4,625.39.

Tina Shaw to Household Bank for \$3,232.70.

Jody L. Sorrells aka Carrico to Capital One Bank for \$2,958.66.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

## March 22

Capital One Bank vs. Charles Hembree, civil collection, dismissed.

Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. vs. Larry and Linda Taylor, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS FILINGS

## March 22

Joseph Padgett vs. Audra Lyon, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. April Emons, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Donald Richards, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Calvin L. Cox, complaint.

## March 23

Midland Funding, LLC vs. John Wagler, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

## March 2

Stacy and Michael Tompkins to Hoosier Accounts Service for \$1,207.16.

## March 17

Mark and Ellen Anderson to Ryan Rentals for \$1,507.03.

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

## March 17 – March 24

Wade Arvin, Loogootee, seatbelt viola-

tion, \$25.

Norma Bainbridge, Greensburg, speeding 65 in a 50, \$125.

Anthony Cabello, Bicknell, speeding 62 in a 45, \$128.

Mark Colglazier, Mitchell, speeding 68 in a 55, \$119.

Timothy Cox, Loogootee, child restraint violation – child 8-16, \$25.

Steven Crays, Loogootee, speeding 73 in a 55, \$124.

Tonyia Gabhart, New Market, Tennessee, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Kevin Hert Jr., Shoals, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Justine Kimmel, Indianapolis, speeding 50 in a 35, \$119.

Misty Kinder, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Kenneth Martin, Owingsville, Kentucky, unregistered vehicle; expired plates, \$119.

Dennis Miller, Montgomery, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

John Nichols, Louisville, Kentucky, speeding 60 in a 40, \$124.

Kristie Odell, Martinsville, speeding 65 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Robert Ritz, Centerville, speeding 39 in a 25, \$119.

Robert Roach, Bloomfield, speeding 75 in a 55, \$124.

Matthew Rose, Parkersburg, Illinois, disregarding automatic signal, \$124.

Bryan Salmon, West Baden, impounding vehicles; improper certificates of registration and plates, \$119.

Frederick Schipp, Jasper, speeding 68 in a 55, \$119.

John Shafer, Apache Junction, Arizona, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Mary Sutton, Loogootee, speeding 32 in a 20; alteration by local authority; school, \$119; passing in a no-passing zone, \$124.

James Thyen, Jasper, speeding 72 in a 55, \$119.

Dorothy Troutman, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Leon VanHoy, Washington, speeding 65 in a 55, \$119.

Wylliam Wagoner, Loogootee, speeding 72 in a 55, \$124.

Vicki Wetter, Loogootee, driving without proof of financial responsibilities, \$139.

John Zins, Loogootee, ignoring stop sign, \$124.

Jarrod Zins, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

## Three arrested for involvement in recent burglaries

Orange County: On Wednesday, March 24, detectives from the Indiana State Police Criminal Investigation Division arrested three Orange County residents for their involvement in recent burglaries.

Preliminary investigation reveals that on Monday March 22, state police detectives and crime scene investigators were called to 4767 N CR 200W, in Paoli in reference to the house being burglarized and ransacked.

Items taken from the home included jewelry, a firearm, knives, and a video game system.

On Tuesday March 23, Indiana State Police Master Trooper Detective David Henderson returned to his home in Orleans to discover that his house had been burglarized.

Some of the items taken from his house were jewelry, guns, and law enforcement equipment.

Throughout the investigation investigators were able to establish enough probable cause to arrest Justin Vanbrunt, 18, Orleans, Johnny Gulasa, 18, Orleans and a 17 year old male juvenile from Orleans.

"Thanks to the cooperative effort from the Orange County Sheriff's Office, French Lick, West Baden and Orleans Police Departments and the French Lick Casino Security these arrests were able to be made," said State Police Detective Rick Magill

Also through the investigation, officers found evidence that has linked these individuals to another burglary that occurred earlier this month near Orangeville.

"We believe all of the firearms except for a few that were allegedly sold at a gun show in Salem have been recovered. As for the rest of the items just a few of the small items are still not accounted for," said Magill

All three suspected were charged with Three counts of Burglary, Residential Entry, and Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, and Possession of Marijuana under 30 grams.

Agencies assisting in the investigation were the Orange County Sheriff's Office, the French Lick, West Baden and the Orleans Police Departments and the French Lick Casino Security.



JOHNNY GULASA



JUSTIN VANBRUNT



## State Police reminds motorist to use caution in work zones

The Indiana State Police reminds drivers that Indiana law requires motorists to approach cautiously when an emergency vehicle is stopped on two- or four-lane roadways with emergency lights flashing.

This is the time of year when highway work crews are out in road construction zones repairing roadways throughout Indiana. Use extra care and reduce your speed in these work zones.

On Tuesday, March 16, 2010, a construction worker was struck and killed by a vehicle on I-80 at the 12.6 mile-marker in Lake County while patching the road. On March 24, 2010, a worker was struck by a vehicle, and injured on I-65 at the 131 mile-marker in Boone County while performing survey work in the median.

Motorists MUST change lanes away from the emergency vehicle if they can do it SAFELY, if not they must SLOW DOWN

and proceed with caution. We are asking motorists NOT TO STOP in the roadway, this may cause a chain reaction rear end collision with other vehicles, but to SLOW DOWN and/or MOVE OVER.

Indiana emergency vehicles include: Police vehicles, ambulances, fire trucks and rescue equipment, highway-incident-response vehicles, highway work vehicles, and vehicle recovery equipment (tow trucks).

The intent of this law is to protect the emergency and highway personnel who serve the public. Please be alert when you see emergency lights flashing and give them room to do their job safely.

Violating the law can result in a fine and your license will be suspended up to two years if you cause damage to emergency equipment, injury or death to an emergency worker.

## Indiana State Police arrest 11 drunk drivers over the weekend

Troopers from the Jasper State Police Post were busy this weekend taking impaired drivers off the roads.

From Friday night through Sunday night troopers arrested eleven drivers for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and three of those drivers were repeat offenders. The Jasper Post covers Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer Counties.

Lieutenant Don Bolen, commander of the Jasper Post, said "Impaired driving continues to be a big problem and concern for the motoring public. Even with all the education and public information people are still choosing to drive while being under the influence of drugs and or alcohol. One of our main priorities as law enforcement is to reduce crashes and the number of people injured in crashes and that is what we do when we remove intoxicated drivers from the roadways."

The following is a breakdown by county on the arrests: Crawford 1, Dubois 5, Orange 2, Perry 2, and Spencer 1

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

Plan ahead and always designate a sober driver before consuming alcohol.

Don't drive your vehicle if you've been drinking alcohol. Call a taxi or sober friend.

Take care of your friends. Never let a friend drive while impaired. Take their keys.

If you are hosting a party, always offer non-alcoholic beverages. Make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.

Never provide alcohol to anyone under the legal drinking age of 21.

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

## Loogootee accidents

**Wednesday, March 24**

4:40 p.m. – Jessica Downey, of Loogootee, was operating a 2002 Jeep and was pulling out of Old National Bank and failed to see a 2008 Lincoln driven by Ed Sanders, of Jasper. The two vehicles collided. No injuries were reported and Capt. Akles was the investigating officer.

**Friday, March 26**

8:40 p.m. – Richard Gluck, of Scottsburg, was operating a 2002 Chevy and was traveling westbound on US 50 when he struck a deer. No injuries were reported. Officer Todd was the investigating officer.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**James G. Bardwell and Dora J. Bardwell**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **J. Brett Bardwell**, of Dubois County and Cameron D. Bardwell, of Warrick County, Indiana. A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Fractional Quarter of the East Fractional Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 16 acres. Also, 5.5 acres commencing on the north line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of East Fractional Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West. Containing 21.5 acres in all, more or less.

**Paul J. Burch and Tracy J. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kenneth Greenwell**, of Martin County, Indiana. The north half of Lots 1 and 2 in the First North Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Francis Wagler and Mary Ruth Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Howard Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana. A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 9.37 acres more or less.

**Francis Wagler and Mary Ruth Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Owen Wagler and Martha Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana. A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 3.88 acres more or less.

**C. James Courtright**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph R. Miller and Ashley E.**

**Miller**, of Martin County, Indiana. A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre more or less.

## Sheriff's Chief Deputy offers a few pointers to local farmers

Martin County Chief Deputy Rob Street has a few pointers for local farmers on how to keep your farm safe.

With the shape of the economy, stolen livestock and farm equipment is a possibility.

Here are a few tips on how to keep your farm safe:

Install security lights and locks to discourage thieves and vandals.

Hire trustworthy employees.

Pay attention to unusual vehicles that park nearby and drive by often.

Question any strangers on your property.

Keep gate locked. Use large less valuable equipment to block entrances.

Never buy machinery or equipment with missing serial numbers. It's a possibility it's stolen.

Use an ID number to mark saddles, tack, and equipment. Make sure to keep a file of numbers.

Locate livestock pens away from the road.

Count livestock often and vary feeding schedules.

Contact law enforcement right away if you are a victim.

Never leave keys in machinery.

Put your ID number or code on all equipment hidden in two places.

Lock all outdoor fuel and fertilizer tanks, as well as all buildings.

Use anti-theft devices on equipment.

With most farmers using anhydrous ammonia (one of the main ingredients in Methamphetamine) for fertilizer, they

become a target for criminals.

Anhydrous Ammonia is a highly toxic and corrosive chemical.

After they siphon the chemical the tanks tend to leak damaging crops and livestock in the area.

Meth cookers may also be leaving a makeshift lab to be cleaned up as well, contaminating soil and costing thousands of dollars to be cleaned up.

Here are some tips on how to protect yourself and your farm.

Transport nurse tanks immediately before use and return them to a secure location right away after nurse. Do not leave them unattended in a field.

Lock up nurse tanks in a highly visible locations.

After fertilizing crops, make sure the fertilizer tank is completely empty and locked.

Inspect nurse tanks daily for signs of theft and tampering.

Here are some signs of a Meth lab to look for.

Partially opened tank valves and/or leaking tanks.

Bluish or greenish colors on propane tank fittings and nozzles. (Propane tanks are often used to store anhydrous ammonia.)

Discarded medicine boxes, coffee filters, cans, and batteries.

Beakers, tubing, and other lab supplies.

Strong chemical odors coming from a vehicle, field, shed, or other structure.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 812-247-3726.

## Jasper ISP Post February enforcement activity

The Indiana State Police had the following enforcement activity for February 2010. The Jasper State Police Post covers Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer Counties.

Traffic Arrests (tickets) 781  
Warnings 1744

Commercial Motor Vehicle moving arrests 15

DUI Arrests 36

Total Criminal Arrests 145

The Indiana State Police would like to encourage people to report illegal drug activity to the Methamphetamine Hotline at 800-453-4756, the Marijuana Tip Line at 888-873-1694, or the Jasper Post at 812-482-1441 or 800-742-7475. Remember if you wish to stay anonymous you can.

## Spring Clean-Up is Saturday, May 8



for Martin County residents only from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**\$10 per pick up truck load**

**Extra fees for paint, tires, computers**

Stop in at the Loogootee Recycling Center at 500 Industrial Park Drive to pick up a flyer. 295-4142



## Sound System Installation

Whether you have an existing PA system, bought one secondhand or require new equipment we can help you. Our professional staff will be able to install it for you safely and tidily. We will help you get the most from what you already have and supply anything missing.

**MAIN MUSIC**  
**Hwy 50, Loogootee**  
**812-295-2020**





# Martin County **OUTDOORS**



## Modern Life Is Not Just A Walk In The Park. Or Is It?

You have already heard that exercise like walking is a good way to improve your physical health. I'm not about to launch your ten-thousandth lecture on how you need to get more exercise. Instead I'm going to tell you about something that can make a huge difference in your life that is far easier and more enjoyable. That something is called Attention Restoration Theory (ART). Here is a thumbnail view of how it works and how you can make it work for you within minutes of reading this column.

In research on the effects exposure to nature can have on a person's cognitive thinking, it turns out that such exposure, even for short periods, and even in low-energy-level activities, has some remarkable restorative powers for us humans. Here is why, in a nutshell.

For humans to accomplish tasks we have to focus on whatever it is we are trying to do. The part of the brain that does this is the frontal cortex, where cognitive thinking takes place. When we focus on tasks we are using directed attention to control the stimuli related to the task and processing it into productive patterns. Some people do this better than others, and all do it better some days than others.

In most modern settings, however, there is an abundance of other stimuli that have nothing to do with the task we are working on. There are sights, sounds, temperature changes, textures, and smells all trying to get your brain's attention. The efforts expended in ignoring all the non-applicable stimuli results in attention fatigue. That fatigue results in stress which degrades our ability to maintain directed attention and makes the whole process of productive thinking less efficient. This stress also affects our bodies in some very harmful ways.

Even when we are not at work or school, our daily lives require the almost constant use of directed attention, and the filtering of stimuli. Just walking down the street requires us to be paying attention to other people, cars, curbs, etc., to avoid running into something or someone. Driving a car is another exercise in attention, so you get another stress load on the way home. While some activities like reading or watching TV might be welcome breaks from work, they still require us to direct our attention to focus on the story or plot.

Fortunately one of the best cures for attention fatigue is simple exposure to nature. Nature is filled with things that are so well-

known and understood by humans that the brain easily grabs the opportunity to shift into neutral and sort of coast. We see a tree and know what it is and our brain is fascinated with the tree. The same thing happens when we see a blue sky, hear a babbling brook or feel grass on our bare feet. We don't have to analyze a sunset, or a blue sky, or a view of a lake.

Humans have a fascination with nature that causes these stimuli to be almost instantly the center of our attention at the exclusion of other things. The brain turns its attention to these familiar and welcome stimuli and goes into its neutral mode. Our brain will then rapidly shed the, by now, broken and twisted shards of all those packets of junk we have been storing away. They simply melt away like the Wicked Witch of the West and take the stress with them.

One of the big surprises of the Attention Restoration Theory studies is that exposure to nature in these ways actually IMPROVES directed attention. Some reports of this improvement are calling natural the new Ritalin, because it is having similar effects on the ability to focus attention in people who are having problems doing that otherwise. When people are given tests for memory and comprehension, studies have shown that the test scores, after exposure to nature, were higher than those both during stress periods and prior to those periods. Nature makes your brain work better!

How much nature does it take to accomplish this miracle? Not much. A short visit to someplace where the majority of sights, sounds, smells and textures are part of the natural world our species craves at some primal level often reverses days of stress load. Making it a practice to take a daily walk in the park is one of the best ways to relieve the stress of your day. There is even evidence now that things like pictures of nature can have similar effects. This is beginning to drive interior decorating around places like medical offices, workplaces and classrooms. Employers are beginning to see that employee performance can actually be increased by providing time for a short walk in a natural setting, or providing an outdoor nature zone around an office campus.

For individuals, getting started taking advantage of this new knowledge is really simple.

Most communities have a park or two. Regular visits to walk, feed the birds or just sit and watch a sunset, or sunrise, can not only be fun but also make you a healthier, more productive person.

## Frogs - one sound of spring

BY KIM SHOWALTER  
Special guest writer

According to the calendar, March 20 was the first day of spring. But if you're like me, you knew spring had officially been announced a couple of weeks ago by the chorus of evening noises when the temperature began to creep up. After doing some investigation, I've learned what is making all the fuss.

FROGS! According to information gathered from the Indiana website, once the temperature creeps above 42 degrees, we start hearing them. Indiana has a wide variety of frogs but the first ones to sound off are the chorus frogs, wood frogs, and spring peepers.

Chorus frogs make the sound of running a finger over the teeth of a comb, a repeated "crreeekkk" sound that lasts from 2-3 seconds. The frogs are no longer than 1 1/2 inches in length with three dark stripes down their backs. Their skin is smooth, brown to gray, and their bellies are cream colored. A light line runs along their upper lip and a dark stripe runs from snout to groin and passes right through their eyes. They have no webbing between their toes.

Wood frogs are bigger, growing as long as 2 3/4 inches. They have a dark mask on the sides of their faces and are tan to reddish brown in color. They have smooth skin and white bellies. They make duck-like quacking noises in a hoarse, low-pitched croak. While many frogs hibernate in the mud at

the bottom of lakes or ponds, the wood frogs overwinter on land beneath loose soil, leave, or decaying logs. They survive freezing temperatures by producing their own natural "antifreeze."

Spring peepers are light tan to dark brown with a colored 'X' on their backs. They have white bellies, sometimes with dark flicks, and an arrow bar or dark spot between their eyes. They grown to be about 1 3/8 inches long and do have a little webbing between their toes. The sound they make is the high-pitched "peep-peep-peep-peep" short notes that last about one second and are repeated every second, sometimes with a short trill. A large group of peepers can be so loud it is almost deafening and may sound like the jingle of sleigh bells.

Isn't it interesting that these tiny creatures can make such a big noise! The reason they are making all the racket, of course, is because they are looking for lovers! Early spring is their mating season.

Whichever term you are familiar with, crawdads, crayfish, crawfish—first cousin to the lobster—are also looking for mate in early spring, adding to the noisy chorus about nightfall.

These ugly critters have ten legs with two being the larger claws in front. They emit rhythmical claw snapping, antenna scraping sounds to attract the ladies.

The males actually fight one another for their right to breed, sometimes losing a leg or claw—but that's okay—they slowly grow another one.

## Upcoming area 3-D archery shoots

**Saturday, April 3** – Marks 3-D Shoots, Orleans from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: Adults \$12, Children 12 and under free. is a hunters' 3-D course. Long bow, Recurve and Compound hunting bows. Course winds through fields and woods, uphill and down. Some shoots feature elevated shooting platforms. Total of 20 targets, each target has two shoot stakes for a total of 40 shots from varying distances. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd are in the form of Archery Accessories. Directions to the shoot: From Orleans - Hwy 37 turn West at Hucks onto Vincennes. Drive due West six miles and turn left onto County Road 425W. Marks 3-D Archery signs are posted on Vincennes and 425W. You may call 812-865-2593 or 812-675-1654 for additional directions.

**Sunday, April 11** – Broken Arrow Archery Club, Jasper, from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$10 members, \$8 non-members, \$15 family, \$5 youth, and \$1 cub. Details of the shoot: 30 target shoot ASA scoring system Rinehart and McKenzie targets. Bow hangers on the course, large practice range, full concession stand. Directions to the shoot From Jasper - East on 2nd Ave/164, left on N (look for sign). Continue on 325N until you see club on the right. Sign out the day of shoot. www.brokenarrowarcheryclub.com.

**Sunday, April 11** – Ouabache Trails, Vin-

cennes, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 non-members, \$5 members. Details of the shoot: 30 targets set in Ouabache Park woods, moderately hilly to flat, food and drinks available. Targets are a mix of well maintained Rinehart and new McKenzie XT targets. Plenty of parking and restrooms available along with overnight camping. Directions to the shoot: Exit US 41/US 50 at the 6th Street exit. Turn right at the light, go past the Executive Inn and follow signs to the shoot. Look for brown signs with yellow lettering directing to Ouabache Park. www.ouabache3d.blogspot.com

**Sunday, April 11** – Washington Conservation Club, Washington, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$10 adult, \$5 youth under 16. Details of the shoot: We've added targets this year and are now a full 30-target course, IBO scoring and club rules. Everyone, regardless of class will be able to shoot. Food and drinks are available. Try our novelty shoots to test your skills, especially the floating ping pong balls. Directions to the shoot: We are located 1/4 north of the Highway 50/57 intersection. Go through both lights past Walmart and turn east at the next crossroad. We are 1/4 mile down on the left. Watch for sign on Highway 57 placed on the corner at the mini-mall. washingtonconservationclub.9f.com

## Website provides resources for home gardeners

Home vegetable gardeners can find advice from experts on planting vegetables, protecting gardens against pests and more on the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service's vegetable gardening website, "Vegetable Tips: Resources for Easy Gardening."

Rosie Lerner, Purdue Extension horticulture specialist, said the site was launched last year to pool resources that home vegetable gardeners would find useful.

"With tough economic times, we anticipated there would be an increased interest in beginning a garden," Lerner said. "That was true last year, and it seems like it will continue this year."

The site is organized chronologically and walks visitors through the steps in growing vegetables.

The site includes sections on "Getting Started," "Planning," "Planting" and "Growing." New gardeners can find information on tools to use, crops to grow, and budgets for a vegetable garden.

Lerner said the site combines resources from several College of Agriculture departments, including Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Entomology, Agronomy, and Botany and Plant Pathology, as well as Purdue's Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory.

Lerner said that even if a gardener has been growing vegetables for a while, the site provides links to resources for problems such as pests, diseases and weeds.

The vegetable gardening Web site can be accessed at [www.extension.purdue.edu/gardentips/vegetables](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/gardentips/vegetables).

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Board members of the Martin County Cooperative Credit Union are shown above, from left to right, Carolyn McGuire, Lee Wininger (in the back), Secretary Harold Green, President Dan Steiner, and Vice President John Walker.

## Annual shareholders meeting of the MC Cooperative Credit Union

BY MIKE HURT  
Martin Co. Credit Union Manager

The 62nd Annual Shareholders Meeting of the Martin County Cooperative Credit Union was held on Thursday, March 11, in the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

The blessing was given by Derl Littrell. Loogootee Methodist Church Choir prepared the meal.

The business meeting was opened by President Dan Steiner. He thanked everyone for coming and introduced all the board members, supervisory committeemen, the credit committee, and the employees. He thanked them for doing a good job in making the credit union such a success.

Steiner read the minutes from the last meeting and they were approved, as read, with a motion from Cindy Lagle and a second from Roy Dale Grafton.

The Directors' Report was given by John Walker. He also recognized Guy Padgett who decided not to run for re-election this year on the credit committee. Guy has been on the credit committee for 38 years and was on the board for five years. He was given a plaque for all his years of service and was named by the Board to be a lifetime honorary member of the credit union, board and credit committee.

The Statement of Condition was given by manager, Mike Hurt, and it was approved as read by a motion from Dan Steiner and seconded by Sue Van Hoy.

The report of the Supervisory Committee was given by Chad Wade. Chad and Terry Whitman were in the office on December 31, 2009, to do an audit. He said everything looked good and that all procedures were being followed.

Donnie Reinhart gave the credit committee report on the number and amounts of loans made this past year.

Charlotte Meyer, chairperson of the nominating committee, gave her report. Meyer, Donna Allen, and Beth Ann Grafton met in the credit union office on February 13, 2010, to find nominees for three openings on the board of directors and one supervisory committeeman. Those nominated and who agreed to serve were Harold Green, Lee Wininger, and Carolyn McGuire. On the supervisory committee, Michel Mathias was nominated and agreed to run. John Walker administered the oath of office was administered to those elected.

Door prizes were won by Judy Walker, Phyllis Kidwell, Margaret Pielemeier, and Phyllis Bockelman.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from John Walker and a second by Cindy Lagle.

# Church BULLETIN

## New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE By Shirley Canell -Pastor's wife

Who is your King? John 18:33-38. It is time to make a decision that will affect the rest of your month, your year, and the rest of your life! You have to decide who is going to be the king of your life. This past Sunday was what we typically call Palm Sunday, the day the gospels report of Jesus riding into Jerusalem. Where people were shouting Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, King of Israel, they were announcing him as the Messiah.

As we look at Jesus' proclamation of being our Spiritual King. There are some serious implications for our lives, if we are going to live for Jesus' kingdom. The challenge today for our lives is that we live in a world that appeals to our senses. We put confidence and trust in those things that we can see, feel, and touch. We can not look to Jesus as a physical King, but as our Spiritual King. As it says in verse 36, "Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.'"

When you decided you wanted to make Jesus king of your life you knew things would change. You had friends that couldn't and didn't see things your way and wanted no part of Jesus' Kingdom. Jesus was rejected by his own people, just as we are sometimes. At times, we reject Jesus, one minute we proclaim Him as our King and the next we do something in our old ways that would be considered a denial of Him. We deny Him by our actions.

Jesus prepares us as He did the Israelites for the day He would leave this Earth. We see that in the previous chapters. Jesus wanted them, and us, to understand what His kingdom was going to be like. He talks to us about our relationship with Christ, our relationship with others, and with the world. Each time He knew it was going to be difficult. Each time He told that the Holy Spirit was going to be there to help, because living in the spiritual kingdom wasn't something that they would be able to accomplish on their own. Only with the power of the Holy Spirit would we be able to stand strong.

If you have Jesus as your King, he will be King over everything. EVERYTHING, even the little thing you try to tuck away and say, "Ok Lord, I give you all this over here but this little thing over here I will just hang onto it." Do you truly confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, King over every-

thing, not just some things? Do you truly believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead so that we could be saved?

Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice. Who is of the truth? Those who accept that Jesus is God, who accept the gift of life given freely by grace, those who repent and ask Jesus to forgive them, who believe Jesus is the only way to the Father, those who live by the Holy Spirit and not by the flesh. And those who obey his commandments, those who seek the Kingdom of God first above all else are of the truth. Those who believe that Jesus came to die on the cross for the complete work of grace, to take the punishment for our sins so we could have eternal life.

Hear my voice, God's voice is more than looking for a burning bush to talk to, it is listening to His word and doing it. Hearing God's voice is listening to the Holy Spirit as he discloses, teaches, and brings to your heart those things Jesus came to tell us. Listen to God's voice as He gives you His purpose in your life to love Him by serving Him.

Many of us walked around the neighborhoods of Loogootee this Saturday hanging bags on doorknobs. Each bag contained the plan of salvation, a church flyer, and an invitation to Easter Sunday service. We prayed for the lost as we walked and continue to pray for the lost daily. We will be having a short devotional Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. after which we will have a great breakfast prepared by the ladies of the church. You are welcome to come to the devotional, breakfast, or just the Sunday service, or all three. Our Easter service begins at 10 a.m. with praise and worship. If you have any questions concerning the church or your walk with Christ call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258. Is Jesus your King?

## Community Good Friday service

A community Good Friday service will be held Friday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at Maranatha Assembly of God located at 18880 Hwy. 231 in Loogootee.

Churches participating include The Loogootee United Methodist Church, St John's Lutheran, and New Beginnings Church.

The Loogootee choir will be singing and Pastor

Ernie Canell will give the sermon. For more information call 295-3049.

# Classified ADS

## FOR SALE

CASIO KEYBOARD for sale. \$75.00 Excellent condition. 295-3584

FOR SALE: Queen bookcase headboard. \$75; Outdoor rabbit hutch. \$40. 296-0510.

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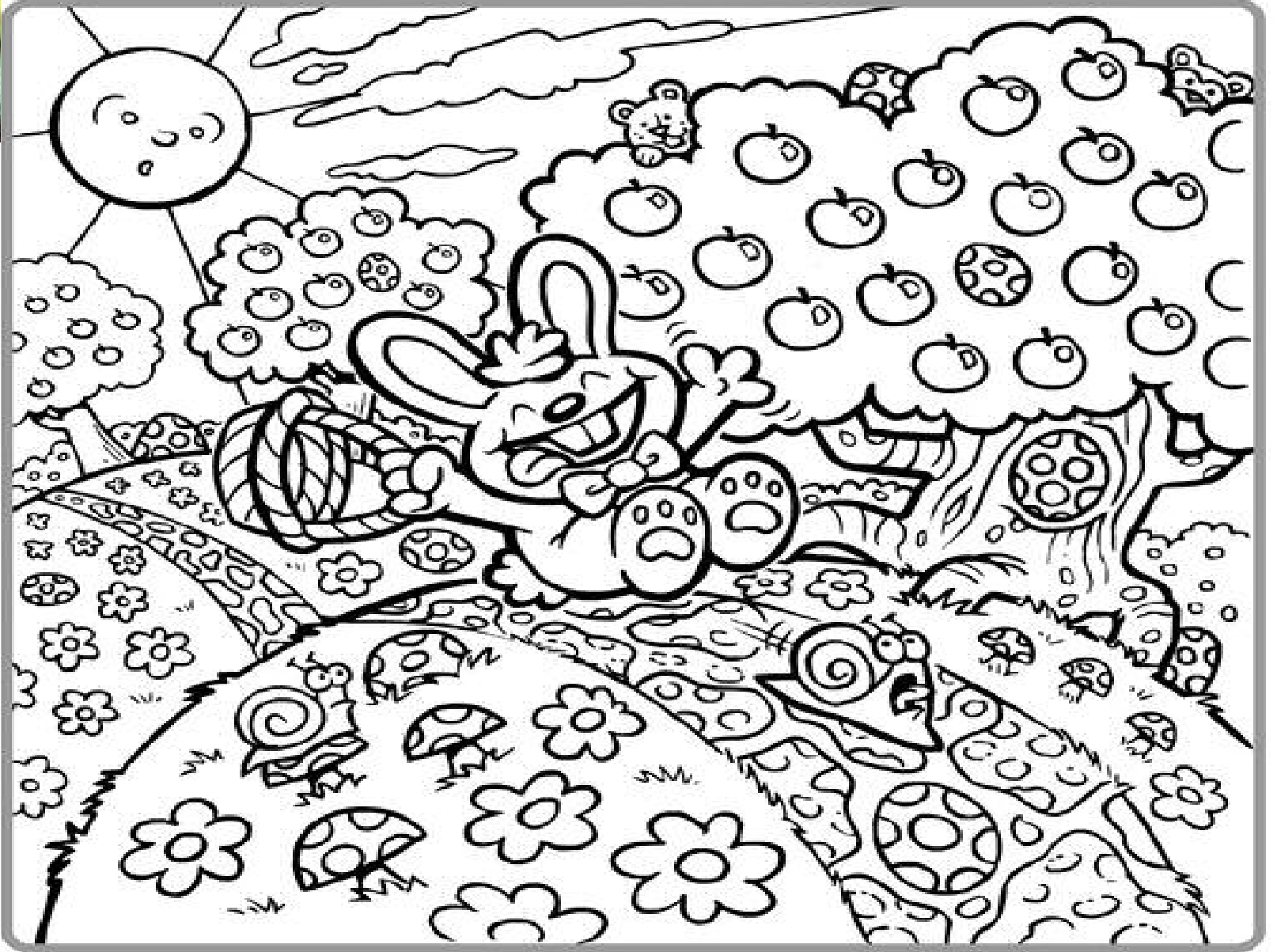


The silly Easter Bunny has lost all of his Easter Eggs. Help him find all of the 10 hidden spotted eggs in the picture below.



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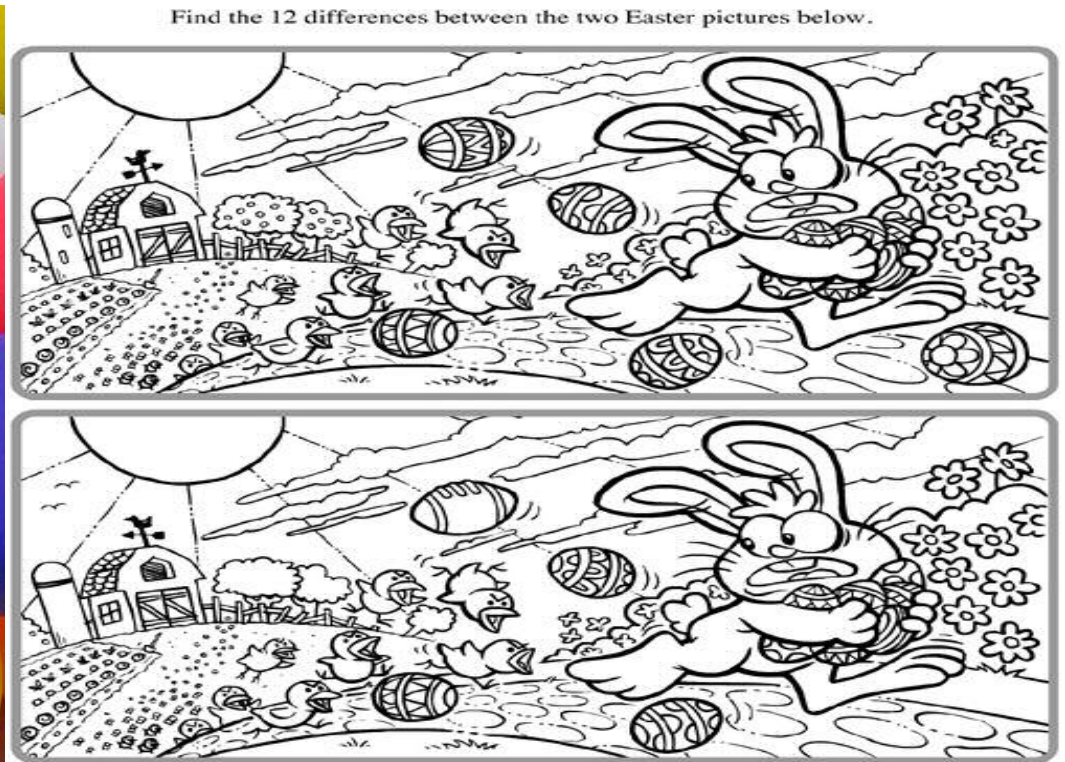
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# Local SPORTS



## Junior High Tennis team

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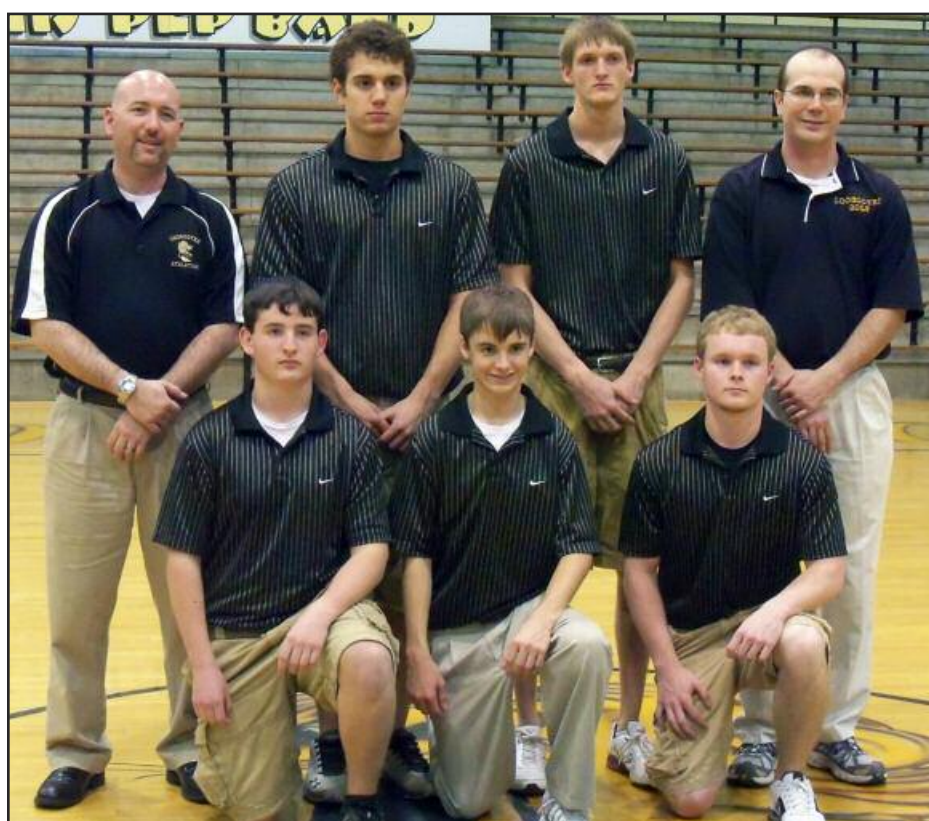
Members of Loogootee Junior High Tennis team are front row, from left to right, Ashely Jones, Andrea Blanton, and Abby Ackerman. Back row Hannah Walters, Sabrina Stuffle, Kylie Leonhard and Coach Jamie Wildman



## LHS Tennis team

-Photo by Shayna Otto

Members of the Loogootee High School Tennis team shown above, from left to right, are front row Lindsey Wininger, Andrea Vaupel, and Ashton Matthews. Middle row Emily Sutton, Allison Kaiser, Erin Wittmer, Kylie Sims, Brittany Eckerle, Jill Taylor, Hannah Lamar, and Rebecca Zins. In the back row are Coach Mike Tippery, Dalton Jenkins, Paige Schaefer, Devan Arvin, Emilee Lannan, Dana Sibrel, Natasha Trinkle, and Coach Jamie Wildman.



## LHS Golf Team

-Photo by Shayna Otto

Members of the Loogootee High School Golf team are shown above, from left to right, front row Joel Stoll, Tyler Booker, and Clinton Burch. Back row Coach Jason Wagoner, Stephen Bradley, Ben Hogan, and Coach Jason Hennett.



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Shown above are the participants of the recent Nunchaku Seminar held at Loogootee Martial Arts, from left to right, Master Dennis Overall, Wade Burris, DeAnna Canell, Ethan Penn, and Matthew Penn.

## Loogootee Martial Arts hosts Nunchaku Seminar

Loogootee Martial Arts held their annual Nunchaku Seminar on March 26. Students of Loogootee Martial Arts had the opportunity to study and become certified in the use of the ancient oriental weapon call the Nunchaku.

The Nunchaku is a farm tool used for removing the hull from rice and consists of two sticks attached together with a length of cord or chain.

During the Feudal Era of Japan, the com-

mon people were not allowed to carry weapons of any sort. If caught carrying a weapon, it would result in death. There were no laws against carrying farm tools.

The Nunchaku can be used for defense in striking, blocking, and restraining an attacker.

Loogootee martial artists that attended the seminar were Master Dennis Overall, Wade Burris, DeAnna Canell, Ethan Penn, and Matthew Penn.

## Martin County Youth Football upcoming events

### Youth football motorcycle ride

Martin County Youth Football will hold a Motorcycle Ride on Saturday, April 17. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Marathon in Loogootee and the cost is \$15 per person.

A chili dinner will be held at 5 p.m. at the Loogootee VFW. Prizes from Kelly's, Jerry's Pitstop, Birdseye Dairy Bar, Jody's 19th Hole, Dairy Master, Holiday World & Splashin' Safari will be given out.

For more information contact Audrey Robinson at 296-1924. The rain date is set for Saturday, April 24.

### Youth football sign-ups

The Martin County Raiders Football League will hold sign-ups on Sunday, May 16, at Pizza Junction in Loogootee from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$40 for the first child and \$30 for each additional sibling. Those interested must be enrolled in third through twelfth grade during the 2010-2011 school year and students from Loogootee, Shoals, and Barr-Reeve may sign up for the 10U, 12U, 14U, and high school teams.

The league provides helmets, shoulder pads, and jerseys. Practices are set to begin on July 13 with the Jamboree on August 14.

For more information contact Chuck or Audrey Robinson at 295-4773.

The Martin County Youth Football League recycles at the Martin County Recycling Center. You can donate plastic, aluminum, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, and slightly-used tennis shoes in the name of the football league. The recycling center donates to the league for these items.



## LHS Track team

-Photo by Shayna Otto

Members of the LHS Track team shown above, from left to right, are front row Melissa Ritchie, Dylan Frye, Megan Smith, and Kelsey Fleck. Second row Sarah Richer, Mitch Green, Lauren Walton, Shelby McAtee, Travis Osborn, and Jenna Slaubaugh. Third row Coach Erin Bateman, Lauren Henrichsen, Chris Axsom, Justin Limbach, Aaron Howell, Nick Sander, and Coach Brian Fountain. Back row Desiree Matheis, Garrett Carrico, Will Smith, David Allen, Trevor Goldsberry, Randy Taylor, Matthew Ritchie, and Wesley Witsman.



*News from  
Martin County  
4-H*

In accordance with county policy, Purdue Extension – Martin County will be closed Friday, April 2.

**4-H Rabbit Workshop**

Bob Dages, the Martin County 4-H Rabbit Superintendent, will have a workshop on Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at the fairgrounds for those who need their rabbit(s) tattooed or just want to make sure that their rabbit meets all of the exhibition requirements. If you are planning on exhibiting a rabbit at the fair this year, you must make sure your rabbit has a legible tattoo and is a purebred animal. Bob is holding this workshop to make sure all 4-H members and Future 4-H members are prepared to exhibit their animal at the fair.

**4-H Handbooks Now Available**

Martin County 4-H members can now pick up a copy of the 2010 Martin County 4-H Handbook. They are available at the Extension Office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The handbooks are also now available for viewing on the Purdue Extension – Martin County website located at <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/martin/>. Just click on the link “2010 Handbook” in the box on the left-hand side of the homepage.

**Martin County 4-H Shooting Sports**

Martin County youth interested in taking the 4-H Shooting Sports project should make plans to attend both of the upcoming Shooting Sports sessions. The first session will be on Saturday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds. The second session will be on Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Loogootee Country Club Shooting Range. You must currently be enrolled in grades 3-12 to participate, and you must register beforehand. To register, please call the Extension Office at 295-2412.

**4-H Horse and Pony Schedule**

Friday, March 26, at 7 p.m. - Open Arena  
Friday, April 2, at 7 p.m. - Open Arena  
These dates are subject to rain outs and may need to be rescheduled.

Any Questions Call Brenda Hendrix at 247-3087 or Tony Hollaway at 644-7944.

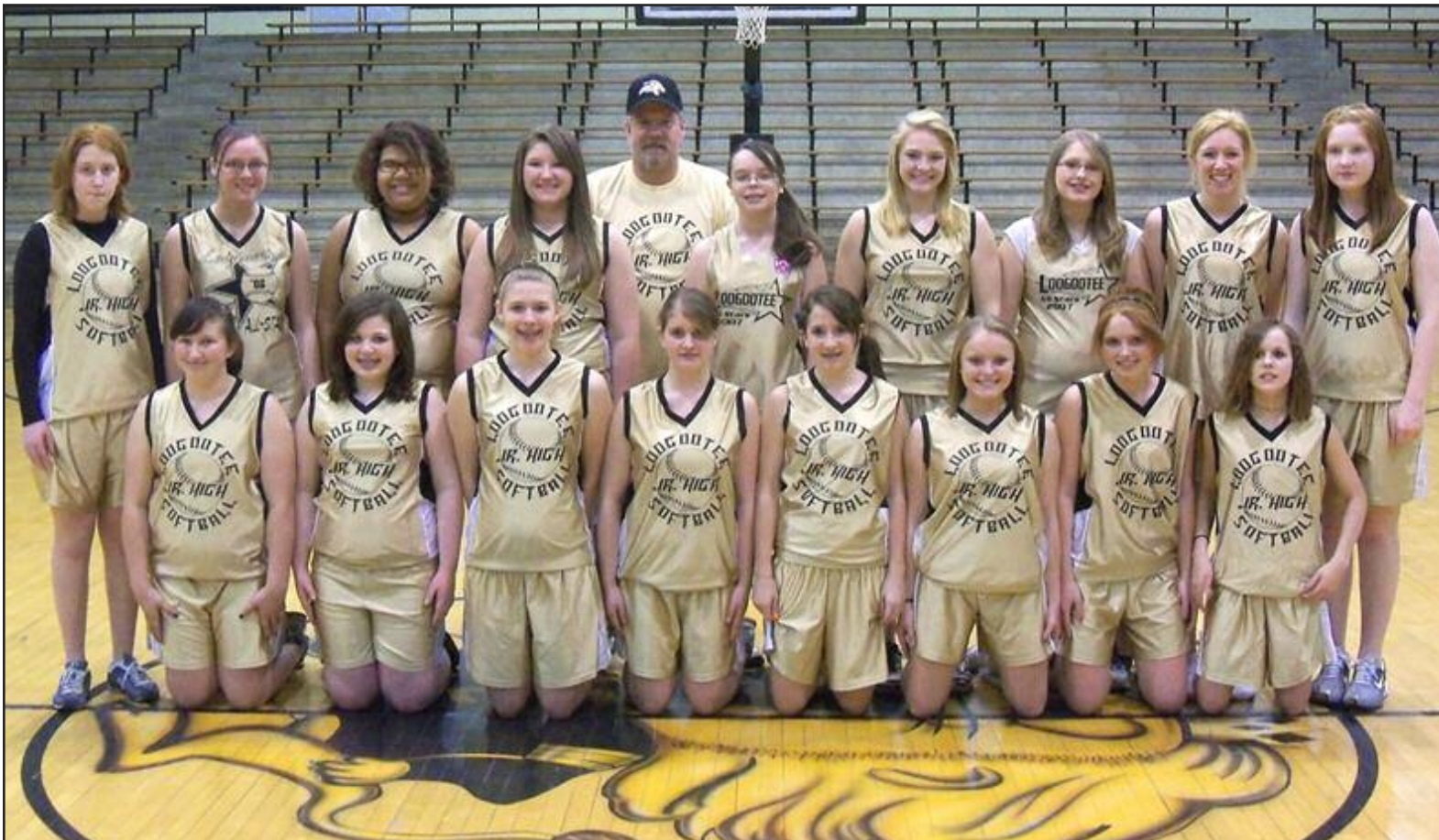
**More spring sports photos, including Shoals Schools, coming next week.**



**LHS Softball team**

-Photo by Shayna Otto

Members of the Loogootee High Softball team shown above, from left to right, are front row Jennifer Clark, Addison Dant, Brooke Nonte, Breann Truelove, Amy Beasley, Kylie Rainey, Gabrielle Ritchey, and Candace Dawson. Back row Junior Varsity Coach Megan Miller Rebecca Craney, Jessica Padgett, Remington Wagler, Jaclyn Padgett, Blake Walker, Allie Schultheis, Allison Arvin, and Varsity Coach Greg Clark.



**Loogootee Junior High Softball team**

-Photo by Shayna Otto

Members of the Loogootee Junior High Softball team shown above, from left to right, are front row Kathy Hovis, Addison Arvin, Kelsy Seals, Rachel Parcel, Mariah Weisheit, Madison Zins, Becca Ader, and Jacy Harper. Second row MacKenzie Walker, Nikki Williams, Selen Neely, Gabby Daniels-Cox, Moriah Bussinger, Taylor Hays, Cheyanne Axsom, Shayla Brewer, Emma Graber. Back row Coach Mike Jones.

**Loogootee 2009-10 Tennis schedule**

| Date     | Place | Opponent              | Time      |
|----------|-------|-----------------------|-----------|
| April 1  | Away  | Castle (Scrimmage)    | 5:30 p.m. |
| April 6  | Away  | Linton                | 4:30 p.m. |
| April 7  | Home  | North Daviess         | 4:30 p.m. |
| April 8  | Home  | South Knox            | 4:30 p.m. |
| April 10 | Home  | LHS Open              | 9 a.m.    |
| April 13 | Home  | Northeast Dubois      | 4:30 p.m. |
| April 15 | Home  | Washington            | 4:30 p.m. |
| April 16 | Away  | Jasper 8 Team Tourney | 6 p.m.    |
| April 17 | Away  | Jasper 8 Team Tourney | 8 p.m.    |
| April 19 | Home  | Bedford               | 5:30 p.m. |
| April 20 | Away  | Wood Memorial         | 4:30 p.m. |
| April 22 | Away  | Washington Catholic   | 4:30 p.m. |
| April 27 | Home  | Barr-Reeve            | 4:15 p.m. |
| April 29 | Home  | Forest Park           | 4:30 p.m. |
| May 4    | Home  | Vincennes Rivet       | 4:30 p.m. |
| May 6    | Away  | Paoli                 | 4:30 p.m. |
| May 11   | Away  | Bloomfield            | 4:30 p.m. |
| May 13   | Away  | White River Valley    | 4:30 p.m. |
| May 20   | Home  | Sectional             | tba       |
| May 21   | Home  | Sectional             | tba       |
| May 22   | Home  | Sectional             | tba       |



**Loogootee Junior High Softball team**

-Photo by Shayna Otto

Members of the Loogootee Junior High Track team are front row, from left to right, Jon Benet Ward, Brittney Rice, Nathaniel Moffit, Kaleb Lyon, Jayson Bullard, Sean Kiser, Tyler Lythgoe, Tye Collins, and Brandon Tolbert. Second row Devin Bullard, Mayson Riley, Jordan Clark, Grant Carrico, Ariel Jones, Wyatt Nonte, Angel Stuckey, and Lindsey Lukens. Third row Cody Waid, Matt Moffit, Kyle Craney, Briar Sellers, Kurt Bauer, Jonathon Jones, and Cecil Canady. Back row Coach Bryan Fountain, Takala Richardson, Aaron Hudson, Taylor Walker, Chase Wilcoxon, Brandon Rehl, Dylan Byers, Ryan Howell, and Coach Erin Bateman.



# Our GOVERNMENT

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative Mark Messmer



### Protecting Taxpayers, One Dollar at a Time

There's nothing like filing your taxes to make you wonder exactly how the government is choosing to spend your hard-earned money.

As we make appointments with the family accountant or install the do-it-yourself computer software, each of us is searching for every possible deduction.

I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about the precautions we took in state government this year to protect your state tax dollars.

Of course, I voted to pass property tax caps at the start of session and am thrilled that taxpayers will have the opportunity to vote in November on approving this change to the Indiana Constitution.

Constitutional property tax caps will ensure the permanency of the property tax reforms that began in 2008.

According to the Legislative Services Agency, homeowners are estimated to see a cut in their property taxes of over \$100 million in 2010 because of the property tax caps.

I also firmly believe the caps will encourage local government efficiency and prevent lawsuits.

This session I made a commitment to avoid tax increases.

Unlike Washington, D.C., the State of Indiana is making prudent fiscal decisions. Hoosier families all over the state are still struggling to get or remain on their feet during this recession, and clearly, adding to

a family's tax burden is not the answer.

In addition, I voted to delay the unemployment insurance tax increase which would have taxed more than 72,000 employers that own a small business that employs anywhere from 1 - 49 employees.

There were provisions in the bill that were not exactly what I wanted, but none that outweighed the positive benefits the tax delay will have on our district.

My colleagues and I will be working through the summer on helping to find a solution to the one-year tax delay issue that is one year away from being a problem.

All in all, given the financial constraints that we face as a state — and what I would call a politically charged short session — I am pleased with the outcome.

In my opinion, it is simply not an option to raise Hoosier taxes due to our state government's budget shortcomings. We first must live within our means.

Increasing taxes should never be our first resort, but rather our last. I am glad that I was able to prevent any new taxes from being passed this session.

## Government meetings

### County Council

The Martin County Council will meet Monday, April 5, at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse.

### Commissioners

The Martin County Commissioners will meet Tuesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse.

## News from the Statehouse

By District 62 State Representative Sandy Blanton



We are blessed here with good caring people intent on making this a better place to live.

I want to say goodbye to a good friend. Clarence C. Wilson passed away recently and I will miss him. He was known to everybody as Bill. He was something! He was a good and decent man, a man of high morals and dedication. Bill loved his Lord, adored his family and inspired people with his devotion to his community. Punkin Center lost a son and a hero.

High school basketball was one of his passions. His knowledge of the game was legendary. He loved his Paoli Rams. He loved the game. If there was an important game anywhere in the area, Bill could be counted on to attend. If he wasn't there, that particular game was not that important.

All his life, he followed the St. Louis Cardinals. He could tell you everything there was to know about anyone who ever played for his beloved "Redbirds."

Bill proudly surrendered his youth to the service of his country. He believed in America and the values that make this the greatest nation on Earth. He was a patriot in the truest sense.

It seemed that he knew everybody and their lineage. He was a caring person who always sought to help others. He was a friend to everyone he met. He was a person who cared. We all suffered a loss with his passing. If you knew Bill, you know that he is in Heaven waiting for that first sprig of grass to grow so he can mow the yard, another passion of his. Goodbye, my friend.

Our schools face hard times in the coming years. There are difficult decisions on the immediate horizon. The future of public education is in peril.

Fortunately, in our area, we have skilled administrators and teachers dedicated to our children. Dr. Alva Sibbitt at Paoli, Jim Terrell at Orleans, Todd Pritchett at Springs Valley, Tony Nonte at Shoals, Ron Bush at Linton-Stockton, Layton Wall at White River Valley, Ty Mungle at Eastern Greene, John Lantis at Mitchell, and Gerald Jackson at West Washington are progressive superintendents with their eyes on the future and conservative economic plans for the present. We can trust their leadership and rely on their ability.

All of us should make a special effort to thank the people who seek to serve our communities as they offer themselves for election to our school boards. What a difficult and often thankless job! Their concern for our children and our communities goes beyond personal satisfaction.

I believe in local control of schools. I trust the people of our communities to make good choices and wise decisions. I am convinced that this trust is well placed every time I visit one of our area schools.

Anyone has to be impressed by the accomplishments of our children. Our schools produce good citizens with great values and strong work ethic. We see it every day.

The Orleans Academic team captured first place in the PLAC. What a great accomplishment!

The Orleans boys and girls compete at the highest level in academics as well as athletics. Hard work, self-sacrifice, sportsmanship and teamwork are the tradition there. Great people teaching our children good values! Thank you to Coach Tom Bradley and his staff, Academic Coaches Kristina Hole, Leah Morgan, Kathy Wilson, Sean Steele, Princi-

pal Gary McClintic and all those who make Orleans Schools such a special place.

Paoli High School has one of the best science and math departments in this area. Paoli offers vocational education programs that prepare students for jobs and life. Learning about life and preparing for the future is the Paoli way. Jerry Stroud knows his students and cares for them deeply. Thank him for his leadership.

And, no one has forgotten the incredible job that Brian and Laura Balsmeyer have done. They are dedicated to excellence. They have been an inspiration to the community. They have made a difference, not only with the Paoli football program, but in the lives of the kids they teach. Character, sportsmanship, values and pride are important - they teach it!

Coach Leslie Akers, a Hall of Fame volleyball coach at Springs Valley, has made a difference in hundreds of young women's lives. She teaches confidence and perseverance. She has helped build opportunity. Coach Leslie and Coach Chuck Akers helped so many children in our area.

We appreciate Coach Leslie and the job she does. We all remember Chuck and are still saddened by his loss.

Shoals Schools have a strong academic focus. They have time for individual attention and they start early with programs of academic enrichment. They push excellence; they focus on achievement. The facilities and the faculty are dedicated to their children. Principals David Springer and Carolyn Eubank push for achievement. Test scores are rising, pride is flourishing, and expectations are high — all signs of a thriving and vigorous educational experience.

And the Lady Jug Rox just completed their best season ever! Go Jug Rox!

Pat Schmidt and Ray Walker took time out from their personal businesses to serve on the Orange County Development Commission. Their selfless service has been invaluable. They helped create a growing infrastructure, revitalized our communities and brought Orange County together in a vision for a better tomorrow. They gave their talents to the people of Orange County. Thank you!

Commissioner Jim Springer continues to work every day toward finding a way to alleviate the floods that plague Orange County. It is a huge problem with serious economic consequences, a problem that has no immediate answer. Jim has brought together people from both the state and federal government; he has convinced them of the urgency to find a solution.

The Flood Task Force he leads faces an uphill and difficult task. His work goes largely unrecognized. When success comes and the flood waters in the Valley become only a memory, Jim is the person we will thank.

All these people care deeply for their communities. Local government, local decisions and personal involvement are the best form of government. From the good men and women of our communities, dedicated to the places where we live, comes the pride and the resolve to make this a better place and gives us hope.

Speaking of good things and something to be proud about—GO BUTLER BULLDOGS! (Isn't Indiana where basketball was invented?)

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

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# Our **SCHOOLS**

## Shoals Kindergarten Round-up

Shoals Elementary School is conducting its annual search for potential kindergartners in preparation for Round-Up. The Round-Up will be held for incoming Kindergartners Friday, April 9, at Shoals Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary for all students by April 7.

A child must be five years old on or before August 1, 2010, in order to enroll in kindergarten. All eligible children should enroll during Round-Up. Parents should attend Round-Up with their child and bring the child's certificate of birth, social security card and immunization records. Specific schedules of times for arriving at school are as follows: Last names beginning with A-I: promptly at 8:30 a.m., J-R: promptly at 10 a.m., and S-Z: promptly at 1 p.m.. Each session will last approximately one and one-half hours.

Parents are asked to please use the front

parking lot (in front of the gym) and enter through the doors of the Elementary School by the flagpole.

Physicals will be offered free of charge the day of Round-Up by a Family Nurse Practitioner. Immunizations will be given free of charge at the Martin County Health Office, which is located inside the Post Office building. A physical, complete immunizations, social security card, and certificate of birth are all required for entry into school.

It is necessary to pre-register your child for Round-Up via mail, fax, or phone on or before April 7.

No student enrolling for kindergarten will be allowed to attend the first day of school without record of immunizations, social security card, physical, and birth certificate.

If you have any questions concerning Kindergarten Round-Up, please contact the Elementary school at 247-2085.

## Loogootee Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration will be held at Loogootee Elementary West on Friday, April 9. The schedule is as follows:

9:30-10:15 - Last names beginning with A-G

10:15-11:00 - Last names beginning with H-M

12:30- 1:15 - Last names beginning with N-S

1:15- 2:00 - 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 110, 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. The children will be asked to write their name, identify letters, and identify numbers. Parents may pick their child up after they have completed the enrollment forms.

Children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2010 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 Elementary West are all day, every day.

According to Indiana law, every child residing in Indiana who enters Kindergarten or grade one must have the following immunizations: 5 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT, 4 doses of polio, 2 doses of MMR, 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, and 2 doses of Varicella vaccine (chicken pox)\*

\*If your child has had chickenpox, a Physician's statement documenting a history of Chicken Pox disease including the month and the year of the disease is acceptable.

Parents will have the opportunity to order their child a kindergarten t-shirt during kindergarten 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 \$7, and must be paid for when ordering. Shirts may be picked up at registration in August.

Current kindergarten students will not have class on April 9.

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



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Loogootee sophomores who recently participated in a talent show at the Odon Community Building were, from left to right, Dylan Wagoner, Dylan Fuqua, Brooke Nonte, and Kyle Watkins

## Area students put on talent show

Four Loogootee High School sophomores were among eleven area students who participated in a talent show at the Odon Community Building on Saturday, March 27, 2010. The talent show and dinner benefit was put on for the Senior & Family Services of Odon and the Odon Lions Club.

Each student performed three songs of their own choice.

Loogootee students participating in the show were Dylan Wagoner, son of Max and Sherri Wagoner; Dylan Fuqua, son of Ben and Mandy Fuqua; Brooke Nonte, daughter of Brent and Bobbi Sue Nonte; and Kyle Watkins, son of Larry and Stephanie

Watkins.

Sophomores from Barr Reeve were Megan Lengacher, daughter of Tim and Denna Lengacher and Barr Reeve graduate, Conrad Knepp, son of Steve and Darlene Knepp.

The five North Daviess students participating were eighth grader Alexis Reed, daughter of Andy and Liana Reed; senior Ashley Webster, daughter of Rob and Ashley Webster; freshman Lane Fulton; and senior Lance Fulton, son of Jack and Dana Fulton; and senior Breanna Dyer, daughter of Marsha Dyer.

The students did an outstanding job!



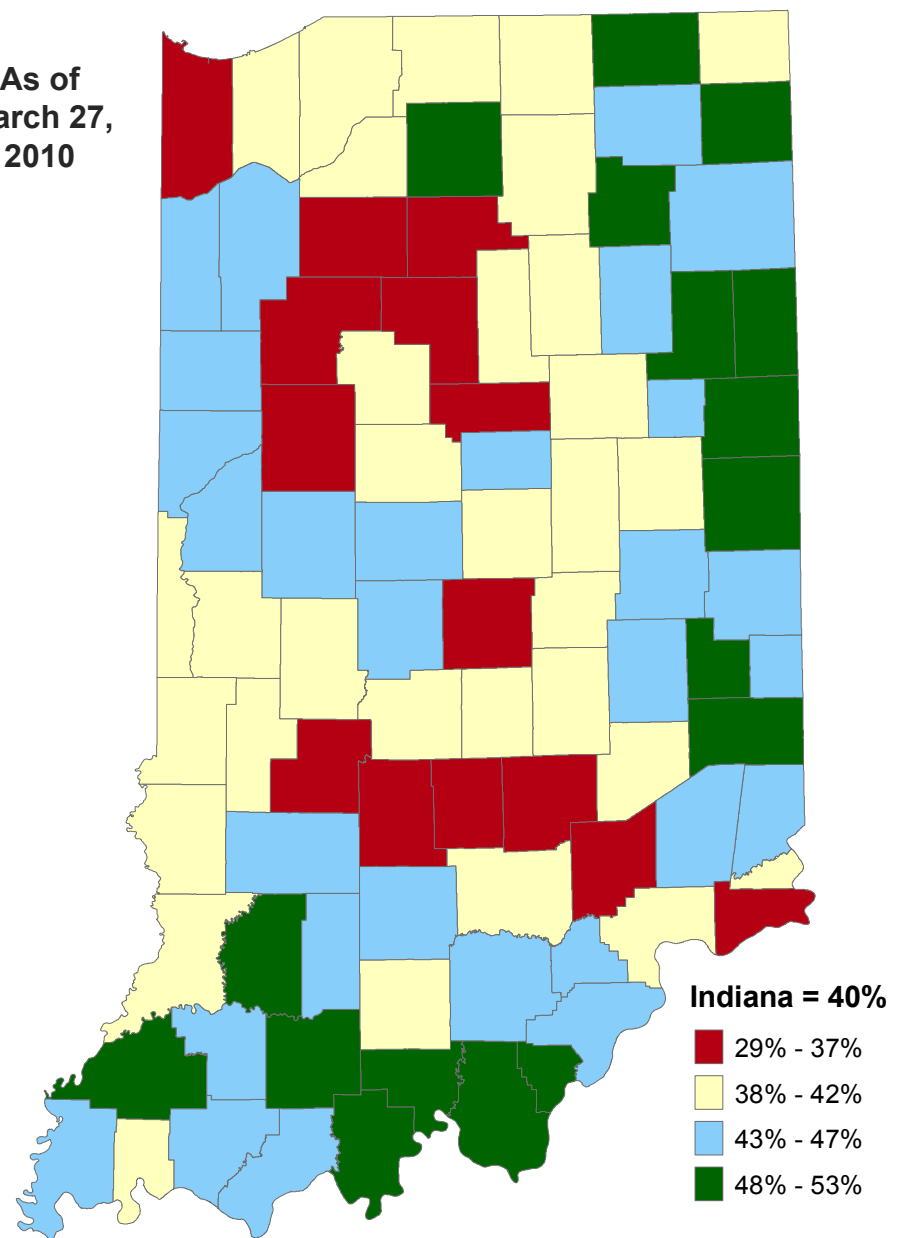
## VU Career Fair

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From left, Tracie McNeece, certified pedorthist with Grundman Custom Footware in Vincennes, talks with Vincennes University student Cassondra Fegan, of Loogootee, during VU's Business/Public Service Career Fair on March 30. Fegan is majoring in Supply Chain and Logistics Management at VU. A large number of employers were on hand to recruit VU students at the Beckes Student Union.

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