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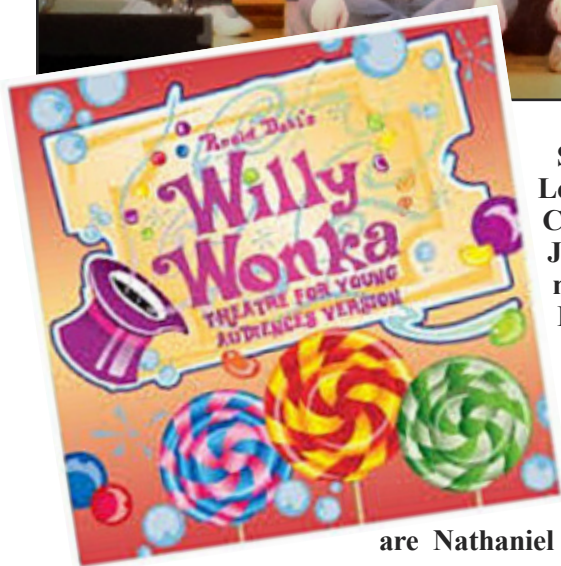
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Shown above is the cast and crew for this weekend's performance of *Willy Wonka* at Loogootee High School. In the front row, from left to right, are Justin Swartzentruber, Cole Harmon, Kayla Taylor, Kimberly Rogers, Kimberly Bough, Brooke Dunn, and JonBenet Waid. In the second row, from left to right, are Konner Lyon, Jamison Henette, Hannah Walters, Dylan Jones, Matty Jones, Sara Bailey, Carson Rayhill, and Lindsey Lukens. In the third row, from left to right, are Kaleb Lyon, Taylin Trambaugh, Josh Cook, Kylie Hall, Tayler Smith, Elizabeth Sanders, Shania Swigler, Ella Donnersberger, and Patrick Allbright. In the fourth row, from left to right, are Aspyn Carrico, Lindsey Robinson, Lindsey Rasico, Alexis Long, Liz Burch, Cassidy Esch, Trinity Howell, Ariana Gomez, Sara Wagler, and Makenzie Wagoner. In the back row, from left to right, are Michael Arford, Chris Ashby, Alexas Hutchinson, Kendra Lythgoe, Tyson Sanders, Katherine Gilbert, Jessie Stoll, and Cruse Bridgewater. Not pictured are Nathaniel Moffitt, Jordan Kaiser, Charles Graber, and Marcus Lukens.



EMMA GRABER

## Emma Graber awarded 2014 Lilly Scholarship through Foundation

Emma Graber, daughter of Elmer Graber and Brenda Smith, has been named the Martin County Community Foundation's 2014 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Emma will receive a full-tuition scholarship to a four-year Indiana public or private college or university, along with an annual \$900 stipend for required books.

Emma, a Loogootee Jr/Sr High School senior, plans to pursue a pre-physician assistant degree at Butler University, University of Evansville or Purdue University.

"I want to express my gratitude to the Martin County Community Foundation for selecting me as this year's Lilly Scholar. I am truly thrilled and humbled to learn I have received this honor. Thank you to the selection committee for awarding me this scholarship. Thank you to my family, friends, teachers, and classmates for their continued support. I hope that one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goals just as all of you have helped me," said Graber.

Nine students applied for the scholarship. The selection committee, made up of volunteer community residents, narrowed the field to the final six. Two names (one recipient and one alternate) were submitted to the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) for final selection of the recipients. ICI is a non-profit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, non-profit, private colleges and universities in the state.

Every year, Lilly Endowment reviews all aspects of the scholarship program, trying to find ways to maximize the effectiveness of the program while maintaining responsible stewardship of the Endowment resources. Lilly Endowment offered one scholarship to the community of Martin County.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. There were 143 scholarships awarded statewide.

## LHS students present Willy Wonka

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

After weeks of prep and late nights of practice, Loogootee Jr.-Sr. High School students will present Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka* this weekend in the school's auditorium.

The first performance will be Friday night, April 4 at 7 p.m. and the second will be held Saturday night, April 5 also at 7 p.m. Cost for student tickets is \$5 and \$8 for

adults if purchased in advance in the high school office. All tickets at the door will be \$10. The same cast will perform both evenings.

According to Wikipedia, Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka* is a musical play that combines elements of both Roald Dahl's book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and of the 1971 movie "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" with newly-created material. The play has several versions: the original version which premiered in 2004,

the Junior version, the Kids version, and the Theatre for Young Audiences version, which is the one LHS students will be performing. All are owned by Music Theatre International, the company that owns the *Willy Wonka* license.

*Willy Wonka* will be played both nights by freshman Matty Jones. Dylan Jones, eighth grader, will be taking on the role of Charlie Bucket. The other children touring the chocolate factory with Charlie will be (See 'LHS' continued on page 2)

## Resident wants road to her landlocked property

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Brooke Gregory approached the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night, April 1 about getting a road opened to property she owns that is landlocked. She said she has been working on getting this done for 15 years and has gone through six sets of commissioners in that time period to no avail.

She explained that the area was originally all one piece of property and when it got divided, no easements were included for access to her portion. The property has a log cabin and a lake and is 30 acres.

Gregory said she felt that since she pays taxes on that property she should be allowed to have a county road to get to it. She said she has probably paid \$40,000 in taxes on property she doesn't have access to and she just needs someone from the county to go

out and mark where the county road should be and she would pay to have the road done, up to county standards. She mentioned that there was an unimproved Country Road 85 that could be worked from. She said it's a quarter of a mile distance to her land. "They've done a lot more than that for a lot of less taxpaying people," she said. "I don't

understand what the problem is." She added that it is against the law for it to be landlocked.

Commissioner Paul George said he was under the assumption that Gregory had another way into the property. Gregory said she did not but her uncle has allowed her (See 'RESIDENT' continued on page 2)

## County's jobless rate 11th lowest last month

Martin County's unemployment rate increased from 5.4 percent in January to 5.8 percent in February according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development report released last week. The county is tied with three other counties in the state (Johnson, Switzerland, and Tippecanoe) for having the 11th lowest jobless rate for February.

In February, Martin County had 5,239 residents able to work with 304 of them without jobs. In January, there were 5,125 citizens in the workforce and 278 of them were unem-

ployed. In February of last year, the county's jobless rate was 6.2 percent with 5,140 residents able to work and 321 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's unemployment rate also rose in February to 5 percent, up from 4.8 percent in January. The county had the third lowest jobless rate in the state last month.

In February, Daviess County had 14,980 residents in the workforce and 756 of them were jobless. In January, the county had (See 'RATE' continued on page 2)

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Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Dept.

WEST BOGGS PARK

Glendale SFWA  
Campground





# LHS

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played by: Jamison Hennette (Augustus Gloop), eighth grade; Sara Bailey (Violet Beauregard), freshman; Hannah Walters (Veruca Salt), senior; and Carson Rayhill (Mike Teavee), eighth grade.

Charlie's mom will be played by Kylie Hall, freshman; Grandpa Joe and Mr. Beauregard will be played by Tayler Smith, senior; Grandpa Josephina will be played by Shania Swigler, freshman; Grandpa George will be played by Patrick Allbright, junior; Grandma Georgina will be played by Ella Donnersberger, freshman; Mrs. Gloop will be played by Taylin Trambaugh, eighth grader; Phineus Trout will be played by Kaleb Lyon, freshman; Mrs. Teavee will be played by Elizabeth Sander, senior; and Mr. Salt will be played by Josh Cook, eighth grader.

Other cast members are: freshman Lind-

## RESIDENT

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access through his land a few times. She said she doesn't want the road to be a thoroughfare, she just wants it for access to her property. Commissioner Kevin Boyd said that if it is a county road, she can't keep people from travelling on it. She said that it will be a dead end road ending at a chicken coop or her pond but said she is fine with it being accessible by others, she just wants it done.

County Attorney Dave Lett said he would have to pull the file and relook at the issue before giving any information since it has been several years since the land was divided. The commissioners told Gregory to come back to the next meeting in two weeks.

Josh Hughett, humane society president, presented the commissioners with the society's quarterly activity. The report stated that the shelter has taken in 31 dogs and 10 cats in the first three months of the year. Six of the dogs were claimed by their owners, the remaining animals were either surrendered or taken in as strays and never claimed. From January through March the society has adopted out 31 dogs and 10 cats. \$1,800.95 has been spent on vet bills, \$1,675.29 has

## Steiner to seek re-election for prosecutor

Martin County Prosecutor Mike Steiner has announced his intention to seek re-election for his fourth term. "The last 11 years have been the best 11 years of my professional life. I have had the opportunity and honor to serve the people of Martin County. I owe a debt of gratitude that I may never be able to repay," said Steiner. He continued, "I love what I do because I really believe I have made a difference in people's lives. That is why I hope to serve another term." Steiner also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council and currently is President of the Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys.



MIKE STEINER

Steiner believes he has the confidence and support of law enforcement and thinks that is critical to effective service. "Our police officers are incredibly dedicated despite some pretty severe limitations. We don't have the number of officers or the equipment available that other communities do but manage to do well with what we have. I have developed a good relationship with these officers. They know they can call me any time of the day or night and I will do everything I can to help them," stated Steiner.

There are many areas involved in running the prosecutor's office. These include criminal cases, child support issues, victim assistance, and budgetary issues. "I think the single most important function of the prosecutor is dealing with people. I treat everyone, regardless of their situation, with

sey Lukens as Candy Kid Matilda; seventh grader Konner Lyon as Candy Kid James, Tyson Sanders, senior, as head Oompa Loompa number one; Cruse Bridgewater, senior, as head Oompa Loompa number two; Katherine Gilbert, Jessie Stoll, Mackenzie Waggoner, Trinity Howell, Aryanna Gomez, Sarah Wagler, and Cassidy Esch, all sixth graders, as other Oompa Loompas; and Michael Arford, Lindsey Rastico, Alexis Long, Alexas Hutchinson, Liz Burch, Lindsey Robinson, Kendra Lythgoe, Aspyn Carrico, and Chris Ashby, all sixth graders, as the squirrel legion.

Crew members include Cole Harmon, Jordan Kaiser, Kimberly Bough, Jonbenet Waid, Brooke Dunn, Nathaniel Moffitt, Justin Swartzentruber, Kimberly Rogers and Kayla Taylor. Stage directors are music director Steve Sherozman and teacher Rhannon Graves.

been spent on dog and cat food, and \$1,581.88 has been spent on utilities. The humane society has received 232 phone calls, emails or facebook/Petfinder messages in the first three months regarding animal abuse or neglect, strays, surrender requests, lost/found pets, or inquiries on adoptable animals. The report also noted that all animals that come through the shelter now receive all suggested vaccinations, including rabies, and are spayed/neutered, with the exception of young puppies and kittens.

He also noted that this year's dinner and auction will be held on April 12 at Loogootee High School and funds raised at that event go toward several months of the shelter's expenses, so it is very important.

Auditor January Roush reported that of the six properties left over from last year's tax sale, three sold at the recent commissioners' sale at the courthouse totaling \$873. She added that if all the property taxes on those properties were brought current, it would total \$9,000 for the county.

At the end of the meeting Commissioner Dan Gregory wanted to remind the public that farming will be starting up again soon and drivers should be cautious on the roadways for farming equipment.

respect and dignity. By doing so I am able to resolve cases and situations without undue drama or expense. We can almost always get good results in our criminal cases without trials. Trials are sometimes necessary but always expensive so I see no reason to do them unless we just have to," said Steiner.

Some people believe a prosecutor should do nothing more than put people in jail. "I take very little pleasure in locking people up. It is part of the job but there should be no joy in doing it. I get the most satisfaction from truly helping people. We deal mostly with people who have addiction or mental health issues. When I can help someone with those

problems begin to lead a productive life, I find true joy. That makes all the frustration and late hours worth it," said Steiner.

Steiner lives with his wife, Shelli, in Shoals. They have four daughters, Charli, Jenae, Mindi, and Mackenzie. He is chairman of the Martin County Safe Schools Commission, is on the Sheriff's Merit Board, serves on the Martin County Community Corrections Advisory Board, and is active with the Shoals American Legion as a member of the Sons of the American Legion. He has also coached Cal Ripken baseball and high school baseball for Shoals High School. If elected he will make two promises. "I will do what I have tried to do for eleven years: I will show up for work every day and I will give you my best effort. I would appreciate your support and vote," concluded Steiner.

# RATE

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14,859 residents able to work with 709 of them unemployed. In February of 2013, Daviess County had an unemployment rate of 6.2 percent with 14,747 residents in the workforce and 921 of them without jobs.

Dubois County also saw an increase in their unemployment rate from January to February, moving from 4.6 percent to 4.9 percent. The county was in second place in the state for lowest jobless rate.

In February, Dubois County had 21,569 residents able to work and 1,060 of them were without jobs. In January, there were 21,589 citizens in the workforce with 992 of them unemployed. In February of last year, the county had a jobless rate of 6.1 percent with 21,053 residents able to work and 1,293 of them without jobs.

Orange County's unemployment rate went from 7.4 percent in January to 7.8 percent in February. The county was in a five-way tie with Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, and Henry for the 25th highest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties.

In February, Orange County had 10,212 residents able to work and 792 of them were without jobs. In January, there were 10,093 citizens in the workforce with 749 of them without jobs. In February of last year, the county had a jobless rate of 9.8 percent with 10,132 residents able to work and 995 of them unemployed.

Lawrence County's jobless rate jumped a whole percentage point in February to 10 percent, up from 9 percent the month before. The county had the second highest jobless rate in the state last month.

In February, Lawrence had 21,450 residents in the workforce with 2,141 of them without jobs. In January, there were 21,135 residents able to work and 1,908 of them were unemployed. In February of 2013, the county's unemployment rate was 11.4 percent with 21,262 residents in the workforce and 2,416 of them unemployed.

The top ten counties in the state with the highest jobless rate for February were: Ver-

million at 11.1 percent, Lawrence at 10 percent, LaPorte at 9.4 percent, Crawford and Jasper at 9.3 percent, Newton at 9.2 percent, Fayette and Starke at 9.1 percent, and Lake and Owen at 9 percent.

The top ten counties in the state with the lowest unemployment rate for February were: Hamilton at 4.6 percent, Dubois at 4.9 percent, Daviess at 5 percent, Bartholomew at 5.2 percent, LaGrange, Kosciusko, Jackson and Hendricks at 5.4 percent; Knox at 5.5 percent, and Boone at 5.7 percent.

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate in The Hoosier State continued its significant downward trend in February. The rate stood at 6.1 percent, down from an initially reported 6.4 percent in January. The number of unemployed Hoosiers was less than 200,000 for the first time since August of 2008. The unemployment rate has been on a downward slide so far in 2014 while the labor force has expanded by nearly 14,000. Indiana's rate was more than one-half of a percentage point below the national rate for the first time in a decade.

Indiana also added 5,400 private sector jobs in February. The Hoosier State has grown more than 214,000 private sector jobs since July 2009, the low point of employment in the state.

"Indiana has had a strong start to 2014 despite the harsh winter," said Scott B. Sanders, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Our unemployment rate is now the lowest it has been since August 2008 and our labor force has expanded by nearly 14,000 in two months."

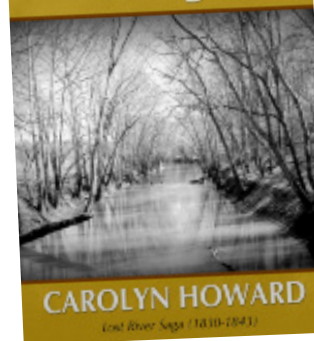
Employment by Sector

Sectors showing gains in February included: Leisure and Hospitality (2,200), Construction (2,000), Trade, Transportation & Utilities (1,400) and Manufacturing (800). Sectors showing decline in February included: Private Educational & Health Services (-800), Professional & Business Services (-600) and Financial Activities (-300). Total non-farm employment increased in February (9,100).

Author Carolyn Howard

## BOOK SIGNING

Faith Healer's Daughter

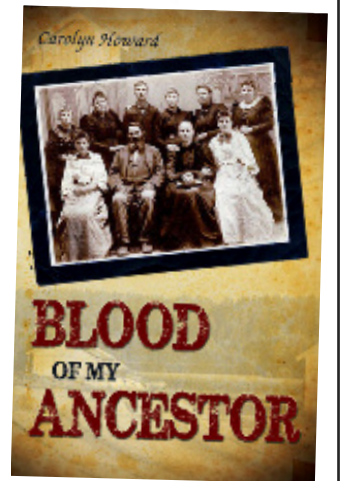


"Faith Healer's Daughter"

&

"Blood of My Ancestor"

Copies of both books will be available at the signing or bring your own copy. Both books are also available in paperback or digital download at amazon.com and bn.com.



Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5

10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at The Candy Mill, 108 Mill St., Loogootee

Book signing in conjunction with The Candy Mill's Open House April 1-April 5

### ABOUT THE BOOKS

#### Faith Healer's Daughter

Liza Stanfield and Albey Quackenbush were normal kids growing up in the 1840s on Lost River in southern Indiana. They lived with their parents on the farm, worked hard and loved life.

John Ritter was studying hard to become a medical doctor with the goal of making his world a better place.

Enter Dr. William Bowles. Dr. Bowles would do anything to become powerful, including body snatching for his own medical research and stealing the wife of a wealthy Louisianan planter away from her husband. How do the ambitions of Dr. Bowles lead to a homicide that could've ruined Albey and Liza's lives? And what does John Ritter eventually do to take this powerful man down?

Lost River Saga tells the story of these four people, their lives, and how their lives intertwined. Faith Healer's Daughter is the first installment in that series, based on a true story from events that occurred in southern Indiana in the 1840s.

#### Blood of My Ancestor

Goldsberry Hollow was a rural community in Martin County, Indiana that was first settled in the 1800s by the Goldsberry family. When Alanson Lyon moved his family into the hollow in 1864, it made the Goldsberry family unhappy, because Alanson was a wealthy man who built a large home and set up a large farm.

When Alanson died, his son, Joel, became the owner of the farm. About the same time, John Goldsberry's daughter, Malinda, became pregnant, but she wasn't married. To keep her father from beating her to death, Joel took Malinda and her daughter into his home, hiring her as his housekeeper. Joel fell in love with Malinda and eventually married her.

Malinda also had an older sister who lived in the hollow whose name was Margaret. When Margaret's husband died just a few months after Malinda did, the Goldsberys naturally assumed Joel would marry Malinda's sister. When Joel didn't marry Margaret but married Adaline Cannon instead, a family feud broke out, resulting in Adaline's murder.



# OBITUARIES

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## CHRISTINA MARTIN

Christina Lynn Martin, formerly of Loogootee, died at 11:46 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Odon, she was 50.

She was born September 5, 1963 in Washington; the daughter of Billy Daniel Wilcoxon and Beverly Lynn (Parrish) Wilcoxon.

She was a C.N.A. and a Phlebotomist and she enjoyed crocheting, reading, gardening and following Loogootee High School Basketball.

She is survived by one son, Timothy Martin of Greenwood; one daughter, Lyndsey Martin of Muncie; her father, Billy Daniel Wilcoxon of Jackson, Michigan; one brother, Keith Wilcoxon of Mitchell, and several aunts and uncles.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Beverly Wilcoxon and one brother, Richie Wilcoxon.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 4 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 3 at the Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## DOROTHY ALLEN

Dorothy (Cunningham) Nolan Allen died at 8:44 a.m. Monday, March 31, 2014 at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 93.

She was born January 4, 1922 in Barr Township in Daviess County; the daughter of Laurence and Agnes (Healy) Cunningham.

In 1943 she married her first husband, Roy C. Nolan and he preceded her in death in 1970. In 1972 she married her second

husband, Robert Allen and he preceded her in death in 1997.

She was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield, along with the churches Alter Society and Rosary Society. She was also a former member of the Daughters of Isabella.

She worked in an aircraft plant in California during WWII as a "Rosie the Riveter", later she worked in the dentist office for Dr. Asdell in Loogootee.

She enjoyed gardening, quilting, sewing and playing cards especially euchre.

She is survived by three sons, Larry and wife, Barbara Nolan, of Bradenton, Florida; Gary and wife, Rita Nolan, of Converse, Indiana; and Jim and wife, Linda Nolan, of Loogootee; three

stepsons, Dr. Stephen and wife Tracey Allen of Greenwood; Dr. Mark and wife Kathy Allen of Columbus, Indiana; and Robert "Bobby" Allen of Indianapolis; 23 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Laurence and Agnes (Healy) Cunningham; her first husband, Roy C. Nolan; her second husband, Robert Allen; one son, Charles "Chuck" Nolan; one granddaughter, Lindsay Allen; one stepson, Greg Allen; two stepdaughters, Mary Jo Bradley and Mary Loraine "Sissy" Woolard; three brothers, Austin, Alvin and Johnny Cunningham; and three sisters, Theresa Ashbrook, Judith Buckner and Mary Cunningham.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 3 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, April 2 at the Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## EDWARD PARKS

Edward M. Parks died Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the home of his daughter Michelle Parks in Gobles, Michigan. A resident of Loogootee, he was 63.

He was born on September 30, 1950 in Chicago (Evergreen Park), Illinois; the son of Bernard Parks Sr. and Joan (Pentridge) Parks.

He was a retired builder and construction worker and he was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran serving in Vietnam.

He is survived by his mother-in-law, Marge Bernard of Loogootee; three sons, Timothy P. and wife, Abby Parks, of Ladson, South Carolina; Mitchell Moss of

Shelby, Michigan; and Edward Parks Jr. of Taylor, Michigan; three daughters, Michelle M. Parks of Gobles, Michigan; Lisa N. Parks of Taylor, Michigan; and Tammie C. Parks of Taylor, Michigan; one sister, Mary Gibson of South Haven, Michigan; four brothers, Robert J. Parks Sr. of East Chicago, Indiana; John L. Parks of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Jerome A. Parks of Fenwick, Michigan; and David P. Parks of South Haven, Michigan; 21 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard Parks Sr. and Joan Parks; two sisters, Joan Harrison and Joyce Parks; and one brother, Bernard Parks Jr.

The body of Edward M. Parks was cremated and there will be no funeral service. Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

## JENNIE BOYD

Jennie (Summers) Boyd died at 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2014 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 59.

She was born August 27, 1954 in Washington; the daughter of Ben and Camilla (Strange) Summers.

She was a 1972 graduate of Loogootee High School and a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. She was the office manager at Frette Energy in Washington. She enjoyed her grandchildren; going on ocean cruises with her husband and was she an avid fan of IU Basketball, Green Bay Packers and Colts Football.

She is survived by her husband, Gib Boyd; her mother, Camilla Summers of Loogootee; two sons, Kevin and wife, Jodie Fuhrman, and Jeff Fuhrman, both of Loogootee; one stepson, Sam and wife, Heather Boyd, of Greenwood; one stepdaughter, Sara and husband, Ryan Robertson, of Martinsville; two brothers, Benny and wife, Pam Summers, and Wayne and wife, Diana Summers, of Loogootee; two sisters, Beverly and husband, Scott Moore, of Bedford and Rachel and husband, Brian Terry, of Shoals; three grandchildren, Brylee, Kenzie and Hadde Fuhrman; and three step-grandchildren, Wyatt Robertson and Elija and Gabriella Lasley.

She is preceded in death by her father, Ben Summers and one son, infant Erick Fuhrman.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated this morning, Wednesday, April 2 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## MARY ROSS

Mary K. Ross went to be with her Lord and Savior at 6:52 a.m. March 28, 2014 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, she was 82.

She was born September 30, 1931 in Dugger; the daughter of John and Alice (Eddington) Reeves. She was the last of her siblings. She was married to the late Carl L. Ross.

She attended Shoals High School and Vincennes University Jasper Center. She was a homemaker, a retired nurse and a member of the Loogootee Christian Church.

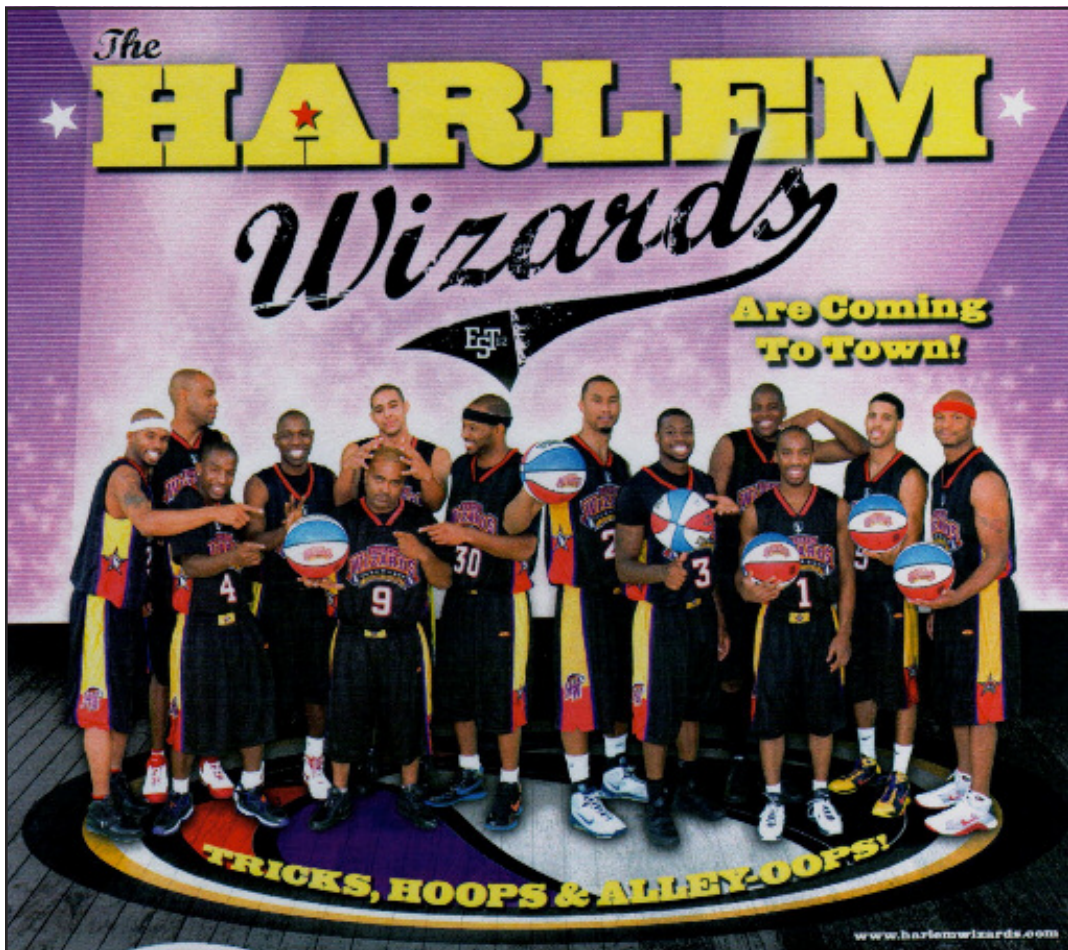
Her greatest blessing in life was her family, including her children, Carla and Charlie Kline, Terry and Mike Wade, Debra and Marlin Graber, Mary Beth and Raymond Simmons, and David Ross, all of Loogootee; Carl L. Ross Jr. and Cindy of Orange Cove, California; and John Ross of Montgomery; grandchildren, M. Troy Kline, C. Travis and Sandy Kline, Rhonda and Dustin Rumble, Aaron and Brittany Kaiser, Derick and Erin Graber, Audrey and Shawn Stoll, J. Neal and Beth Graber, Brady Ross, Katelyn Ross, Sarah Ross, Raymie and Dusty Simmons, Cody and Lisa Simmons, Tyson Ross, and Tommy Merydith; step-grandchildren, Melissa Wade, Cassandra Wade, Anthony Wade and Sarah Wade; 17 great-grandchildren, seven step-great-grandchildren, and her companion, Wayne Dillon of Loogootee.

She was preceded in death by one son, Carl Joe Ross; one daughter, Jennifer Ross Merydith; and one granddaughter, Alisha Kaiser.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 30 at the Loogootee Christian Church. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Raymie Simmons, Cody Simmons, Derick Graber, Neal Graber, Aaron Kaiser, Tommy Merydith, and Tyler Ross.

Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).



## vs. the Martin County All-Stars

Travis Brett, Chad Wade, Jordan Divine, Teri Kerr, Mimi Hawkins, Angie Sango, Wynter Wagoner, Brittany Bateman, Jeff Doyle, Nick Toy, Bryson Abel, Shannon Burch, Shannon Waggoner, Mandi Stewart, Steven Sexton, Ken Miller, Cindy McNabb, and Coach Alan Abel

**Mon., April 7  
7 p.m.  
at Shoals  
High School**  
*Event is a fundraiser for  
In His Hands Daycare*

**Tickets on sale at:  
RJ's and Toy's Auto  
Parts in Shoals  
and Farm Bureau  
Insurance and  
Toy's Auto Parts  
in Loogootee**

*Advance Tickets:  
\$8 students/seniors,  
\$10 general admission  
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door for \$10  
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Sunday Hours: 8 a.m.-11 a.m. for  
breakfast and serving lunch  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.*



# COPS & COURT

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of tree debris in the highway on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a lost license plate.

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

12:40 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with injury on U.S. 150.

8:56 a.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Loogootee.

11:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

2:14 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of a chimney fire on State Road 450.

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

5:54 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

3:00 p.m.-11:00 pm - Received several reports of the German American scam.

9:50 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Shoals.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.

6:34 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.

8:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Shoals.

8:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

10:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

2:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

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

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 450.

10:42 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

11:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

6:11 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 450.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

9:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Shoals.

11:41 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Shoals.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident involving a deer on Hwy. 50 near the Lawrence County line. State police took the detail.

## Jail bookings

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

11:55 p.m. - Jerry Taggart, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Corporal Greene on preliminary charges domestic battery, intimidation with a deadly weapon, and criminal confinement.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

9:36 a.m. - Nicholas Dant, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on preliminary charge of battery with a deadly weapon.

12:58 p.m. - John Covel, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant - battery with bodily injury.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

3:40 a.m. - Thomas Robbins Jr. was arrested by ISP Trooper Andrew Beaver on an Orange County warrant.

## Loogootee Police Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

7:30 a.m. - Caller stated that his wife had struck a stop sign on Church Street.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on SW 2nd Street.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a phone scam.

6:43 p.m. - Caller reported a phone scam involving Publishers Clearing House.

7:50 p.m. - Male caller reported unauthorized control of his vehicle.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

5:25 p.m. - Caller reported a missing juvenile. Male was later located.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

6:41 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver near Wendy's.

8:27 p.m. - An employee at Chuckles reported a theft of fuel.

8:36 p.m. - A female reported a dog complaint on SE 1st Street.

8:54 p.m. - Caller reported a phone scam.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

12:10 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from Smokers Host. Captain Akles responded. Charges were filed.

1:35 p.m. - A female reported her purse had been stolen.

7:01 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Shaded Estates.

10:54 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a power line down on Butcher Boulevard.

11:49 p.m. - A male requested an officer to go with him to retrieve personal property.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

4:13 p.m. - An employee at Smokers Host reported a theft.

7:06 p.m. - Caller reported a lost or stolen license plate.

7:49 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 a.m. - Female requested to speak with an officer.

11:16 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a tire on fire at Gasoline Alley.

12:00 p.m. - Caller reported his cell phone had been stolen.

7:50 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle had been broken into in Sunset Trailer Court.

8:00 p.m. - Caller reported a hit-and-run accident.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

4:02 p.m. - First responders were requested on NE 3rd Street for a medical problem.

4:11 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

5:37 p.m. - Caller reported his vehicle had been struck while parked at a local business.

6:20 p.m. - Caller reported a dirt bike on North Line Street.

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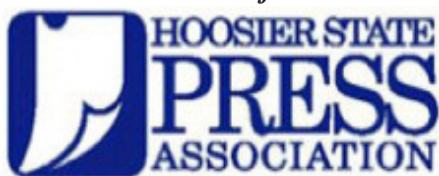
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## Martin County real estate transfers

**Phillip Smith and Amber Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher C. Bledsoe**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

**Cory Lents**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Linda D. Clifton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing 35 acres, more or less.

**Kevin L. Norris and Susan Norris**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mary Ann Wathen**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion

of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.44 acre, more or less. Being Lot Number 10 in Country Court Tract III.

**Joy L. Gibson and Judy J. Pruett**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Viola R. Embree**, of Madison County, Kentucky, part of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing 1 acre, more or less. Also, part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing 0.10 acres, more or less.

**Betty J. Fields**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Matthew Bradley**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lots Numbered 16 and 17 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Timmy Gilbert and Martha Gilbert**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Danny D. Knight and Michelle E. Knight**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana containing 2 acres, more or less.

## Accident report

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

1:23 p.m. - Keith Williams, of Loogootee, was operating a 2001 vehicle and backing from a driveway on SR 550 when he backed into the path of a 2006 vehicle operated by Sharon Hembree, of Shoals. Captain Hennessee investigated.

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# Martin County Court News

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

February 25

Larry E. Davis, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 355 days suspended and credit for five actual days previously served plus five good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

March 4

Blaine J. Laughlin, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony, amended from a Class C Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Martin County Security Center with 469 days suspended and credit for 39 actual days previously served plus credit for 39 good time days. Defendant received 469 days of probation.

Abraham Wittmer, convicted of driving as habitual traffic violator, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 1,027 days suspended and credit for 34 actual days previously served plus credit for 34 good time days. Defendant received 1,027 days of probation.

March 13

Wade T. Collins, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 363 days suspended and credit for one actual day previously served plus one good time credit day. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

March 18

Robert A. Iams, convicted of conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from theft, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 80 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 40 actual days previously served plus 40 good time credit days.

March 21

Jason M. Dedrick, convicted of sexual misconduct with a minor, a Class C Felony. Sentenced to serve 6 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 226 actual days previously served plus credit for 226 good time days.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 4

Blaine J. Laughlin, dealing in a sawed-off shotgun, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

March 14

Jason J. Grunwell, possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 21

Jason M. Dedrick, rape, a Class B Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

March 19

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Daniel J. Jackson, civil collection.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jason R. Bunch, civil collection.

Neal T. Sheetz vs. Carolyn A. Howard, petition for dissolution of marriage.

March 21

Daviess County Economic Development Corp. vs. Crackers, LLC and Christopher Myers, civil collection.

March 24

Hazel J. Cornett vs. James H. Cornett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

William and Donna VerKamp vs. MJH Farms, Matthew L. Haulk and Jessie J. Haulk, mortgage foreclosure.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

March 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant James Sorrells in the amount of \$964.32.

March 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Springleaf Financial Services and against the defendant Cheri Barnes in the amount

of \$5,077.81.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Central Mortgage Company and against the defendants Kenneth R. Gokey and Brenda S. Haley-Gokey, for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$55,163.72.

March 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant David Daugherty, Jr. in the amount of \$3,058.50.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Accounts Recovery Bureau, Inc. and against the defendant Billy D. Wildman in the amount of \$1,591.54.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Timothy R. Braun in the amount of \$1,544.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Nichole R. Davis in the amount of \$634.56.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Karla M. French in the amount of \$3,141.84.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Tyler G. Gadberry in the amount of \$383.52.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Robin L. Mitchell in the amount of \$1,094.70.

March 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Propane Direct, LLC and against the defendant Matt Haulk in the amount of \$3,637.81.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff John Chattin and against the defendant Pam Stone (Gammon) Stone in the amount of \$2,403.94.

March 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV

Funding, LLC and against the defendant Jody (Brown) Carrico in the amount of \$868.94.

March 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Rick L. Nicholson in the amount of \$408.05.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Joshua and Samantha Penick in the amount of \$2,875.84.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 28

Jonathan Dale Zehr, of Loogootee, and Brittani Renee Murray, of Loogootee.



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## Martin County Humane Society's 4TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION

**Saturday, April 12 at Loogootee High School Cafeteria**

Dinner from 4-7 p.m. Live Auction starts at 7 p.m.

### Items to be in the auction so far include:

**Duck Dynasty** - autographed photo of Duck Commander men  
**Coney Island Sunlite Pool & Classic Rides Cincinnati** - (4) tickets  
**Evansville Purple Aces** - (4) tickets to a men's basketball home game  
**Mesker Park Zoo & Botanical Garden** - (4) tickets  
**Holiday World** - (2) tickets  
**Sybaris Pool Suites** - (2) package discount certificates  
**Columbus (Ohio) Zoo & Aquarium** - (4) passes, 2 adult, 2 child  
**Big Splash Adventure Water Park** - (7) tickets  
**Martin County Journal** - One year of service directory ads  
**Printing Express** - 500 business cards  
**White Steamer** - (2) \$10 gift cards  
**Bill Whorral** - large painting  
**Walt Disney World (Orlando)** (4) theme park tickets  
**The Lodge of Loogootee** - (4) \$50 gift certificates  
**Gasthof Amish Village** - one night's stay at Gasthof Village Inn  
**Laurie's Flowers & Gifts** - \$50 gift certificate  
**The Bodyshop Gym** - One month membership  
**Greene's Body Shop** - \$50 gift certificate & (5) t-shirts  
**Muffler Menders** - drill  
**Williams Bros. Pharmacy** - \$20 gift card  
**Pizza Junction** - 16-inch two-topping pizza  
**Martin County Video** - 30-day exercise & (2) movie rentals  
**Blake Hi-Y Car Wash** - (2) car wash certificates  
**KRB Vending** - \$50 gift certificate  
**Kentucky Kingdom & Hurricane Bay** - (4) tickets  
**West Boggs Park** - (1) 2014 gate pass  
**KRB Vending** \$50 gift card  
**Wendy's Loogootee** - (2) combo meals & (6) junior frostys

**Carquest Shoals** - jumper cables  
**Builders Best** - drill  
**Liz's Ceramics** - stone cat plaque  
**Mattingly Feed Store** - (1) bag dog food & (1) bag bird seed  
**Indianapolis Indians** - (4) tickets to April or May game  
**Erin Like, Scentsy** - Scentsy gift basket  
**Indiana University** - autographed photo of IU Volleyball Coach Sherry Dunbar  
**Greenwell Hardware** folding jab saw/utility knife & fixed blade knife  
**Here's Your Design** - \$50 off a \$100 purchase  
**Jones Marathon** - \$25 gift card  
**Bender Lumber** - (2) Quikrete concrete floor painting kits  
**Paul's Snapper** - gas can  
**AMC Theatres** - (6) movie passes  
**Denny's** - (2) \$8 gift certificates  
**Grandy's Jasper** - (2) \$6 gift certificates  
**Lori Street** - (2) paintings  
**Late Show with David Letterman** - (2) tickets to a taping  
**St. Louis Cardinals** - (2) tickets  
**Wallace Vet Clinic** - (4) packages of flea & tick medicine for dogs  
**The Nutro Company** - Coupon for bag of dog food & bag of treats  
**Indiana Beach** - (4) Funday tickets  
**Loughmiller Machine, Tool & Design** - camp fire ring  
**Indiana Ice** - (4) tickets  
**Indianapolis Zoo** - (2) tickets and (1) parking pass  
**Cincinnati Reds** - (4) view level or (2) terrace line seats  
**Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra** - (2) tickets to a Pop or Classical Concert Series  
**Mutts Comics** - autographed Mutt comic by Patrick McDonnell

**Kong** - dog toys/treats gift basket  
**Walton's Greenhouse** - plant  
**Washington Times-Herald** - 6-month subscription  
**French Lick Indoor Karting** - (2) races  
**Indianapolis 500** - (2) shirts, (1) hat, (1) umbrella, (1) poster, (4) shot glasses, (2) glass ornaments  
**West End Flower Shop, Bedford** - IU plaque & cat memorial stone  
**Wildtree (Christine Marley)** - (2) gift baskets  
**Joe Gibbs Racing** - (2) t-shirts  
**Indiana State University** - (4) tickets to a men's home game  
**Leann Acton-Anderson** - "Movie night" gift basket  
**Chicago Cubs** - (2) tickets to game vs. Cincinnati Reds  
**The Candy Mill** - candy gift basket  
**King's Island** - (2) tickets  
**Full Out Tumble & Cheer** - one month of free classes  
**Goodies for all Occasions/Jennifer Wagler** - \$25 gift certificate  
**Indiana Pacers** - autographed basketball  
**Indianapolis Colts** - autographed football  
**Indiana Fever** - autographed basketball  
**Build-A-Bear Workshop** - \$10 gift certificate  
**Chicago Bears** - autographed photo  
**Crane Federal Credit Union** - gift basket  
**Ann Ackerman** - handpainted wine bottle lights  
**Tina Wilson** - handcrafted home decor items  
**Linda Bennett** - handmade baby quilt  
**The Rox Cafe** - six loaves of fresh-baked bread  
**Linda Sherfick** - Easter-themed wreath

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## LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL

## Loogootee Elementary Honor Roll



# 2014 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



**NICOLE KNIGHT**

Nicole Lynne Knight is the daughter of Lance and Bobbie Knight. While in high school, she has been in French Club and pep club all four years. She was chorus her freshman year, in FACS Club, student council and SADD her freshman and sophomore years; in Lion Pride and was a cheerleader in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; served on the yearbook staff her sophomore year, did job shadowing and spell bowl her junior year, and served as an intern and cadet teacher her senior year. She was also French Club Publicist her sophomore year and vice president her junior year. Nicole plans to attend Vincennes University and study nursing.



**ADAM LARK**

Adam B. Lark is the son of Michelle Duncan and Matt Lark. While in high school, he was in beta club, pep club, SADD, student council and played intramural basketball all four years. He was in the musical his freshman year, in madrigals and show choir in 9th and 10th grades, in Spanish Club in 9th through 11th grades, served as class vice president his sophomore and junior years, and has been an intern and cadet teacher his senior year. He also served on the social studies academic team his sophomore year, was pep club rep in 10th-12th grades, and has been the president of the beta club his senior year. He ran for state beta vice president this year also. In sports, he played baseball and ran cross country all four years of high school. Adam plans to attend the IU Kelley School of Business after graduation.

### Term 3 THIRD GRADE

High honors: Isaac Eagle, Euan Graves, Brianna Greene, Abigail Fischer, Symphony Lantz, Bridget Like, Mallorie Sutton, Wayden Wagoner, and Morgan Wolfe  
Honor roll: Lacie Arthur, Parker Arvin, Peyton Bledsoe, Zoey Brassine, Lucas Brittain, Caitlin Carrico, Kyleigh Courter, Maddie Fischer, Courtney Glover, Talen Hayes, Mackenzie Hembree, Claire Kemp, Broedy Knepp, Noah Knight, Kage Lyon, Shawna Mason, Ashley Nail, Kieragen Napier, Lindsey Nolan, Kortni Rumble, Madyson Simmons, Kaylynn Sims, Grace Stanley, Ava Summers, Brooklyn Summers, Jacob Tedrow, Anastasia Toy, Hannah VanMeter, Brenna Wade, Jeffrey Wagler, Matthew Wagler, Ashden Walton,

### Ethan White, and Tylen Williams FOURTH GRADE

High honors: Tessa Bradley, Katie Callison, Grace Gingerich, Mikenna Jones, Nick Keller, Rachel Lents, Haylie Mathies, Jaylen Mullen, Andrew Powell, and Analise Powell  
Honor roll: Grace Foddrill, Tia Fuhs, Abbey Fuhrman, Ethan Graber, Chantel Greene, Hannah Harshaw, Lauren Holt, Aiden Kain, Jacob Lengacher, Grace Lingenfelter, Sadie Marshall, Madison McAtee, Logan Moffatt, Tierlan Norris, Lexis Overton, Anna Marie Park, Nicholas Poole, Mason Roark, Miracle Stinson, Jalynn Stoll, Jocelyn Strange, Reece Tippery, Rory Tippery, Caylin Wagoner, Tucker Walton, Jon Whitworth, and Drew Williams



### LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY Breakfast

**Thursday, April 3**  
Donut, sausage links, pineapple  
**Friday, April 4**  
Cereal bar, string cheese, apple  
**Monday, April 7**  
Breakfast pizza, orange  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
Cereal, string cheese, mixed fruit  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
Biscuit and gravy, peaches  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, April 3**  
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, wheat roll, milk  
**Friday, April 4**  
Quesadillas, lettuce and cheese, refried beans, apples, milk  
**Monday, April 7**  
Sloppy Joe, French fries, peas, peaches, milk  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
Chicken Alfredo, salad and tomatoes, carrots, breadstick, pineapple, milk  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
Taco salad, refried beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce, milk

### Wednesday, April 9 Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk **Lunch**

**Thursday, April 3**  
Taco salad with whole grain chips, refried beans, lettuce and cheese boat, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: beef and bean burrito or chef salad  
**Friday, April 4**  
Cheese pizza, sweet potatoes, fresh carrot sticks, orange slices, cookie, milk  
**Monday, April 7**  
Hot dog with whole grain bun, baked beans, pears, juice cup, milk  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, salad boat, applesauce, whole grain garlic bread stick, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: ham and cheese sandwich or chef salad  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
Chicken nuggets, broccoli and cheese, peaches, honey wheat roll, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: peanut butter and jelly or chef salad

### LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

**Thursday, April 3**  
Salisbury steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, wheat roll, salad plate, milk  
**Friday, April 4**  
Quesadillas or pizza, lettuce and cheese, refried beans, apples, salad plate, milk  
**Monday, April 7**  
Sloppy Joe or pizza, French fries, peas, peaches, salad plate, milk  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
Chicken Alfredo or pizza, salad and tomatoes, carrots, breadstick, pineapple, salad plate, milk  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
Taco salad or pizza, refried beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce, salad plate, milk

### SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

**Thursday, April 3**  
Cereal, graham cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk  
**Friday, April 4**  
Pop Tart, string cheese, fruit, juice, milk  
**Monday, April 7**  
Blueberry muffin, orange slices, juice, milk  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

# Shoals High School 2014 SENIOR Spotlights



**CODY HERT**

Cody Daniel Hert was born on September 9, 1995. He is the son of Scott and Deanna Hert. Cody has two brothers, Kevin and Jordan; and one sister, Emma. While in high school, he participated in basketball, soccer, Beta, SADD, pep club, Spanish Club, and media. Cody's favorite song is "Tattoos on This Town" by Jason Aldean. His favorite teacher is Mr. Holt. Cody plans to attend Vincennes University for pre-physical therapy.



**JALYNN HILDERBRAND**

Jalynn Cheyenne Hilderbrand was born on July 25, 1995. She is the daughter of Tom and Karen Hilderbrand. Jalynn has two brothers, Tommy and Tyson; and one sister, Brandi. While in high school, she participated in basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, SADD, and IMPACCT. She was also class treasurer freshman year. Her favorite song is "Hall of Fame." Her favorite teacher is Mr. Mason. Jalynn plans to attend college and be successful.

## Kindergarten round-up at both county schools

Kindergarten round-up will be held this Friday, April 4 at Shoals Elementary School. Parents should bring their child who will be entering kindergarten, their immunization records and their legal birth certificate. Please park in the big parking lot in front of the school and follow the signs on where to enter the school. The playground will be closed for school that day. Please arrive promptly at your designated time.

Kindergarten round-up will be held at Loogootee Elementary also on Friday, April 4. The schedule is as follows:  
9:30 – 10:15 - Last names beginning with A – G  
10:15 – 11:00 - Last names beginning with H – M  
12:40 – 1:25 - Last names beginning with N – S  
1:25 – 2:10 - Last names beginning with T – Z

Parents and children should report at the starting time for their name group. Please do not arrive early. Parents will drop children off in room 104, then proceed to the library to complete enrollment information. While the parents are in the library, children will be screened for beginning kindergarten skills. Parents will pick up their child after the enrollment process is complete.



# CDC estimates 1 in 68 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 1 in 68 children (or 14.7 per 1,000 eight-year-olds) in multiple communities in the United States has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This new estimate is roughly 30 percent higher than previous estimates reported in 2012 of 1 in 88 children (11.3 per 1,000 eight year olds) being identified with an autism spectrum disorder. The number of children identified with ASD ranged from 1 in 175 children in Alabama to 1 in 45 children in New Jersey.

The surveillance summary report, "Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder among Children Aged 8 Years – Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, 11 Sites, United States, 2010," was published last Thursday in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Researchers reviewed records from community sources that educate, diagnose, treat and/or provide services to children with developmental disabilities. The criteria used to diagnose ASDs and the methods used to collect data have not

changed. The data continue to show that ASD is almost five times more common among boys than girls: 1 in 42 boys versus 1 in 189 girls. White children are more likely to be identified as having ASD than are black or Hispanic children.

Levels of intellectual ability vary greatly among children with autism, ranging from severe intellectual challenges to average or above average intellectual ability. The study found that almost half of children identified with ASD have average or above average intellectual ability (an IQ above 85) compared to a third of children a decade ago.

"Community leaders, health professionals, educators and childcare providers should use these data to ensure children with ASD are identified as early as possible

and connected to the services they need," said Coleen Boyle, Ph.D., M.S. hyg., director of CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

The report also shows most children with ASD are diagnosed after age 4, even though ASD can be diagnosed as early as age 2. Healthy People 2020, the nation's 10-year health objectives, strives to increase the proportion of young children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental delays who are screened, evaluated, and enrolled in early intervention services in a timely manner.

"The most important thing for parents to do is to act early when there is a concern about a child's development," said Marshalyne Yeargin-Allsopp, M.D., chief of CDC's Developmental Disabilities Branch. "If you have a concern

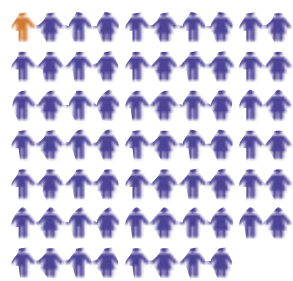
about how your child plays, learns, speaks, acts, or moves, take action. Don't wait."

If you suspect that your child may have ASD: Talk to your child's doctor about your concerns. At the same time, call your local early intervention program or school system for a free evaluation.

It's never too late to get help for your child. CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." program has joined with others across the federal government to promote developmental and behavioral screening through the Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive campaign, which was launched last Thursday. The program will help families look for and celebrate milestones; promote universal screenings; identify delays as early as possible; and improve the support available to help children succeed in school and thrive alongside their peers.

"More needs to be done to identify children with autism sooner," said Boyle. "Early identification is the most powerful tool we have right now to make a difference in the lives of children with autism."

## NUMBER OF CHILDREN IDENTIFIED WITH ASD



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## Pence calls for new direction of energy efficiency in Indiana

In announcing his intention to allow SEA 340 to become law without his signature, Governor Pence issued the following statement:

"Low-cost energy is an essential element of Indiana's economic development and prosperity. The simple fact is that higher energy costs will cost Indiana jobs. By reducing our need for electricity, we reduce our need to build expensive power plants at a cost to Hoosier ratepayers. For this reason, I believe that energy efficiency is an important part of our 'all of the above' energy strategy.

"As such, I was disappointed that the General Assembly chose to eliminate the energy efficiency program established by the previous administration without offering a viable alternative. For that reason, I have declined to sign this bill and acknowledge that this bill will become law without my signature.

"I could not sign this bill because it does away with a worthwhile energy efficiency

program. I could not veto this bill because doing so would increase the cost of utilities for Hoosier ratepayers and make Indiana less competitive by denying relief to large electricity consumers, including our state's manufacturing base.

"To ensure that Indiana's energy policy continues to include sound efficiency programs that lower electricity usage and support economic growth, I am calling on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to immediately begin to develop recommendations for a new energy efficiency program that would include an opt-out for large electricity consumers.

"In addition, I have informed leaders of the General Assembly of my actions and my intention to bring energy efficiency legislation during the 2015 legislative session. I look forward to working with legislators to develop a new energy efficiency program for our state that will encourage conservation and promote a strong Indiana economy."

## Military officers can now notarize documents for deploying soldiers

Secretary of State Connie Lawson applauds the signing of House Enrolled Act 1041 by Governor Mike Pence, giving National Guard officers authority to notarize documents for soldiers preparing for deployment. Over the past year, Indiana National Guard members preparing to serve overseas have had difficulty getting deployment documents notarized. Previously, National Guard officers were able to authenticate these documents for Guard soldiers, but last year the Department of Defense informed the Indiana National Guard that this was no longer allowed unless there was a change in state law.

"When the National Guard told me about the difficulty soldiers were experiencing trying to get documents notarized before deployment, I immediately went to work to simplify the process," said Secretary Lawson. "I realized that if we could give military members notary powers for National Guard related documents that our service

men and women wouldn't have to jump extra hoops. When I told state Representative Doug Gutwein about the issue, he agreed to carry the bill, and I thank him for all of his hard work.

"It is my hope that this new law will ease some of the burden for our service members as they prepare to leave their home and family behind to serve our country. I commend Governor Pence, Representative Gutwein, and Senator Allen Paul for their support in this effort."

The change in the law will be effective July 1, 2014. It will allow the Adjutant General or a designee to notarize service-related documents for active and reserve members of the Indiana National Guard.

Secretary Lawson is responsible for approving the application of anyone wishing to be a notary public in the State of Indiana. For more information on how to become a notary public, please visit <https://myweb.in.gov/SOS/notaryapp/>.

## Legislation concerning career and technical education diplomas signed into law

Legislation co-authored by State Representative Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) regarding career and technical education diplomas was signed into law by Governor Pence.

House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1213 requires the Indiana Career Council to appoint a subcommittee to review the current Core 40 diploma course offerings, make recommendations to the State Board of Education concerning changing course requirements and make recommendations concerning career and technical education (CTE) offerings.

"As Co-Chairman of the Interim Study Committee on Economic Development, I heard testimony over the summer of the advantages of CTE," said Rep. Messmer. "Students who take CTE classes are less likely to require remediation at the postsecondary level. This is a great program with proven results, and I am happy that Indiana

has decided to take a more in-depth look into how we can make the program even better."

The subcommittee will include a member of each work council and representatives of high school career and technical education programs, the Department of Education, community colleges, the Commission for Higher Education and industry leaders.

"Ultimately, after studying this issue in further detail, I would like to see Indiana create a CTE diploma," said Rep. Messmer. "Not all students are designed for jobs that require a four-year degree. A CTE diploma would provide for the more specific needs of Indiana students, giving them options to more adequately prepare for the career path of their choice."

HEA 1213 will go into effect on July 1, 2014.

## Governor signs into law first state pre-K funding

At DayStar Childcare Ministry in Indianapolis last week, Governor Mike Pence signed into law Indiana's first state funding for pre-K, HEA 1004.

"When it comes to helping our Hoosier kids reach their full potential, early education can make the difference between a lifetime of success and a lifetime of trying to catch up," said Governor Pence. "Today is an historic moment in our state as we begin a new chapter of Indiana education to help young Hoosiers succeed in school, in the

workforce, and in life."

HEA 1004 provides funding for the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration to administer a five-county, voluntary Early Education Pilot Program that will help approximately 1,500 Hoosier children from low-income families attend the public or private pre-kindergarten of their choice. Prior to this legislation, Indiana was the only state in the Midwest and one of nine states in the nation not providing state funds for pre-kindergarten.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



### Updating Indiana's criminal code

Whether it is major or minor, you can hardly turn on the news lately without seeing some mention of crime. While crime may be an inevitable part of the world we live in, it is important that we do everything we can to make Indiana a safer place for Hoosier families, and sometimes that means reevaluating our criminal code.

Before the 2013 legislative session, there had not been a comprehensive overview of our criminal code since 1977. Legislators began working on this effort years ago and have spent thousands of hours looking into our criminal code. Last year, we voted to change criminal penalties from four felony levels (A-D) to six felony levels (1-6), providing sentencing ranges and advisories for each level.

As part of our continued efforts to increase proportionality and certainty in sentencing as well as uniformity in criminal code, we made a variety of technical changes and updates to the court sentencing process again this session. House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1006 was the result of work put in by the Criminal Code Evaluation Committee, a sentencing policy study committee that has been researching and reviewing this issue since 2009.

One important issue that HEA 1006 addresses is habitual offenders. Courts will now be required to sentence a person found to be a habitual offender to an additional fixed term of imprisonment that is between six to 20 years, for a person convicted of murder or a Level 1 through 4 felony, and two to six years for a person convicted of a Level 5 or 6 felony. This takes a tough stance on those who continue to commit the same crime regardless of its severity.

HEA 1006 also enhances penalties one level for certain controlled substance offenses such as meth and Vicodin. For example, if a

person commits an offense within 250 feet of school property, a public park, a family housing complex or a child care facility, their penalty would be greater than someone who commits this crime alone, in their home.

In an effort to support county treatment programs and eliminate the need for additional prisons, it is important that we seek out innovative alternatives for incarceration that include a web-based, mobile friendly platform. For example, Corrisoft's AIR program provides the ability to constantly monitor offenders on parole, probation or home detention. The cost per offender under this technology averages around \$18 a day, while Indiana currently spends approximately \$52.20 per inmate per day.

As a result of this new law, the Department of Corrections (DOC) will estimate the amount of operational cost savings due to reductions in the number of individuals who are incarcerated. If there are any savings the DOC may, with the approval of the Budget Agency, make additional grants to counties for their community corrections programs and transfer funds to the Judicial Conference of Indiana to provide additional financial aid to court probation services.

Finding the proper balance between punitive and rehabilitative justice is not a simple or easy process, but it is one that I believe we have given due diligence to. In the end, we had achieved the support of the Indiana Sheriffs Association, the DOC, the Indiana Drug Enforcement Agency and many others. While I believe these are some of the highlights of this new law, I confess that this only scratches the surface. If you would like to learn more about HEA 1006 and our efforts to keep Hoosiers safe, please visit our website at [www.iga.in.gov](http://www.iga.in.gov).

Rep. Messmer (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.

## Indiana to select outstanding high school seniors for Mr. and Miss Math/Science Awards

Governor Mike Pence will recognize two outstanding high school seniors this spring for their exemplary performance in math and science. One male and one female student will be selected for the Indiana Mr. and Miss Math/Science honor, and each will receive a \$2,000 Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan scholarship contribution for their achievements.

While Indiana has thousands of high-performing math and science students, the Indiana Mr. and Miss Math/Science awards will be presented to the most outstanding students. Academic performance in science, math, engineering and technology (STEM) classes will be considered, in addition to extracurricular activities, work/research projects, leadership roles and community service.

"The impact of math and science continue to transform our world every day and we want to recognize the very best math and science students in our state to honor them for their hard work," said Governor Pence.

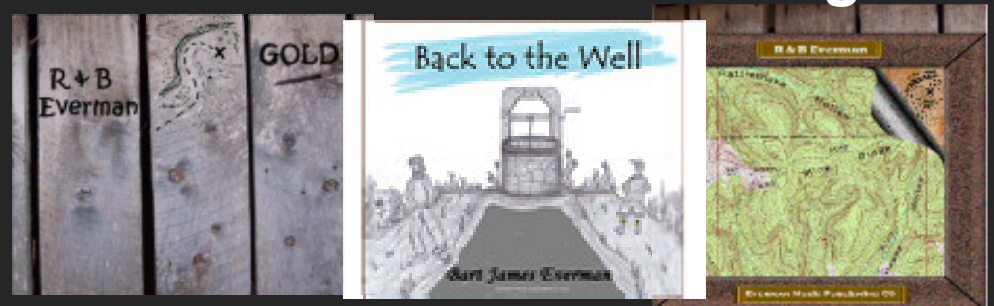
"I look forward to announcing the winners this spring and I know their academic achievements will inspire other students."

Applications for the awards are available at (<https://secure.in.gov/apps/math-scienceawards/>) and will be accepted through 6 p.m. EDT on April 25. Nominations may be submitted by teachers, schools, community organizations or the students themselves.

The nominations will be reviewed by a panel of STEM experts, including teachers, college and university instructors, and staff from the Department of Education and Center for Education and Career Innovation.

Winners will be named in May, and will each receive a \$2,000 academic scholarship contribution from the Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan, which may be added to the student's existing 529 Plan, or to initiate a new plan for the winners. The Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan is administered by the Indiana Education Savings Authority.

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## Donation

Madelyn Gaines, daughter of Tony and Amy Holt of Shoals, recently wanted to give back to her community. Maddy, as she is known by to her friends and family, decided to donate stuffed animals to a few chosen police officers in Martin County. She chose Andy Burkhardt, of the Martin County Sheriff's Department, and Kelly Rayhill and Jason Hennette, of the Loogootee Police Department. All three officers along with Loogootee Mayor Noel Hartly were very appreciative. Shown, from left to right, are Andy Burkhardt, Maddy Gaines, Noel Hartly and Kelly Rayhill.

## Wizards are coming to Shoals again

The Famous Harlem Wizards with their trick-style basketball game are coming to Shoals High School Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m. The Wizards will play against the Martin County All-Stars. The All-Stars will be Travis Brett, Chad Wade, Jordan Divine, Teri Kerr, Mimi Hawkins, Angie Sango, Wyster Wagoner, Brit-tany Bateman, Jeff Doyle, Nick Toy, Bryson Abel, Shannon Burch, Shannon Waggoner, Mandi Stewart, Steven Sexton, Ken Miller, Cindy McNabb, and Coach Alan Abel.

The Harlem Wizards are a professional entertainment basketball team. The game includes an audience participation half-time show and free autograph session at the end of the game.

Tickets are now on sale at Farm Bureau Insurance and Toy's Auto Parts in Loogootee, and RJ's Food Mart and Toy's Auto Parts in Shoals. Advanced tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students, or \$10 for adults and \$10 for students at the door. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the game to follow at 7 p.m.

This event, a comedic take on a regular basketball game, with lots of slam dunks, athletic tricks and humor, will benefit In His Hands Daycare, the Shoals Band Boosters, and Ryan's Hope. The band boosters will be selling concessions and Ryan's Hope will be selling Wizards' souvenirs. For more information contact Mike Newland at mnewland39@frontier.com.



## Calendar of Events

### SART meeting tomorrow

A meeting will be held tomorrow, Thursday, April 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse for anyone interested in being a part of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) being organized by Middle Way House of Martin County. For more information, contact Jennifer Young at 812-295-2993.

### Loogootee School Board special meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet in executive session on Thursday, April 3 at 9 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss strategy for the implementation of security systems and receipt of information about prospective employees. The meeting is closed to the public in accordance to I.C. 5141.56.1, (2)(C) and (5).

### Community-wide VBS

Last year four area churches came together for a community wide vacation bible school. Since it was successful, the churches are doing it again this year. They will be having their first meeting on Thursday, April 3 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals Public Library. Anyone interested in participating should attend. Bring your datebook and ideas. If you are unable to attend but are interested, please call Julie Fithian at 247-2162.

### Mustering Elm Park meeting

## Humane Society featured pet



Shown above is Roni, a five-year-old rottweiler mix. Roni has been with the humane society for well over a year, found lying in a dump pile on the side of a county road. She is a good dog, protective, and shows a bit of jealousy when attention is paid to other dogs in her presence. If interested in adopting Roni, or one of the other many shelter dogs, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. For information, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

The Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park Group will hold its first meeting of the year on Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the park. More participation is needed from the community. Participation and input will determine park events.

### Boy Scouts

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

### GED exam fees

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### Solid waste board

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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



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## Fascinating sight!

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, [www.billwhorrall.com](http://www.billwhorrall.com)

While this fascinating display is not in Martin County, it's worth coverage anyway. Photographer Bill Whorrall visited Goose Pond near Linton last week and more than 1,000 white pelicans were taking a swim.

## Purdue educator: EAB can survive harsh winter in most places

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

This winter was a brutal one, for sure, but the emerald ash borer still has plenty of life left in it.

Although the Midwest experienced abnormally cold temperatures this winter, it is unlikely that populations of the highly destructive beetle were significantly affected by it, said Adam Witte, exotic forest pest educator in the Purdue University Department of Entomology.

"Headlines have been circulating suggesting that EAB may have met its match," Witte said. "But the EAB, as well as most insects in colder climates, is effective at surviving cold temperatures."

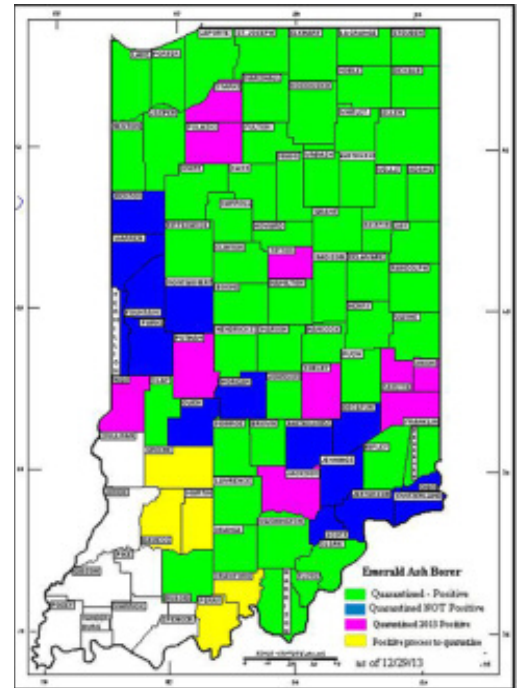
EAB larvae overwintering within ash trees die when temperatures reach minus-28 degrees Fahrenheit below the bark, Witte said. U.S. Forest Service scientists predicting areas in North America where temperatures were cold enough to kill EAB larvae conclude that only parts of Minnesota and North Dakota historically have reached temperatures that low.

Witte said the EAB survives the cold partly because it produces a substance that prevents water in its cells from crystallizing and causing damage, much like antifreeze. Also, insulation provided by the tree bark helps larvae withstand cold temperatures.

Although some parts of the U.S. might have fewer EAB adults emerging in the spring as a result of the cold temperatures, Witte said they probably won't notice. Because of the EAB's high reproductive rate, it likely will be only a matter of time before populations rebound to previous levels.

Despite the cold weather, experts are advising ash tree owners to continue with EAB management plans. One effective means of saving ash trees and reducing costs is to partner with interested neighbors to hire a company to treat trees in their neighborhood. Witte said the collaborative approach likely will reduce transportation and consultation costs for the company, which could lower costs for the property owners.

In Indiana, the EAB has been detected in 69 of its 92 counties. But 79 counties have quarantines against transporting firewood across county lines, with five additional counties in southwest Indiana in the process of establishing the restriction as a result of recent detection of the beetle. Fifteen counties with no detection of it have quarantines because they are surrounded by counties that have the EAB.



This map shows the presence of the emerald ash borer in Indiana and counties with quarantines that prohibit transporting firewood across county lines. Green: counties with EAB present and quarantine; blue: counties with quarantine but no presence of EAB detected; pink: counties with EAB detected in 2013 and quarantine in place; yellow: counties with EAB detected and in process of quarantine. (Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Entomology graphic/Philip T. Marshall)

Eight counties in southwest Indiana are the only counties in the state where both the EAB has not yet been detected and no quarantines are in place.

For more information on EAB, treatment options, and the organization Neighbors Against Bad Bugs, visit <http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/eab/>



## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Spring has sprung. Finally, the daffodils have turned Sandhill Gardens into a sea of cheerful yellow blooms. The daffodil is a symbol of hope. After a tough winter, they give us hope of renewal.

Last week, we looked at ways that people with disabilities can enjoy a garden. This week, we will explore ways that people with disabilities can actively participate in the wonderful hobby of gardening. With some accommodations, almost anyone can be a gardener.

As we get older, most of us will develop some degree of disability. Arthritis often causes many changes in lifestyles. In the past, I have touted the use of gardening in raised beds. Perhaps the greatest advantage to raised beds is accessibility. While most of my raised vegetable beds at Sandhill Gardens are less than a foot high, they are high enough to make it possible to reach everything while seated on a gardening cart. However, higher beds may be used to bring the beds into reach for persons who cannot bend down or for gardeners in wheelchairs.

For wheelchair access, a bed needs to be about two feet off the surrounding ground. Of course, the surrounding area needs to be paved or at least solid enough and level enough for maneuvering a chair. However, this height does not necessarily mean that one needs soil two feet deep. There are commercial raised beds that resemble boxes about a foot deep sitting on tables. The tables may be any height necessary to be accessible for the person gardening there. The internet offers many examples of such beds

that can be built for a fraction of the cost of the commercial models.

Specialized tools also help to make gardening easier for many people with disabilities. Such tools are called "ergonomic tools" and many styles are available. Gardening tools are very personal, and what works for one person may not for another. For that reason, I would urge anyone with a disability to purchase ergonomic tools at a local retailer where one may try out the tools. Many ergonomic tools are shaped to allow greater ease in digging or cutting. Hoes and rakes may have handles that are curved, to allow them to be used from a seated position. Pruners may ratchet to allow cutting in increments instead of having to squeeze hard enough to sever a branch with one continuous cut.

While some garden designers are rigid in keeping to design principals, I have always said that the garden should be what pleases the gardener. When it comes to gardens for people with disabilities, this is even truer. For instance, as mentioned last week, a person with a visual disability may still appreciate the textures of various plants and the scent of plants. It is also probably best that thorny plants be avoided. My point is that what one chooses to grow should be what is appropriate for a person's disabilities.

Whatever one's disability, personalizing a garden can mean continued participation in a wonderful pastime. Indoors or outside, vegetable or ornamental, the garden should reflect the gardener. Disability does not mean inability.

## New DNR webcam offers a peek into the lives of rare barn owl nesting pair

A show of companionship and survival will play out live before the public in a new DNR webcam that offers a peek into the lives of a barn owl pair raising chicks.

The webcam at [wildlife.IN.gov/8183.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/8183.htm) is the first in Indiana to focus on barn owls, a state-endangered species with fewer than two dozen known nesting pairs in Indiana. The goal of the webcam is to promote public interest in birds and raise awareness about efforts to support the barn owl.

Barn owls have nested at the webcam location in rural southern Indiana for the past seven years. A pair has already begun roosting at the box this spring, but has yet to lay eggs. "The barn owl is an interesting and rare bird," says DNR non-game bird biologist John Castrale. "We hope people develop an appreciation for this seldom-seen species and learn more about the owls and their habits through the DNR barn owl web page."

Information on barn owls and how the public can help them is at [wildlife.IN.gov/3382.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3382.htm). Barn Owls are known for their distinctive heart-shaped face, dark eyes and white to golden-brown feathers. They were once common in the Midwest,

living in hollow trees and wooden barns and hunting hayfields, idle grain fields, pastures and other grasslands for meadow voles. But many wooden barns are being torn down, and few modern farms offer the land a barn owl needs for hunting. DNR's Wildlife Diversity Program has been placing nest boxes for barn owls since 1984. The nest boxes, like the one the webcam owls use, give owls a safe place to raise their young. Barn owl breeding season typically begins in March and April, when a pair produces a clutch of three to 11 eggs. Usually the strongest three to four chicks will survive and leave the nest at 8 to 10 weeks old. The barn owl webcam can accommodate 20 viewers at a time.

The barn owl is one of more than 750 animal species, including many rare and endangered animals, supported by the DNR's Wildlife Diversity Program. WDP depends on donations to the DNR Nongame Fund. You can donate by credit card on the DNR website, or you can give all or a portion of your state tax return to the fund by marking the appropriate box on your printed Indiana tax form or when you file electronically. On the printed form, look for the bald eagle logo.

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## Primary Election candidates

Below are the candidates for the Primary Election on May 6.

The last day residents can register to vote in the Primary Election is Monday, April 7. You can register at the clerk's office at the courthouse in Shoals or online at [www.indianavoters.in.gov](http://www.indianavoters.in.gov).

You can also confirm or update your voter registration, view candidates on your ballot, or find your polling place online.

For information, contact the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

### UNITED STATES REP. (DISTRICT 8)

Larry D. Bucshon (R)  
Andrew T. McNeil (R)  
William Bryk (D)  
Tom Spangler (D)

### INDIANA SENATE (DISTRICT 39)

Eric Bassler (R)  
John M. Waterman (R)

### INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 62)

Matt Ubelhor (R)  
Jeff Sparks (D)

### INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 63)

Mike Braun (R)  
Richard Moss (R)

### CLERK

Gerald D. Montgomery (R)  
Ann Marie Stewart (D)

### ASSESSOR

Carolyn S. McGuire (R)

### SHERIFF

Robert F. "Rob" Street (D)

### PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

C. Michael Steiner (D)  
R. Joseph (Joe) Howell (D)

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER

#### DISTRICT 2

Paul R. George (D)  
John R. Collins (D)

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Randy Wininger (D)

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

John Keith Gibson (R)  
James A. "Buck" Stiles (R)

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Barbara D. McFeaters (R)

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Lynn Gee (D)  
Karen A. Hickman (R)

### CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Charles S. Hamilton (R)

### HALBERT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Exzelia Montgomery (R)

### LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Mildred C. Brown (R)

### MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Tammy Jo Gore (D)  
James Norman Pup (R)

### PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Ernest S. Canell (R)  
Joe McAtee (D)

Jason Henette (D)

### RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Terry J. Street (D)

### CENTER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

Gerald Wilcoxon (R)  
Kenneth L. Brett (R)

Larry L. Downs (R)

### HALBERT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

Travis Montgomery (R)  
Stevie J. Horton (R)

Kimberly L. Albright (R)

### LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

Alice Dianne Butler (R)  
Bruce Fithian (R)

### MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

Sharon K. Belcher (R)  
Charity (Belcher) Tolbert (R)

Dan J. Butler (R)

### PERRY TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

Julie Green (D)  
Sue Hunt (D)

Brandi Henette (D)

### STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES (vote for 4)

Gerald D. Montgomery (R)  
Stevie J. Horton (R)

Warren D. Albright (R)

Karen A. Hickman (R)

### DEMOCRAT PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN

James Richard Taylor (Perry 1)  
Tammy Jo Gore (Mitcheltree)

Raydies Thimling (East Memphis)  
Roger Cooper (Lost River)

Alice A. Robbins (West Memphis)  
Richard Baugh (North Halbert)

Charles W. Stringer (South Halbert)  
Daniel M. "Dan" Steiner (Perry 5)

## Election 2014 Calendar

### Monday, April 7, 2014

DEADLINE, at county voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or to transfer registration in the county voter registration office.

### Tuesday, April 8, 2014

First day a voter may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk.

### Friday, April 11, 2014

End of pre-primary campaign finance reporting period for all candidates (except candidates for statewide office).

### Monday, April 21, 2014

DEADLINE, by noon, for filing pre-primary campaign finance reports to be filed by all candidates (except candidates for statewide office).

### Thursday, April 24, 2014

First day a confined voter, a voter caring

for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

### Saturday, April 26, 2014

Absentee board in office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours for absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

### Monday, April 28, 2014

DEADLINE, by 11:59 p.m. for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed absentee ballot applications requesting to vote absentee by mail.

### Saturday, May 3, 2014

Absentee board in office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

### Monday, May 5, 2014

DEADLINE, by noon, for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered or faxed absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to file an absentee ballot application with the circuit court clerk to vote in-person in the clerk's office.

DEADLINE, 11:59 p.m., for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at voter's place of confinement.

### Tuesday, May 6, 2014

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY Polls are open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., prevailing local time.

## Polling sites

The Martin County Election Board met on December 16, 2013 and unanimously voted to again combine polling sites for the 2014 elections. They are as follows:

Perry 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – St. John Center, 408 Church Street, Loogootee

Perry 5 and Rutherford – St. Martin's Church Hall, 524 Whitfield Road, Loogootee

Perry 7 and Crane – Bramble Conservation Center, 1024 Bramble Road, Loogootee

North Center and Mitcheltree – Dover Hill Church of Christ, 15581 N State Road 450, Shoals

North Halbert, Southeast Halbert, South Halbert, Lost River, South Center, East Memphis, and West Memphis – St. Mary's Church Hall, 128 High Street, Shoals



## 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR ELECTION DAY

- 1 PLAN AHEAD** Visit [www.IndianaVoters.com](http://www.IndianaVoters.com) or call 1-866-IN-1-VOTE (866-461-8683) to check your voter registration and polling place. You may also call the Indian Election Division at 1-800-622-4941, your county clerk or county board of voter registration.
- 2 Polls are open Election Day from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, prevailing local time.**
- 3 BRING PHOTO ID** A voter must provide an Indiana state government-issued or federal government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot. An Indiana Driver's License, Indiana Photo ID card (available free of charge for voting purposes from the BMV), US Passport, or Military ID is sufficient. The ID must:
  1. Display the **voter's photo**;
  2. Display the **voter's name**, and the name must conform to the voter's registration record (conform does NOT mean identical);
  3. Display an **expiration date** and be current or have expired sometime after the date of the last General Election (except for certain military IDs).
- 3 VOTE EARLY** by taking advantage of your county's **absentee voting** options. Voters who qualify may vote absentee by mail or absentee by traveling board by completing the absentee ballot application and returning it to your county election office.
- 4 PAY ATTENTION** Look at the signs at your polling place for directions on how to use the voting machines, a list of your voting rights, information on provisional ballots and instructions for filing a complaint if your rights have been violated.
- 5 KNOW THE LAW** Every polling place is required to have facilities and voting machines accessible to elderly voters and voters with disabilities.

Visit [www.IndianaVoters.com](http://www.IndianaVoters.com) for more information.



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