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ERIN WITTMER

## Erin Wittmer named 2011 Lilly Scholar

Erin Wittmer, daughter of Tim and Beth Wittmer of Loogootee, has been named the Martin County Community Foundation's 2011 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Erin, will receive a full-tuition scholarship to a four-year Indiana public or private college or university, along with an annual \$800 stipend for required books.

Erin, a Loogootee Jr/Sr High School senior, plans to enroll in the pre-medical program at the University of Evansville. It is her hope to further her education at Indiana University's Dentistry School to become a dentist first and then a licensed orthodontist.

Twenty-three students applied for the scholarship. The selection committee, made up of volunteer community residents, narrowed the field to the final ten. In addition to Erin, the finalists included Leah Lottes, Megan Lottes, Tia Pennington, and Jill Taylor from Loogootee Jr/Sr High School and Shaelin Adams, Jill Bradley, Jess Jenkins, Charles Shartzler, and Augustus Sherfick from Shoals Jr/Sr High School. The ten finalists completed an impromptu essay and were interviewed by the selection committee. 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. This year, due to the rising costs of college tuitions, 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 142 scholarships awarded statewide.

## Historical society in need of help restoring our past

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Historical Society was organized in 1939. The first meeting of the members was held in the basement of the Shoals Library. The first elected officers were F.P. Lemmon, president; Effie Williams, vice president; and Grace Shrum, secretary/treasurer. Marie Brown was named museum curator. Memberships were 50 cents per year.

72 years later, the Martin County Historical Society is still in operation after being reorganized in 1963. Current officers are James Marshall, president; Larry Albright, vice president; Becky Ramsey, treasurer; and Jane Marshall, secretary. Membership dues are now \$10 per year. Nancy Baker, county historian, is a charter member of the society.

The mission of the historical society is to restore the old Martin County Courthouse to as close to its original 1876 condition as possible and to preserve the county's history – through documentation and relics.

The courthouse that stands today and houses the Martin County Museum was built in 1876 after a fire destroyed the first courthouse built in 1870 – the year West Shoals became the seventh county seat. According to "The History of Martin County" by Harry Q. Holt, Travis and Benjamin Carter of Jackson County were awarded the bid to rebuild the courthouse and were paid \$8,588.90 on January 9, 1877. During the construction process the county offices moved to the Mohr building in Shoals, on the east side of the river. The offices were then moved into the new courthouse at the first of the year in 1877.

According to Holt's book, the new courthouse was built with the best materials that could be obtained. During the fire of the previous building, the vaults were well insulated and survived including the records of the county dating back to 1820 that were housed in them. Those vaults were installed (See 'SOCIETY' continued on page two)

## Non-profit organization takes beating at meeting

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Don Greene, president of the Martin County Humane Society, was in the hot seat at last night's Martin County Commissioners' meeting when he answered questions from patrons concerning the county's animal control ordinance.

Commissioner Paul George spoke at the beginning of the meeting to Greene stating that the original idea behind the ordinance was for the creation of a commission to help oversee the ordinance and for the application of grants for the humane society. He said that since the talk started he has received quite a few phone calls from concerned residents. "The fees are what's getting everybody so anxious," George said. He added that he can understand the concern, "Where we live, a lot of us, we really



Shown above is the original counter and cage in the treasurer's office of the old courthouse that dates back to 1876.



In the photo above are shelves of old county records including birth, death, and marriage certificates along with probate, wills, and personal records.

don't want someone coming in and telling us what we can and can't do."

Greene quickly explained that the fees were put into question because the humane society spends thousands of dollars taking care of the stray animals in the county. He said \$11,000 was spent last year on this purpose. "We've got to find a way we can raise money," he said noting that the society holds constant fundraisers as well. He said that the humane society is trying to build a shelter but has been unable, thus far, to receive any commitment from the county, city of Loogootee, or town of Shoals for help with funding once it is built. He said the tax is the only option left. He also added that he is an unpaid volunteer and that no one else is paid for the work that is done involving the society either.

Angie Gerkin, an audience member, said that she has several dogs and also takes in

dogs for the humane society and with the cost of feeding and caring for them; she doesn't feel like she should have to pay a tax too.

Greene noted that the ordinance that is in question was actually adopted in 1997 but it was just never enforced. County Attorney David Lett added that nothing new was added to the ordinance – only updated for the purpose of the Animal Control Commission. It was also noted by Commissioner George that none of the fees are set in stone and the ordinance was only updated and approved to get the Commission formed who will then discuss the laws and fees, all of which must be approved by the commissioners prior to being set.

One man in the audience then addressed Don Greene stating that it was not the responsibility of the residents in his area to (See 'NON-PROFIT' continued on page two)

# SOCIETY

# NON-PROFIT

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-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shown above is the spiral staircase located in the clerk's office of the old courthouse used for the judge to have a back way out of the judge's chambers.

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into the new building. Native sandstone was obtained from local quarries for finishing and supports of the courthouse. The first Martin County Museum, according to historical society president Jim Marshall, was in the music room of the old high school.

As part of the historical society's mission, much of the old courthouse has been restored or maintained as best as possible. The courthouse was donated to the historical society by the commissioners in 1980 when the county offices were moved to the old bank. According to Marshall, the society is in need of money and volunteers in order to reach their goal of achieving complete restoration. The museum's downstairs area is filled with relics and documents dating back to the beginning of the county. The original rooms slated for each county department is still labeled and the treasurer's office still has the original counter and iron cage and the clerk's office still contains a spiral staircase that connected the office to the judge's chamber's upstairs. Marshall said that he assumed this was so the judge did not have to exit through the courtroom to get outside. The lobby of the museum contains wooden curved staircases and all the interior doors are original. The small landing upstairs has a 17-foot ceiling and glass windows leading to the iron balcony above the front entrance. The jury room upstairs has recently been repainted and will eventually house spinning wheels and a rug loom. The courtroom has been altered with modern paneling and carpet and Marshall explained that all this will be removed as part of the restoration. The original iron fence separating the public from the courtroom participants is also still present.

Recently, a chair lift was installed on one of the lobby staircases for the handicapped, with money donated from the Martin County Community Foundation.

The courthouse has two boilers in the basement but due to faulty installation of the pipes, they are not turned on. Marshall said that the museum chose to stay closed during the winter because of the lack of heat. He added though that even if the boilers did work, the historical society would be unable to afford the heating bills due to their lack of funding.

The historical society has around 75 members and holds a few fundraisers throughout the year including a bean dinner in October and a corn hole tournament on the 4th of July. The society relies heavily on memberships and donations because ac-



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

**The old Martin County Courthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places.**

According to Marshall, any grants that they qualify for require a match of money, which is just not possible.

Along with thousands of items on display in the museum, county historian Nancy Baker and Jane Marshall offer genealogical services to anyone at a cost of \$5 and 25 cents per copy. The duo will offer help in person, via phone, or through email. The museum houses records on marriages, deaths, birth records, personal records, probate, wills, obituaries, census data, cemetery records, and yearbooks from both Martin County schools. The research room is open to the general public during regular museum hours.

The upstairs is currently closed to visitors due to the roof caving in after a leak was found. Marshall said it would cost approximately \$20,000 to restore the upstairs of the building and another estimated \$20,000 to pull up the carpeting and restore the original hardwood floors. Marshall said that the society would love to have high school students interested in the county's history to donate their time helping to computerize records noting that many members of the society are not well-versed on computer use. He also added that any volunteers would be most welcome in helping work during open hours of the museum and help with the clean-up and organization of records.

The museum is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and re-opened for the season on Monday. There is no cost for admission.

Special tours can be arranged for groups or organizations by calling 812-247-3311 or emailing [historical@frontier.com](mailto:historical@frontier.com).

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Martin County Historical Society can send their name, address, phone number, email, and membership fee to P.O. Box 564 Shoals, IN 47581. To learn more about the Martin County Museum you can visit [www.martincountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.martincountyhistoricalsociety.com). To volunteer your time, call 812-247-3311 or email [historical@frontier.com](mailto:historical@frontier.com).

take care of his dogs and pay a fee for them. Greene replied that these were not his dogs they were the county's stray dogs. The man said that the humane society is the one who created the stray dog problem.

Another woman stated that the residents of the county cannot afford to pay the dog tax to which Greene replied that it was their choice to own a dog and if they could not pay the tax they should not own them.

County Attorney Lett then interrupted telling the audience that all questions needed to be addressed to the commissioners who would then ask Greene for a response. Lett informed the audience that this was a commissioners' meeting and not a general discussion.

James Norman, Mitcheltree Township Trustee, then addressed the commissioners stating he would be happy to pay a small tax for his dogs, he owns 11, because he keeps them tied up. He said that his neighbor's dogs, however come onto his property and those are the types of dogs that need to be taken care of.

Martin County Recorder Gerald Montgomery then spoke saying that when he served as township trustee for 27 years, money was given to the humane society every single year through the dog tax. He said that Greene had previously stated to the contrary. He also said that he felt it was a violation of his rights to give money to a non-elected, private organization – the humane society. He also added that the dog problem was in Loogootee and Shoals but not the county as a whole. Attorney Lett corrected Montgomery stating that the Animal Control Commission is established by the county commissioners and is not a private organization.

Ben Survance then spoke saying that the Animal Control Commission has three members from the humane society serving on it which means complete control by that organization. "That is control by the very people that we don't want it controlled by," he said. Greene said that the commission is nine members total with only three serving from the humane society. The remaining six are appointed by the government bodies of the county.

Commissioner Dan Gregory then addressed the audience stating that what he thought was a pretty simple ordinance to get a commission established has somehow been blown up. He noted that no laws have been established and fees have not been set. He said that he would like to look into the issues with the ordinance by speaking to his neighbors and finding out how a majority of the people of Martin County feel about it. He also said that there was no plan to hire an animal control officer and there was no money to hire one anyway. He said that he would like for the law enforcement officials to have more authority to help protect people and property however.

Greene then stated that many things on the ordinance can be adjusted to make it work. He said that funding has to be found somewhere because this is a county problem – not a humane society problem.

Shanna Wagner then spoke saying that she has lived out in the country for 25 years and never had a dog problem. She told Greene that she doesn't feel like she should have to pay for the stray dogs in the city just because Greene cares about them. "I don't feel like that's my place to pay for it because you want to take care of those dogs," she said.

Commissioner John Winger then said that the intention of the ordinance was not to impose taxes on people who take care of their animals. He said that if a complaint does come in then an ordinance has to be in place to back up the enforcement, otherwise there is nothing anyone could do to solve a problem.

Ms. Damon spoke saying that she called several area auditor's offices to find out about their dog control ordinances. She said that Dubois, Daviess, Owen, Clay, and Sullivan do not have a dog control ordinance. She said some of the cities do but not the counties. She said that one person in the

Dubois County's Auditor's Office she talked to laughed at her stating that they don't have an ordinance because it is their freedom as a rural resident. "It's our freedom," she said. "You're messing with our freedom."

Jeremy Albright then addressed the commissioners saying that he didn't see any of the law enforcement officials at the meeting or town officials, "It don't seem like they're the ones with the problem seems like we have a broke humane society and that's the problem," he said.

Dan Gregory then motioned to appoint John Simmons (one-year term) and Courtney Hughett (two-year term) to the Animal Control Commission. John Winger made the second with Paul George voted against saying, "This is not top priority on my county plate."

After several more comments from the audience Commissioner Gregory made a motion to give the Animal Control Commission six months to do research and discuss the ordinance without any enforcement of it. After quite a bit more discussion the motion was seconded and passed with all commissioners in favor.

After over an hour the discussion moved on to EMA Director Monte Wolf. He said that he went to a convention and spoke to the makers of the department's fire truck which has been having a problem blowing out pumps. He said he was told that the pump was not installed correctly and someone would come down and correct it.

Wolf also discussed the planning requirements handed down by the state that is requiring quite a bit of work for his department. He said he simply doesn't have time for all the typing and computer work that is being required and he has put the work on his deputies. He also told the commissioners that he is having the money he makes handed over to his deputies for the work they are doing. Wolf said that most counties have full-time directors that handle such business – Martin County doesn't have one.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams informed the commissioners that he put in an order for 100 ton of salt for next winter. He said he is unsure what the price is going to be but he was told it could be going up three to four percent. He said another supplier said it could be an increase of 10 percent. He said he should know by May what it will cost.

Williams also reported that he received a tri-axle of blacktop at \$45.70 per ton delivered to Loogootee. He said he is doing what he can to patch potholes but also discussed with the commissioners the possibility of approaching the county council about hiring part-time help for the summer. He said that a five percent raise was requested at budget time last year and though the council denied the raise the money is still in the budget and it is around \$14,000. He said that part-time help would be paid out of this money. He said that his crew is currently getting help from individuals serving community service.

Auditor Nancy Steiner requested that the commissioners grant permission for the courthouse to purchase a first aid kit at a cost of \$100. She said that an employee recently passed out and there were no first aid kits available. She said she spoke with Julia Albright with the health department and she said they could probably donate one and one is needed each for upstairs and downstairs. Steiner also said that Albright suggested getting a defibrillator which can cost \$2,000 and possibly offer CPR training to employees. The commissioners approved the purchase of the first aid kit and said they could look into the purchase of a defibrillator and CPR classes.

Steiner also brought up the issue of storage. She said that the courthouse is running out of space to store records. After discussion it was suggested that she call Jim Marshall with the historical society to see if more could be stored in the old courthouse. It was also suggested that she check and see how long records need to be kept.

**ELMER "JOE" CHESTNUT**

Elmer D. "Joe" Chestnut died at 11:10 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Odon, he was 80.

He was born November 23, 1930, in Daviess County; the son of William H. and Ruby E. (Reynolds) Chestnut. He married Marjorie (Helen) Chestnut on June 12, 1955 and she survives. He was a farmer and a member of Shiloh Church of God, Moore

Lodge No. 303 of Odon Scottish Rite, York Rite, and International Union of Operating Engineer No. 841. He was a founding member and charter member of the White River Valley Antique Association. He enjoyed farming and collecting antique International Harvester tractors.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph A. and Barbara Chestnut of Odon, Benjamin R. and Becky Chestnut and Kenneth H. and Lisa Chestnut, all of

Burns City; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and brothers, Donald L. Chestnut of Switz City and Jack L. Chestnut of Griffith.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Harold R. Chestnut.

The funeral was held Saturday, April 2 at Shiloh Church of God, with Reverends Steve Sims and Chris Miller officiating. Poindexter-Hall and McClure Funeral Home, Odon Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES "J.B." JONES**

James B. "J.B." Jones died at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2011 at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. A resident of Loogootee, he was 66.

He was born September 8, 1944, in Loogootee; the son of Henry J. and Mary (Petigrew) Jones. He was a graduate of Loogootee High School and married Linda (Price) Jones on December 31, 1965 and she survives. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving in Vietnam. A fourth degree knight in the Loogootee Knights of Columbus, he was a member and past commander of the Loogootee American Legion Post No. 120 and a member of the Loogootee V.F.W. Post No. 9395. He also participated in the American Legion

and V.F.W. Honor Guard. He was employed by the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Crane and retired in 1999. He was a lifelong farmer and accomplished many great things in his lifetime and touched many people's hearts and lives. Jim's faith, family and friends were truly his riches and he will be very much missed by many.

He is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and David Lingenfelter of Loogootee, Jessica and Brian Dorsam of Jasper, and Rachael and Louis Hart of Loogootee; three sisters, Jeanette Albertson of Jasper, Jane Bruner and Martina Scott, both of Loogootee; eight grandchildren, Cassandra Lingenfelter, James Lingenfelter, Dylan Stahl, Sydney Stahl, Katie Brown, Christopher Graber, Nathaniel Hart and John Hart; one great-grandson, Benjamin Truelove; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Deborah Sue Jones; and one brother, John T. Jones.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, April 5 at St. John Catholic Church. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery, with military graveside rites conducted by the American Legion and V.F.W. Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

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

## Local advocates fight for seniors and CHOICE in the Statehouse

Older adults and advocates for senior issues from all over Indiana gathered at the State Capitol on March 29 for the "Rally for Independence."

This event was sponsored by AARP Indiana and the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging (IAAAA) to show their support for more state funding to enable older adults and individuals with physical disabilities to age in their own homes and communities through the CHOICE program.

Vincennes University's Generations Program provided bus transportation to Indianapolis for a local contingent from its six-county service area.

Generations is the Area 13 Agency on Aging serving Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin, and Pike counties.

With the return of House Democrats to the Statehouse last Monday, aging advocates fear renewed debate on House Bill 1001

(state budget bill) may lead to cuts in CHOICE. IAAAA and AARP pledged to keep fighting and urged Governor Daniels and Indiana legislators to protect CHOICE and home and community based services from devastating cuts.

Indiana Association for Area Agencies on Aging Chief Executive Officer Kristen LaEace sees the difference CHOICE makes in the lives of Hoosier families every day. "Area Agencies on Aging are the primary gateway connecting older adults and people with physical disabilities to services that allow them to remain safely and independently at home at a significantly lower cost than nursing facility care" said LaEace. "Services such as those provided through CHOICE and other programs are a win-win proposition for Hoosiers – they save state and federal tax dollars while fulfilling the overwhelming preference of citizens to live and age in their own homes and communities."

"Proposed cuts to CHOICE threaten the independence that Hoosiers hold so dear," said Clyde Hall, State President of AARP Indiana. "CHOICE is a proven life-line for thousands of Hoosiers providing home-based services that help keep people out of nursing homes at a fraction of the cost to Indiana taxpayers. We want to make sure that the Governor and legislators know how important CHOICE is to Hoosiers and their communities."

These home and community based services provide meals, in-home care, adult day care, personal care attendant services, transportation, and many other life-sustaining support services at a fraction of the cost of nursing home care.

CHOICE allows the state to serve over three persons for every state dollar it spends to serve one person in a nursing home. Fully funding CHOICE services is a proven and common sense use of taxpayer dollars even in tough budget times.

Learn more [www.aarp.org/in](http://www.aarp.org/in) and [www.iaaaa.org](http://www.iaaaa.org)

## Phyllis Parker announces candidacy for Loogootee City Council At-Large

Phyllis A. Parker would like to announce her candidacy for re-election for Loogootee City Council At-Large.

Phyllis has been a resident of Loogootee since 1978 and is the widow of the late William E. Parker. Her daughter Tracey and her family have relocated to the Indianapolis area. She is an active member of the Loogootee Lutheran Church and the WELCA. She is involved with the women of the church in making quilts every winter for the Christian relief program, as well as other committees including

one for the nursing home and she helps sponsor holiday events at the home. She is also involved with the Martin County Humane Society.

Past employment includes apartment management, secretarial work for

lawyers and judges and court reporter, as well as co-owner of several retail businesses. She was also secretary for her husband Bill during his term as Loogootee Mayor. "I think having worked in these different positions has given me a lot of valuable and useful information including some of the inner workings of the city offices and how relative they are to each other," she said. She added that she feels it is all very helpful in making decisions for the city.

Phyllis still maintains her residence in the city as well as works for a local business.

Phyllis has served on the city council for four and a half years. She was appointed to replace her husband in her first term and was re-elected for the following term. She said that she thinks her employment history as well as life experiences, along with determination as a hardworking individual, allow her to make fair and informed decisions and she will continue to do so for all citizens of Loogootee.

"A vote for me is a vote for you, the citizens of Loogootee," she said. Phyllis urges all residents of voting age to make sure they are registered to vote and to go to the polls and vote on Election Day, May 3.



PHYLLIS PARKER

## Highway Dept. worried about next year's budget

Meeting minutes provided by Auditor Nancy Steiner

The Martin County Council met Monday, April 4.

Jim Williams, County Highway Superintendent, asked the council for some guidance as the 2012 budget process is about to start.

With the increases in the cost of winter mix for the roads, gravel, fuel and the cost of repaving roads (\$50,000 per mile) and Martin County having 369 miles of county road, he is very concerned about the upcoming year. He was asked about the Crane timber money and he commented that it would be two months before he knew how much that would be.

Dan Gregory suggested consulting with LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) and it was decided to have LTAP come and talk with the county.

Emergency Management Director Monty Wolfe had asked that his director salary be moved to the assistant director's

line item and that the two assistants receive the money and none to the director. He wanted to forfeit his salary.

Council President Rich Summers stated he had received a complaint about 911 services and that it needed to be looked into further.

Martin County Commissioner Dan Gregory discussed the repairs that needed to be done at the jail to the outside of the building, and the repairs had been put off for a couple years now. The plumbing problems ended up costing less than expected and that would leave enough in the budget to get the outside work done. The council asked that he get Midwest Engineers to come to the next meeting to talk with the council.

Jason Jones, Executive Director of the Martin County Community Foundation gave a short presentation of everything the MCCF had done in 2010 to show the county that they are a "good investment" and to please try and keep them in the budget for 2011.

## Martin County SWCD

# Fish Sale

Orders and payment must be received no later than noon Friday, April 15th

Fish will be delivered to the SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) office on Tuesday, April 19, at 10 a.m.

Please make checks to the Martin Co. SWCD.

To order contact the SWCD office at 812-295-3149 or check the website at [www.martinswcd.com](http://www.martinswcd.com).

6-8" Channel Catfish	\$0.50	3" Largemouth Bass	\$0.90
2-3" Hybrid Bluegill	\$0.45	*8-11" Grass Carp	\$15.00
3-5" Hybrid Bluegill	\$0.65	Fathead Minnows (per 1,000)	\$32.00
1-3" Regular Bluegill	\$0.45	3-5" Koi	\$5.00
1-3" Redear Shellcracker	\$0.45	6-8" Koi	\$9.00

Plus tax. \*A minimum of 5 on Grass Carp  
State law requires that seller must deliver Grass Carp to pond.



# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

## Tuesday, March 29,

11:27 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Wildman Road and Love Cemetery Road.

12:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Health Care. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:04 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on Mill Road.

3:09 p.m. - A female came on station to report harassment.

3:52 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on a trailer on South Martin Road.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a female subject possibly intentionally hitting a dog with her vehicle on S.R. 450.

7:17 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of Mt. Calvary Road and Woodschool Road.

9:19 p.m. - A female caller reported tailgating on U.S. 50 near Buffalo Bottoms.

11:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

## Wednesday, March 30

1:35 a.m. - A male caller reported an erratic driver on U.S. 231, southbound from the Alfordsville turnoff.

12:00 p.m. - Received a call about a subject is having a controlled burn in the Low Gap Road area.

1:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:01 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on a dirt bike on Reinhardt Road.

3:20 p.m. - Received a call about a vehicle that was reported stolen has been located.

5:47 p.m. - Received a complaint about

smoke from a controlled burn across from the boat ramp.

6:12 p.m. - Received a complaint about a dog running loose in Shoals.

8:11 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on U.S. 150, approximately five miles from Shoals.

8:54 p.m. - Received a request for the Shoals Fire Department to check a residence for possible carbon monoxide alarm sounding.

10:06 p.m. - Received a report that the traffic light at the intersection of JFK Avenue and Broadway Street was not cycling properly.

10:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in the Shoals area. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## Thursday, March 31

2:15 a.m. - A business was secured on Main Street in Shoals.

10:00 a.m. - Received a call advising that there is going a controlled burn on Mill Road.

10:40 a.m. - Received call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee for a male that had fallen.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on County Farm Road.

8:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible stolen vehicle.

## Friday, April 1

3:49 a.m. - Received a report of a possible vandalism at the Shoals Laundromat.

7:16 a.m. - Received a call from a Rich Streicher advising that he struck a deer on US Hwy 231 north of Bramble. He advised no report is needed.

8:30 a.m. - Received a call from Goodman's Recycling reporting some possible stolen metal.

2:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible drunk driver on Hwy 50. Caller

advised it was a tan car with paper plates.

5:15 p.m. - A female caller in Shoals reported that her teenage daughter had taken her car without permission.

10:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

## Saturday, April 2

6:50 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver, speeding and making bad passes on U.S. 231, northbound from just north of Haysville.

7:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance to assist a subject that had fallen in Loogootee. The ambulance was advised to disregard minutes later.

10:33 a.m. - Received a call about a property dispute.

3:30 p.m. - Received a complaint of speeding cars on S.R. 450.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in the Crane area.

4:05 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm east of Loogootee.

4:10 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer in reference to an eviction.

4:47 p.m. - Received a call about the cable system being out of service.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report that there would be a controlled burn on Spout Springs Road.

5:10 p.m. - Received a call about fencing on private property being cut.

5:34 p.m. - Received another call about the cable system being out of service.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee.

## Sunday, April 3

10:58 a.m. - Received a report of a dog struck by a vehicle on U.S. 231, south of the Raglesville turnoff.

11:23 a.m. - Received a report of dogs being left behind at a residence in Shoals.

4:10 p.m. - Received a complaint of four-wheelers driving on S.R. 450.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle that had run off the roadway to miss a deer.

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on S.R. 450, north of Trinity Springs.

5:25 p.m. - A male caller in Shoals reported a female had broken out a window at his residence.

5:32 p.m. - Received a call about possible underage kids driving on Keith Road headed toward Williams. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

5:47 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire on Butler Bridge Road.

6:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Nolley Lane.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 150.

9:30 p.m. - Received a complaint of barking dogs near the Shoals Ball Park.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on U.S. 150, near the Shoals area.

## Monday, April 4

12:54 a.m. - Received a report of a cable line down on U.S. 50, just east of Shoals Community School.

8:30 a.m. - A female caller on S.R. 550 requested assistance with getting a cat out of a tree.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree in the northbound lane on U.S. 231, near the Alfordsville turnoff.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50, east of Max Warrens Curve.

1:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of debris on S.R. 450.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on U.S. 231, nearing Loogootee.

4:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:11 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Loogootee.

7:13 p.m. - A male caller reported open doors at a business in Shoals.

10:39 p.m. - A caller advised of possible drug activity.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

## Tuesday, April 5

12:59 a.m. - A female in Shoals reported theft of tin from her property.

4:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Mt. Calvary Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:20 a.m. - A male caller reported a break in at his residence.

11:30 a.m. - A female caller reported her dog missing and possibly stolen.

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# Loogootee Police Department log

## Friday, March 25

2:27 p.m. - First responders requested on South Kentucky Avenue for a male who had taken too much medication.

8:16 p.m. - Received a report of Drug activity.

8:44 p.m. - Male caller stated being harassed at the high school parking lot.

11:24 p.m. - Female requested an unwanted guest removed from her property.

11:37 p.m. - Female came on station and reported she had been battered. Capt. Akles provided the female with a statement form.

## Saturday, March 26

9:19 a.m. - Jim Bateman, of Loogootee, reported a mailbox had been struck on Cooper Street.

11:35 a.m. - Employee at McDonalds requested assistance in removing three females from the parking lot.

12:47 p.m. - Female caller advised she was being tailgated by a blue truck. Officer Nolan was unable to locate, and Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

## Sunday, March 27

9:45 a.m. - Female caller requested information about an election sign that was on her property without her permission.

3:25 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on East Broadway.

7:05 p.m. - A male caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231 North.

7:26 p.m. - A female caller reported a civil dispute in Bowling Trailer Court.

## Monday, March 28

2:19 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated

driver in McDonalds' parking lot.

2:42 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male who lives on JFK Avenue.

5:18 p.m. - Caller requested to speak to an officer in regard to harassment.

7:32 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised to be on look out for a stolen purse.

## Tuesday, March 29

12:00 p.m. - Female requested extra patrol at her business.

## Wednesday, March 30

12:06 p.m. - Male caller advised of a parking complaint on Mill Street.

2:50 p.m. - A male caller requested extra patrol on Church Street.

4:00 p.m. - A male called to report illegal dumping.

8:18 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a motorist needing assistance on Broadway Street.

10:28 p.m. - Female called to report a possible domestic dispute near the Marathon station.

## Thursday, March 31

8:59 a.m. - Male called and requested a welfare check conducted on SE 1st Street.

10:47 a.m. - First responders were requested on South Kentucky Avenue for a male with epilepsy.

2:36 p.m. - Female called and advised she had a protective order against another female who was in front of her residence. Sgt. Hennette responded.

3:08 p.m. - Female called to report a disturbance in Bowling Trailer Court. Officer Nolan responded.

4:06 p.m. - Female called to report a

speeding vehicle on US 231.

4:25 p.m. - Female requested a vehicle check on SE 3rd Street.

4:27 p.m. - Female requested a vehicle check.

6:19 p.m. - Male reported an open door at a local business. Officer Nolan responded.

8:16 p.m. - Male called to report several juveniles huffing paint at the skate park. Officer Nolan responded and checked the juveniles for impairment and none was detected.

8:43 p.m. - Caller reported someone burning trash near Riley Street. Officer Nolan responded.

## Friday, April 1

5:19 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised to be on the lookout for a Grand Prix that was taken without permission.

5:55 p.m. - Caller requested an officer be present for an eviction notice.

6:07 p.m. - A small fire was reported near the city park. It was later learned to be a controlled burn.

11:33 p.m. - Male reported a loud music complaint on Fairview Street. Officer responded and observed underage drinking. Charges were filed on a few subjects. ISP assisted.

## Saturday, April 2

12:18 a.m. - A domestic dispute was reported on Cedar Street. Officer Nolan and ISP units responded.

6:50 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

11:19 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female who was threatening to harm herself.

## Accident reports

### Friday, March 25

5:45 p.m. - David A. Wray, of Mitchell, was eastbound on Broadway Street attempting to turn left into the Marathon Station when he turned into the path of a 2006 Kenworth operated by Joshua Barnard, of Dana, Indiana. No injuries were reported. Capt. Akles was the investigating officer.

### Tuesday, March 29

5:00 p.m. - John J. Zins, of Loogootee, was operating a 1988 Ford and backing from Main Street when he collided with a parked 1993 Olds owned by Rose Mary Harder, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Capt. Akles was the investigating officer.

### Thursday, March 31

7:40 p.m. - Kenneth D. Crane, of Loogootee, was operating a 1993 Ford in the Chuckles parking lot when he struck a medal pole. No injuries were reported. Officer Nolan was the investigating officer.

# Court News

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

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### March 24

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

#### March 28

William A. Kidwell II, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class D Felony.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### March 23

Chase Home Finance, LLC vs. Curtis A. Cronin, Tara J. Cronin, and Hoosier Accounts Service, mortgage foreclosure.

#### March 28

Bill Me Later, Inc. vs. Sandra Braun, civil collection.

Joshua and Trinity Benton vs. Rickie A. Jones, TF Polar Express, Troyer Foods Inc., and TF Inter Holdings Inc., civil tort.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### March 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff FIA Card Services and against the defendant Kimberly J. Henninger in the amount of \$10,831.26.

### March 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry Portfolio and against the defendant Rocky J. Street in the amount of \$1,616.77.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suit Filed

#### March 23

Anthony Jones vs. Sheila Shoults, complaint.

#### March 29

Phillips Well Drilling vs. Brian and Barbaretta Wade, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### March 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Toys Auto Parts and against the defendant Faulk and Faulk Construction in the amount of \$182.98.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

### March 28

Hughes Paving vs. Gary Albright, complaint, dismissed.

#### March 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Donna and Robin Haulk in the amount of \$2,277.31.

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

### March 23 - March 29

Lynna Brown, Brooksville, Kentucky, open alcoholic beverage container, \$209.

Terence Holt, Honolulu, Hawaii, seatbelt violation, \$25.

## Martin County jail bookings

### Tuesday, March 29

11:00 a.m. - William Kidwell, 31, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with petition to revoke.

6:30 p.m. - George A. Wade, 51, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

10:50 p.m. - Maria L. Hill, 46, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with domestic battery and criminal recklessness.

### Saturday, April 2

2:20 a.m. - Benjamin Kent, 24, of Williams, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

8:50 p.m. - Jacob P. Friede, 23, of Crane, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

### Sunday, April 3

3:00 a.m. - Daniel Allbright, 43, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

### Tuesday, April 5

2:10 a.m. - Joshua Jones, 26, of Shoals was arrested and charged with domestic battery, felon in possession of a firearm, operating while intoxicated, neglect of a dependent, and possession of a controlled substance.

## Martin County real estate transfers

Daniel E. Roush, of Martin County, Indiana to Ark J. Wright and Kendra C. Wright, of Lawrence County, Indiana, Lot Number 11 Run Subdivision.

Michael K. Braun, of Dubois County, Indiana to Indian Creek Hills, Inc., of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, except about three acres off the southwest end of said tract lying west of the public highway, containing 17.85 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 7.51 acres, more or less. Said tracts containing 25.36 acres, more or less.

Alvin L. Hawkins and Anita J. Hawkins, of Martin County, Indiana to Teresa D. Winger and Floyd L. Hawkins, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 0.34 acre, more or less.

Carroll L. George and Roberta H. George, of Martin County, Indiana to Brian L. George, Robert A. George, and Michael K. George, of Martin County, Indiana, tract I: a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.02 acres, more or less. Tract II: Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, lying east of State Highway 450 and containing 0.33 acres, more or less.

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# Senate Democrats first to release statewide redistricting proposals

During a press conference last Wednesday morning, Senate Democrats unveiled the first district proposals of the 2011 redistricting process.

Under their "Good Government Plan," the Democrats released their first draft of proposed statewide maps for State Senate and U.S. Congressional districts, adhering to public calls for compact, simplified districts.

State Senator Tim Lanane (D-Anderson), the Ranking Democrat on the Senate Elections Committee and the caucus lead on redistricting, said the Good Government Plan adheres to three primary principles: compactness, communities of interest and competitiveness.

Lanane said proposed maps are based on a regional approach with an emphasis on logical boundaries and keeping neighborhoods, towns and other communities together.

For example, Senate District 35 currently includes portions of Marion, Morgan and Johnson counties. The district proposed under the Democrats' Good Government map is wholly within Wayne Township in Marion County.

"We really worked to make more sense of districts like those in Marion County, basing districts on townships and neighborhoods," said Lanane. "We want to move the process away from partisan control and give voters a real choice in their representation."

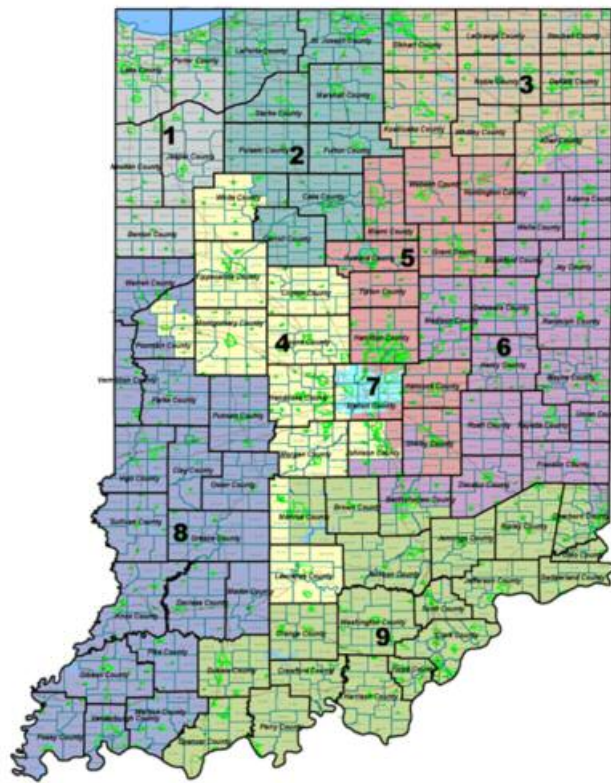
Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville) said the caucus is committed to protecting the public's interest by proposing easy-to-understand districts and giving the members of the public an opportunity to respond and provide input to the proposals.

"Waiting until the last minute to push new district maps through the legislature does a great disservice to the public," Sen. Simpson added. "We want to put forth our ideas, make the proposals accessible to everyone, and give the public an opportunity to respond and provide the local input that is so critical to this process."

Senate Democrats will make the Good Government map data files available for download on their redistricting website at [www.SenateDemocrats.IN.gov/redistricting](http://www.SenateDemocrats.IN.gov/redistricting). More information on the Senate Democrats' Good Government Plan, including the proposed maps, and an opportunity for constituents to engage and provide feedback is available on the site.

Constituent input is also being sought at [www.facebook.com/INRedistricting](http://www.facebook.com/INRedistricting) and a public discussion is encouraged on Twitter using #INMaps hash tag.

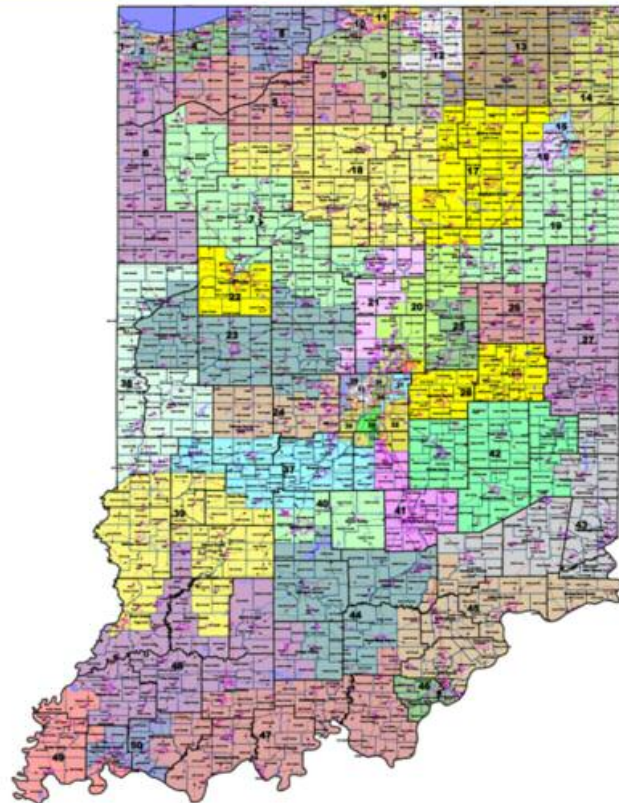
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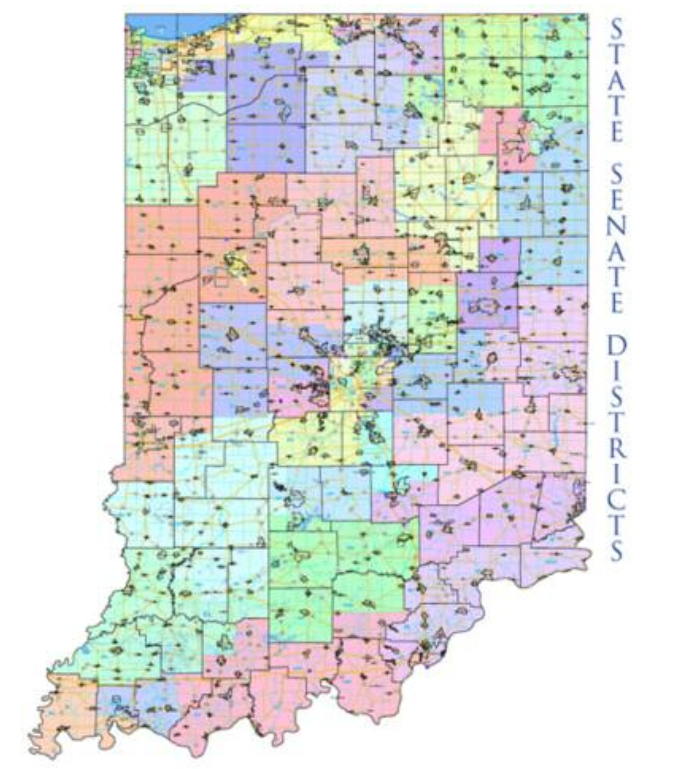
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## Property tax bills to be sent out mid-April

Martin County Treasurer, Diana M. Schutte, announces that the 2010 payable 2011 taxes will be due on time again this year. The taxes will be mailed the middle of April; the first installment will be due May 10, 2011 and the second installment will be due November 10, 2011. Both installments are included in the spring mailing. If you have any questions concerning your property taxes, feel free to contact the Treasurer's Office at 812-247-3701.

## Notice . . . . .

On February 24, a citizen brought in a Winchester model 290 .22 caliber rifle. This citizen located this rifle in the middle of the road near Subway. It is believed this rifle may have fallen from a vehicle. This rifle is currently at the Loo-gootee Police Department. If anyone has lost this weapon and can show proper ownership within 60 days they may claim this item at the LPD. This weapon will be destroyed if not claimed.

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# Week in Review at the Indiana General Assembly

Legislative business resumed in the House of Representatives last week upon the return of House Democrats ending a five-week dispute over a legislative agenda they considered harmful to Indiana workers and public schools. As a result of the walkout however, House leaders reached a bi-partisan compromise with concessions made by both sides. A few of the provisions of the compromise included removing from consideration legislation that would have placed unnecessary restrictions on workers' rights to unionize as well as legislation that would have placed a permanent ban on public employee bargaining agreements. Regarding education proposals, the compromise included tabling legislation that would have allowed for private takeover of public schools, and placing limits on private school vouchers.

Facing a session deadline of April 29, lawmakers are now moving forward on key issues including a new two-year state budget and a redistricting plan of the state's legislative and congressional boundaries. There is a lot of optimism that session will conclude on time. The following brief summary highlights recent Senate and House action and other Statehouse activities.

**Senate Democrats release redistricting plan**

The Senate Democrats unveiled the first draft of their proposed statewide maps for State Senate and U.S. congressional districts for consideration during the redistricting process. Their "Good Government Plan" emphasizes districts that are compact, preserve communities of interest, and are competitive. Committed to protecting the public's interest, the plan includes maps that are easy to understand and provide the public an opportunity to offer valuable input on the proposals. Lawmakers are expected to finalize new State Senate, House and U.S. congressional district maps by the session's April 29 deadline. More information on the plan including the proposed maps and an opportunity for constituents to engage and provide feedback is available at [www.SenateDemocrats.IN.gov/redistricting](http://www.SenateDemocrats.IN.gov/redistricting). Constituent input is also being sought at [www.facebook.com/INRedistricting](http://www.facebook.com/INRedistricting) and a public discussion is encouraged on Twitter using #INMaps hash tag.

**Budget update**

The House had over 300 amendments introduced for consideration to the state budget proposal, House Bill (HB) 1001. House Democrats offered most of the proposals, some of which called for additional spending for health care and mass transit. Most of the amendments were defeated. Democrats also attempted to protect funding for public schools, many of which will see more than five percent cuts under the plan, largely in urban and rural districts. Last Wednesday, the House approved the Republican budget plan on a party-line vote of 60-37.

While budget negotiations were being conducted in the House, about 400 seniors rallied outside the chamber to protest against proposed cuts to the state's Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled program (CHOICE). CHOICE offers in-home health care services that help to keep the state's aging and

disabled population in their homes as opposed to nursing homes. The CHOICE waiting list has grown significantly and includes approximately 5,000 eligible applicants.

In a recent budget hearing of the Senate Appropriations Committee, members heard from representatives of the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) who reported that about 30 percent of students funded by the state's 21st Century Scholars program no longer have financial need at the time of high school graduation. SSACI recommended that the committee consider changes to the program to include allowing a student to be disqualified if they no longer meet income requirements, and increasing the minimum GPA requirement from 2.0 to 2.5. Changes to the program, which helps low and moderate income families afford a college education for their children, would affect new applicants.

**Private school vouchers**

The House approved HB 1003, which pertains to private school vouchers, and was one of the contentious bills on which House Democrats fought successfully to gain compromises. Vouchers redirect the state funds for a child's education from a public school to pay for tuition and fees at a private school. As part of negotiations, the current bill limits eligibility to families with reduced incomes, instead of families at any income level as was included in the original bill. Vouchers would be available to families with no more than an income level at 150 percent of the threshold to qualify for free or reduced lunches. For example, a family of four with an income of \$61,000 would be eligible for 50 percent of private school tuition. Families at 100 percent of the income threshold would be eligible for 90 percent of the private school tuition. The bill passed the House by a vote of 56-42 and now advances to the Senate for its consideration.

**New law**

The governor has signed House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1200 into law. This legislation seeks to protect the owners of brownfields and provides immunity for certain surficial activities. Brownfields are tracts of land that were the previous sites for industrial and commercial facilities and may have been contaminated by low concentrations of hazardous waste or pollution. HEA 1200 will protect new owners of this type of property, no more than one acre in size, who install pavement, another hard surface or landscaping, so that they do not incur any additional liability under environmental management laws. To see a complete list of bills signed into law, visit <http://www.in.gov/gov/bill-watch.htm>.

**Upcoming deadlines**

April 12 - Deadline for Senate committee hearings on House bills

April 15 - Deadline for Senate to consider House bills

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

To stay informed about bills moving through the General Assembly or to track legislation, log on to [www.in.gov/legislative](http://www.in.gov/legislative). From this site, you can also watch House and Senate committee hearings and session floor debate.

## The Messmer Report By District 63 State Representative Mark Messmer



Protecting the sanctity of life

After a five-week stalemate in the House, our counterparts have returned to work and we were able to finish the calendar from February 22. We worked late into the night for three days in a row and discussed many issues. In the end, we made great strides to pass the final House bills out of the House and over to the Senate. Included in those bills were a state budget that we are constitutionally required to finalize by April 29 and also a pro-life bill that I co-authored.

House Bill 1210 will help further protect the sanctity of life and make women more aware of their choices before having an abortion. The bill will not allow for an abortion of a fetus after 20 weeks. This limit was set after reading studies and hearing testimony that the fetus can feel pain at this point. HB 1210 also requires that a doctor must have admitting privileges to a hospital in the county or a contiguous county to where the abortion is performed. We want to make sure if a woman does choose to have an abortion then she will be well taken care of if there are complications.

HB 1210 adds that a pregnant woman must be informed orally and in writing before an abortion may be performed by their doctor about the risks involved, information concerning the fetus, available assistance,

and existing law. It also requires a pregnant woman seeking abortion to view fetal ultrasound imaging unless the pregnant woman states in writing that she does not want to view the ultrasound.

In addition, the bill prohibits qualified health plans under the federal health care reform law from providing abortion coverage. And that a pregnant woman seeking an abortion must be notified that an abortion may increase her risk of breast cancer. If a doctor performs an abortion and does not comply with these laws then the pregnant woman or the biological father may take actions against the doctor to prevent him from performing future abortions.

With this bill our hope is that we can further protect the lives of unborn children in the future. I've received a lot of support for this legislation and I am happy to see it progress through the House and head to the Senate for consideration.

I am thankful to be back on track and we are working as quickly as possible to meet our deadline of April 29. It is quickly approaching and we are going to be working late nights and long weeks to accomplish our goals. Your feedback is always welcome and I encourage you to contact me by email at [H63@in.gov](mailto:H63@in.gov) or by phone at 1-317-232-9671.

## Bill aimed at eliminating conflicts of interest in local government moves to the full Senate

In an effort to eliminate conflicts of interest in local government, members of the Senate Committee on Local Government last Wednesday voted 7-1 in support of House Bill 1022, sponsored by State Sen. Connie Lawson (R-Danville).

"It is a clear conflict of interest for public employees to serve in the capacity of an elected official and make decisions on things like budgets and office policies they will directly benefit from," Lawson said. "This conflict of interest creates a shadow of impropriety on our public officials, many of whom do good work. It's my hope this legislation will begin to increase public trust in local government."

Lawson, who serves as chair of the committee, successfully amended language into the bill that requires public employees elected to serve on an executive or fiscal body of the county, city, town or township that oversees their agencies to decide if they want to remain an employee of the unit or begin their term as an elected official.

Lawson's language allows employees who are currently serving or take office on January 1, 2012, to serve out their terms of office without having to leave their job other government. The legislation does not prohibit an employee of a local government unit from holding another elected office as long as it does not have direct oversight of their agency budget and operations, Lawson said.

HB 1022 also includes language to remove conflicts of interest that may arise when elected officials hire family members to work for their public offices and pay relatives using public funds.

"A recent report by The Indianapolis Star found that out of a sample of 617 townships, two-thirds of the township trustees had a relative on the payroll," Lawson said. "Elected officials given the authority to spend Hoosier tax dollars have a responsibility to spend that money in an appropriate manner. Each time they use funds to pay a family member, it raises the question of impropriety."

Lawson said the legislation prohibits a relative of an elected local government official serving as a policy maker or someone in charge of fiscal decisions of a county, city, town or township from being employed by the local unit. The legislation allows those who have been employed in the same position with the unit for at least 12 consecutive months on June 30, 2011 or for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date the relative assumes office to remain.

Lawson's bill would also require public and elected officials to annually certify in writing to the Indiana State Board of Accounts that they are in compliance with the proposed nepotism laws. This bill would allow local governments to enter into or renew contracts with relatives of elected officials, if there are no violations against the conflict of interest statute; officials make written disclosures and satisfy all other requirements laid out in public purchasing and public works laws.

HB 1022 now moves to the full Senate for further consideration.

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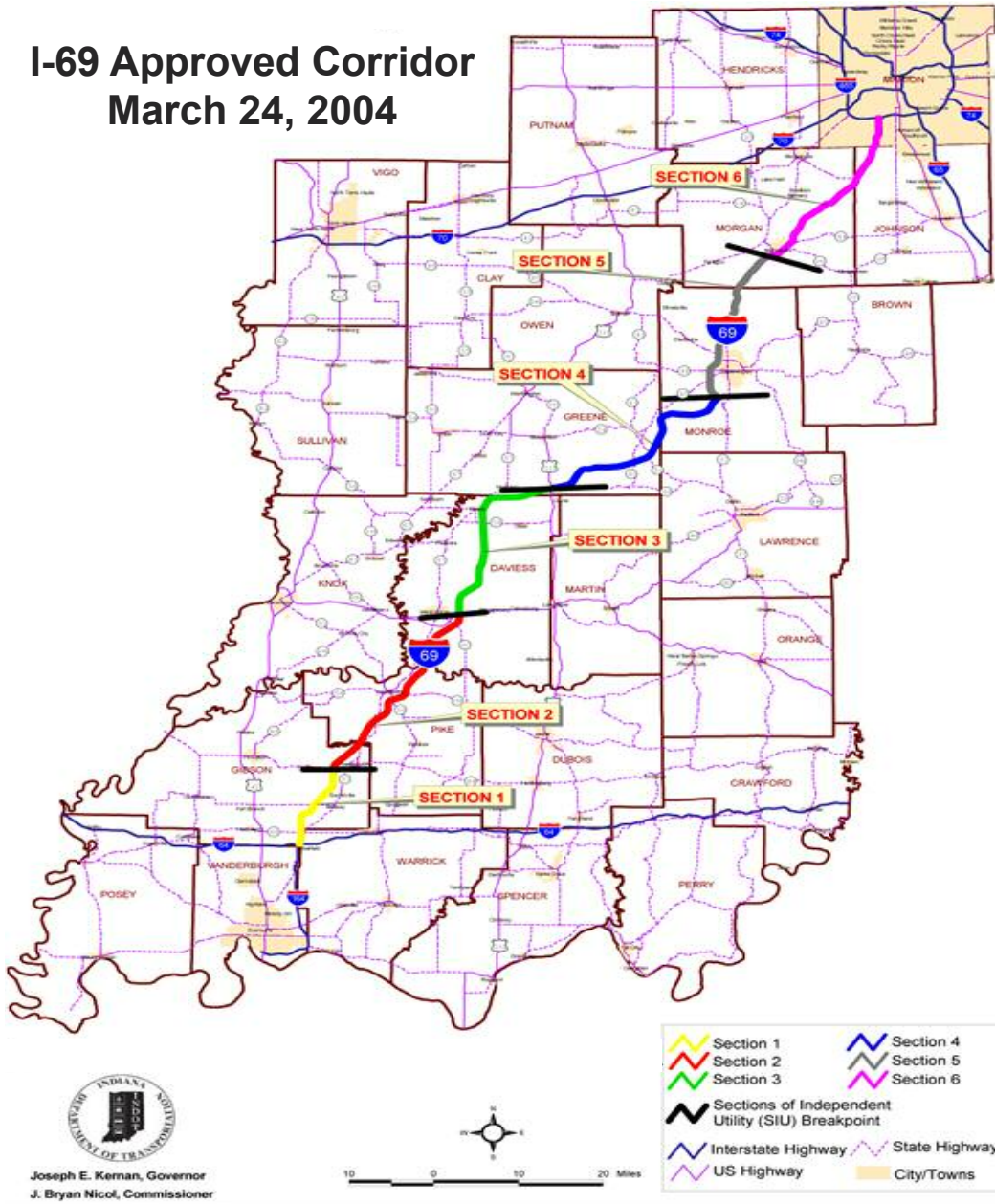
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# I-69 from Evansville to Crane on schedule for 2012 opening

### I-69 Approved Corridor March 24, 2004



Governor Mitch Daniels joined Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) officials for a construction briefing on the Interstate 69 (I-69) corridor from Evansville to US 231 (Crane) last Thursday. The 65 miles of new interstate is scheduled to open for traffic in late 2012 and is an aggressive goal. Two miles of I-69 was opened to traffic in the fall of 2009 and five contracts for the road are currently under construction. The remaining segments will be underway this spring. Construction is currently on schedule to be open for traffic on time.

The construction firms present at last Thursday's briefing confirmed that this is an aggressive goal but that they are up to the task. Sections 1-3 of the I-69 Corridor are under the \$700 million construction budget with one contract remaining to be awarded for construction. The construction of I-69 from Evansville to US 231 (Crane), Sections 1-3, is made possible by Major Moves and was estimated to cost \$700 million. Providing interstate access to southwest Indiana is one of the Governor's top transportation priorities. Daniels announced in October 2009 that efforts to build the I-69 corridor from Evansville to Indianapolis would be placed on a fast track. Opening the road in 2012 is eight years earlier than the original Major Moves construction schedule.

In May 2010, Daniels announced that the 27 miles connecting Crane to Bloomington (Section 4 of I-69) will be open in 2014. INDOT confirmed on Wednesday the aggressive goal is also meeting expectations for on time completion to Bloomington.

The new interstate is widely regarded as a key component to the future economic vital-

ity of Southwestern Indiana and will provide necessary connectivity with the rest of the state and the nation. For more information about all six sections of I-69, visit the project website at [www.i69indyevn.org](http://www.i69indyevn.org).

### Federally Employed Women training program registration

Hoosier Hills Chapter of Federally Employed Women is looking for participants in their Spring Training Program (STP). The STP will provide full-day training to for career enhancement. Registration is now open and the deadline is April 8.

The training will be held Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at S&L Catering in Bedford. Registrations can be sent to Tamba Reed, 248 N. County Rd. W. Switz City, IN 47465, or email to [tamba.reed@navy.mil](mailto:tamba.reed@navy.mil). Please include your name, organization, address, telephone number and email address. The \$25 fee can be made the day of the event if preferred.

The program will offer the following classes and includes a meal.

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## National employment situation for March

Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 216,000 in March, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 8.8 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in professional and business services, health care, leisure and hospitality, and mining. Employment in manufacturing continued to trend up.

### Household Survey Data

The number of unemployed persons (13.5 million) and the unemployment rate (8.8 percent) changed little in March. The labor force also was little changed over the month. Since November 2010, the jobless rate has declined by 1.0 percentage point.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (8.6 percent), adult women (7.7 percent), teenagers (24.5 percent), whites (7.9 percent), blacks (15.5 percent), and Hispanics (11.3 percent) showed little change in March. The jobless rate for Asians was 7.1 percent, not seasonally adjusted.

The number of job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, at 8.2 million, was little changed in March but has fallen by 1.3 million since November 2010. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was 6.1 million in March; their share of the unemployed increased from 43.9 to 45.5 percent over the month.

In March, the civilian labor force participation rate held at 64.2 percent, and the employment population ratio, at 58.5 percent, changed little.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed in March, at 8.4 million. These individuals were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In March, 2.4 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, up slightly from a year earlier. (These data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 921,000 discouraged workers in March, little changed from a year earlier. (These data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.5 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in March had not

searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

### Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 216,000 in March. Job gains occurred in several service-providing industries and in mining, and manufacturing employment continued to trend up. Since a recent low in February 2010, total payroll employment has grown by 1.5 million.

In March, employment in the service-providing sector continued to expand, led by a gain of 78,000 in professional and business services. Most of the gain occurred in temporary help services (+29,000) and in professional and technical services (+35,000). Health care employment continued to increase in March (+37,000). Over the last 12 months, health care has added 283,000 jobs, or an average of 24,000 jobs per month.

Employment in leisure and hospitality rose by 37,000 over the month, with more than two-thirds of the increase in food services and drinking places (+27,000).

Manufacturing employment continued to trend up in March (+17,000). Job gains were concentrated in two durable goods industries—fabricated metal products (+8,000) and machinery (+5,000). Employment in durable goods manufacturing has risen by 243,000 since its most recent low in December 2009.

In March, employment in mining increased by 14,000, with much of the gain occurring in support activities for mining (+9,000).

Employment in local government continued to trend down over the month. Local government has lost 416,000 jobs since an employment peak in September 2008.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.3 hours in March. The manufacturing workweek for all employees edged down by 0.1 hour to 40.5 hours, while factory overtime was unchanged at 3.3 hours. The average work week for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 0.1 hour to 33.6 hours.

In March, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls were unchanged at \$22.87. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 1.7 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees edged down by 2 cents over the month to \$19.30.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for January was revised from +63,000 to +68,000, and the change for February was revised from +192,000 to +194,000.

## NSWC Crane hosts first successful long-distance acoustic propagation, shock generation demo

Test results released in January 2011 by the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) demonstrate the first successful long-distance acoustic propagation testing, held at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane), a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA).

Using the NRL's novel underwater photo-ionization laser acoustic source, the testing at the Warfare Center's Lake Glendora Test Facility yielded results for a potential technology that is highly useful and efficient for undersea communications from aircraft, without requiring any hardware in the water.

"The goal of this laser acoustic source development is to enable efficient remote acoustic generation from compact airborne and ship-borne lasers, without the need for any source hardware in the water," said Dr. Ted Jones, NRL's Plasma Physics Division physicist. "This new acoustic source has the potential to expand and improve both Naval and commercial underwater acoustic applications."

Operating in a housed floating structure on Lake Glendora, NRL researchers performed the demonstration using a pulsed Neodymium-doped Yttrium Aluminum Garnet (Nd:YAG) 532 nanometer wavelength laser. The successful demonstration increased the detection distance of

the acoustic pulse by more than 4,000 times its original distance.

"These test results illustrate a technology that not only improves how the Warfighter communicates but will also prove useful in additional Naval acoustic applications," said NSWC Crane Commanding Officer, Capt. Charles LaSota. "NSWC Crane is committed to improving Warfighter technologies as well as furthering our collaboration with national laboratories, such as NRL, for future testings."

Diving laser pulses are able to travel through both air and water and allow compact lasers on either underwater or airborne platforms to be used for remote acoustic generation. Properly tailored pulses have the ability to travel hundreds of meters through air and quickly compress upon entry into the water.

Potential future applications benefitting from the successful demonstration results include rapid sonar search and detection of underwater mines and vessels, and navigation using remotely generated laser acoustic beacons.

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## Loogootee Alumni Banquet date set

It's Monday night, April 4, 2011, and the above group of young ladies met at the Peoples Bank to plan a night of reunion, retelling, and reminiscing. The Loogootee Schools Alumni Association is working hard to organize an evening of enjoyment for all attendees.

The honored classes of 1961 and 1986 have promises to attend from classmates from as far east as Maryland and as far west as California. There will be good food, good entertainment, and stories that have been enhanced from fact to fantasy over the years. A few new activities have been planned, such as PowerPoint presentations, door prizes, and music from various periods of history.

The banquet is the same weekend as the

Butcher-Gee Golf Tournament which provides scholarships for athletes from Loogootee High School. Further information will appear in the local media at a later date.

Everyone is welcome to attend if you are not in one of the honored classes, there will be people there from other classes. You also might even find some of your "old" teachers there.

The date is Saturday, July 23, 2011, so mark your calendar and show up for a great evening. Just fill out the form, send your money in, and have a great time.

To order tickets, fill out the form below and mail to Loogootee Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee, IN 47553. Tickets are \$20 each. You may also include a check to the Loogootee Schools Scholarship Trust.

# Martin County health ranking good and bad based on category

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
*Martin County Journal Publisher*

Martin County did not fare well in the second annual County Health Rankings report released last week placing 86th worst of the 92 Indiana counties based on health outcomes. The county however ranked 37th for health factors. The report was created by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The County Health Rankings rank overall health for every county in all 50 states - more than 3,000 total - by using a standard formula to measure how healthy people are and how long they live.

According to the report, Martin County ranks as the 90th worst county for premature death, those people dying before the age of 75. 14 percent of Martin County's population is reported to be in fair or poor health and the county's percentage of low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams) babies is 8.8 percent. Also, 22 percent of Martin County residents are reported to be smokers and 30 percent are obese (body mass index larger than 30). 12 percent are reported to be excessive drinkers.

The report states that the county has 35 motor vehicle crash deaths based on a population of 100,000. This data was based on a seven-year period.

The teen birth rate is 49 per 1,000 females between the ages of 15 and 19 and this data was also based on a seven-year period.

14 percent of Martin County's population under the age of 65 is without health insurance and there is one primary health care provider for every 3,338 people.

The percentage of ninth grade students in Martin County that go on to graduate high school is 80 percent and 48 percent of adults aged 25 to 44 have some kind of post secondary education. 18 percent of children under the age of 18 are in poverty and 25 percent live in single-parent households.

Daviess County ranks 49th of the 92 Indiana counties, Dubois County is the second healthiest county in the state, Orange County ranks 59th, Greene County ranks 80th, and Lawrence County ranks 61st.

According to this year's Rankings, the 10 healthiest counties in Indiana are Hamilton, Dubois, Boone, LaGrange, Hendricks, Warrick, DeKalb, Wells, Whitley, Marshall. The 10 counties in the poorest health are Jay, Lake, Jennings, Martin, Sullivan, Fayette, Switzerland, Pike, Starke, and Scott.

"The success of a community is often related to both the economic and the overall health of the population," said State Health Commissioner Gregory Larkin, M.D. "What is known is that community health improvement primarily occurs when all leaders work together to foster the improved health status of all the citizens. When a community pulls together business leaders, health care systems, schools, non-profit organizations and local media outlets for the purpose of creating a more healthy and successful environment, all residents benefit."

Dr. Larkin says there have been statewide initiatives in Indiana that have taken this kind of system-wide approach to address public health issues. One is INShape Indiana, which Governor Daniels launched in 2005 to challenge all Hoosiers to eat better, move more, and avoid tobacco. Another is the Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative which utilizes partnerships statewide to enhance the health and quality of life of Hoosiers by promoting good nutrition, regular physical activity, and a healthy weight through policy, environment, and lifestyle change.

"The County Health Rankings are an important tool for local health departments as they prepare for national public health accreditation," said Dr. Larkin. "Health departments can use these data as part of the

community health assessment and community health improvement plan, which are both required documents for public health accreditation."

Public health accreditation is a national program for state, local, territorial, and tribal public health departments. The goal of the accreditation program is to improve and protect the health of every community by advancing the quality and performance of public health departments.

"I challenge all Indiana counties to take a system-wide approach to addressing specific health outcomes and health factors in their communities and to do so by applying the 10 public health essential services," said Dr. Larkin.

The 10 essential services of public health are:

1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure a competent public health and personal healthcare workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

Researchers used five measures to assess the level of overall health or "health outcomes" for Indiana by county: the rate of people dying before age 75, the percent of people who report being in fair or poor health, the number of days people report being in poor physical and poor mental health, and the rate of low-birth weight infants.

The report then looks at factors that affect people's health within four categories: health behavior, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment. Among the many health factors, they looked at adult smoking, access to care, unemployment rate, adult obesity, teen birth rate, access to healthy foods, and motor vehicle death rate. The County Health Rankings report can be found at [www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org).

"The County Health Rankings help everyone see that much of what influences our health happens outside of the doctor's office and where we live matters to our health," says Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D., M.B.A., president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "The good news is that there are things counties can do right away to help their residents lead healthier lives. We hope this second annual release of County Health Rankings data will spur all sectors - government, business, community and faith-based groups, education and public health - to work together to find solutions and take action and implement programs and policy changes to improve health."

"These are not just issues for local health departments and the medical community. We know that much of what influences our health happens outside of the doctor's office, like our levels of education and income, our access to healthier, more nutritious foods, and our access to smoke-free air to breathe," said Dr. Larkin. "What the health outcomes and health factors measured in this report show us is the only way to make a real impact in the public's health is to engage the entire system."

## Loogootee Alumni Banquet Ticket Order Form

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**Calendar of Events**

**Relay happenings**

Relay for Life Meeting: The April meetings have been changed from April 14 to April 21. The committee meeting will be at 6 p.m.; the captains' meeting will be at 7 p.m. Instead of meeting at the Martin County Community Building, the meetings will be held in the learning center. These meetings are open to the public.

Relay for Life Fundraiser: Team "Crusading for a Cure" (captain - Jennifer Randolph) will be hosting a nine-pin Bowling Tourney at the Strike Zone in Loogootee on Friday, April 8 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 a person. Pre-registration is not required, but can be done by calling the bowling alley.

Relay for Life Fundraiser: Team "Horner's Hikers" (captain Theresa Furhman) is selling candy bars for donation. They are also selling food for donations at the Craft Show at the Legion in Shoals on Saturday, April 9.

Relay for Life Fundraiser: Team "Radical Relayers" (captains Tina Welp and Renee Street) will be holding a cookout at the Jasper IGA on Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m. They will also be hosting Relaying Bowling at the Strike Zone in Loogootee on Saturday, April 30 at 7p.m.

Relay for Life Fundraiser: "St John's Lutheran Team" will be hosting their annual Hot Rod Relay on Saturday, April 30.

**Farmer's Market meeting**

There is a Farmer's Market organizational meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 at the Martin County Learning Center in room 100. The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested should attend. The group will be deciding on the dates, location, and all specifics of this year's Farmer's Market.

**Walking for fitness at LUMC**

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

**Humane society meetings**

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

**Youth football meetings**

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

**Recovery support group**

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

**Martin County ABATE meetings**

The Martin County Chapter of ABATE of Indiana meets the third Saturday of every month at 4 p.m. at Sandy's Dining Room on Main Street in Shoals.

**US Route 50 Yard Sale**

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

**Taste of Martin County, April 26**

On Tuesday, April 26, the Martin County Community Foundation will host the second annual "Taste of Martin County". This is an event where people can sample menu items from area food vendors. The event will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Martin County Community building. Admissions at the door are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students K-12; children five and under are free.

Pre-sale tickets are available at discounted prices at The Shoals News, German American Bank in Loogootee, or the Cartridge Depot in Loogootee. Pre-sale costs are \$10- adult, and \$3-Students K-12.

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Mike and Pat Jones  
Loogootee



*My Point of*  
**VIEW**  
By Courtney Hughett Owner, MCJ

I was unable to attend last night's Martin County Commissioners' meeting because I had obligations with my boys (who are and always will be number one). I did however leave my audio recorder at the courthouse so I could listen to the meeting later last. I have to say that I was shocked and appalled at what I heard on that tape.

From what was mentioned there were around 40 residents, from an area of the county, present at the meeting all kinds of upset over the Animal Control Ordinance. This ordinance was adopted in 1997. Recently, the humane society's president, Don Greene, wanted to utilize that ordinance in some way, but before it could even be discussed, an Animal Control Commission had to be formed. This subject was first brought up in a commissioners' meeting in July of last year because I approached the commissioners and showed interest in serving on that commission.. (I went back through my emails and I had sent one to all three commissioners on July 7, 2010) The ordinance continued to be discussed meeting after meeting, month after month, and a few areas were updated including the information about the township trustees accepting the dog tax and details about the formation of the Animal Control Commission. Fees, laws, etc. were not changed from 1997 or brought up – this ordinance has been the same as well as been in effect since then. When the commissioners had finally signed off on the updates and were ready to start making appointments to the commission a legal notice was published in local newspapers. This is when apparently these residents first learned about anything even though it had been discussed almost every meeting for nine months and had been written about in local newspapers many times. Those in attendance at the meeting kept accusing the commissioners of trying to sneak the ordinance through and insinuating they were doing underhanded things. In my opinion nine months is not sneaking.

Don Greene, who sat in the front of the room to answer questions, got bombarded. He has been to meetings for months to follow the progress of this ordinance update and answer any questions and he was completely attacked at last night's meeting and treated as some kind of terrorist. No one wanted to listen to what Don had to say, they came to argue their side – the only side they were willing to accept. Even though they were told repeatedly that the ordinance had been in place for 15 years and that no one was going to do anything to them, their animals, their property, their money, they didn't listen. They kept repeatedly accusing the humane society of trying to violate their freedom and their rights. Grandmothers were mentioned, innocent dogs playing with children, etc. in order to prove that the humane society was evil despite the fact that not a single member of the humane society, including its president, is paid.

I am not a member of the humane society but I do volunteer to help them where I can. I do this with any organization who wants my help because I believe in helping people to make this county a better place to live.

The commissioners appointed me to the Animal Control Commission last night and even though I wasn't there and a majority of the people protesting do not even know me – I was called a "tree-hugger" and was accused of being "against" what they all stood for. It's impossible to be for or against something that hasn't even been discussed yet. And as far as being a "tree-hugger", I don't even know how to respond to that except to laugh. I don't believe I have ever hugged a tree – maybe in my younger partying days, but not for the reason they were insinuating.

I am a country girl – a redneck some would say. My husband is an avid hunter along with his dad and most of his friends. My brother-in-law owns a logging company in Brown County. Can't say that I've ever protested or picketed against any of them.

I have said more times than I can remember that you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. With that group of people carrying in their pitchforks, already in the mindset to fight, it gets nowhere. For over an hour I listened to them put down the entire humane society organization and basically everyone involved in it like it was a terrorist organization. They told Don to take care of his "own" dogs, meaning the ones he collects throughout the county on behalf of the humane society. One guy said that the citizens are now being forced to pay a dollar per dog because the humane society is broke which is not their problem. Another person said that the humane society should try to hold fundraisers instead of taking money from people who don't want to pay. One guy seemed highly upset because he said the Animal Control Commission would be "controlled" by the humane society because they will have three members serving. Despite being told that the commission consists of nine members – six of whom are represented from throughout the county and not a part of the humane society, he kept bringing it up. According to my math three of nine does not the majority make.

To put down Don Greene or anyone else who donates their time and money for a cause is not just wrong it's downright evil. One guy mentioned that he was told by a high-ranking official to take a dog he had found out in the woods and shoot it. Anyone who thinks that is okay better stay as far away from me as possible. Shooting a defenseless dog that may very well be someone's pet is just disgusting and I won't say what I would suggest be done to anyone who does something like that.

I have six dogs on my property. I'm not even close to being wealthy – more like far on the other end of the spectrum – and I'm not fond of the idea of new taxes either. Something has to be done - that I will wholeheartedly admit, but naysayers should wait to complain when there is something to complain about. And when they do their complaining it should be done with full knowledge of the situation and with respect.

While I was listening to the patrons who live in the country shift the responsibility on the cities and towns because they don't have a problem it made me think. So, if these residents had never had a fire on their property or never needed an ambulance so far in their lives, does that mean they should not be required to pay the taxes that keep those services going? We don't pay for these things based on how much we use them personally, it's part of what makes a community.

I don't know what will happen in the future with the dog ordinance. I am completely open to any and all options. My mind isn't made up about anything because nothing has been discussed. I would suggest that those who want to stay informed come to meetings and get involved. Being immediately on the attack, however, will not help anything or anyone.

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## Classes, programs at the Martin County Learning Center

Computer Applications II - The Fathers Forever Coalition will be hosting another free computer course on Monday nights April 25 through May 23 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The class will go through Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint as well as creating a resume and cover letter. This is a great class for those who have some computer skills but would like to advance their knowledge of Microsoft Office 2007. Contact the learning center to sign up.

USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder) - The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the Federal government's official web site and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an online resume training session and will

provide applicants with information and advice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshops will be held on April 7 and April 19 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Choose the date that is best for you and call Kathy to sign up!

Résumé Writing and Career Planning - Need help with your résumé? Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting will offer Résumé Assistance-Level One on April 12 and again on April 28. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and cost is \$25. This is a basic course designed for an applicant needing help with the application process for government civilian and/or government contractor

positions, specifically for NSWC Crane. Applicants need to pre-register no later than the Friday before the scheduled class date. Contact Kathy at the learning center to pre-register.

24/7 Dads - Are you a father or soon to be father who would like to meet with other men and discuss what it takes to be a great dad? "24/7 Dads" is an innovative fatherhood mentoring program that focuses on identifying and developing the personal characteristics that every father needs. The program hones fathering skills as the individual learns about himself and the important roles he has with his children and what makes a positive home environment. The class will meet on Wednesdays, April 13 through June 1, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call the learning center for more information!

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

Adult literacy and education - Do you know someone who could use some help with his or her reading skills? Anyone interested is encouraged to contact SOAR! at 812-709-1618 for further information. For GED-Adult Basic Education, call Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881.

Contact: Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email [kkerr8@ivytech.edu](mailto:kkerr8@ivytech.edu)

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Lady Lions Tennis team defeats Linton

The Lady Lions Tennis team took on Linton Tuesday, April 5 and both varsity and JV won putting their record at 1-0. Head Coach Mike Tippery said, "It was good to finally get the regular season started. We played well at times today. To get better, we will need to work more on our fundamentals."

### Varsity - Loogootee 4, Linton 1

#1 Singles Jill Taylor (LHS) defeated Sarah Hensley 6-0, 6-1

#2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (LHS) defeated Bailey Knotts 6-0, 6-2

#3 Singles Ashley Cooper (L) defeated Devan Arvin 6-3, 6-0

#1 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins (LHS) defeated Megan Johnson/Natalie Swihart 6-0, 6-0

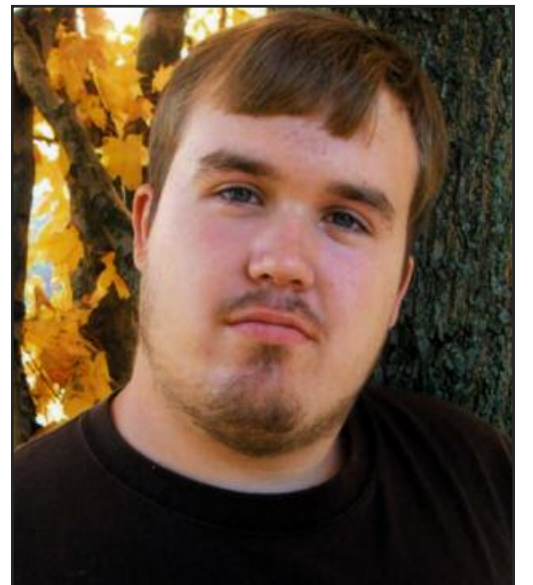
#2 Doubles Erin Wittmer/Kylie Sims (LHS) defeated Mercedes Shafford/Brenna West 6-2, 6-0

### Junior Varsity - Loogootee 3, Linton 0

#1 Singles Allison Kiser (LHS) defeated Linton 8-3

#1 Doubles Emily Lannan/Emily Sutton (LHS) defeated Linton 8-4

#2 Doubles Abby Ackerman/Dana Sibrel (LHS) defeated Linton 8-1



**SAMUEL HOVIS**

Samuel Turner Hovis is the son of Alan and Terri Hovis. His favorite hobbies include riding around and going out to eat with his friends. During high school he was involved in the Special Olympics and participating with his friends is one of his best memories. He said he also remembers when his friends started taking him out to eat. Samuel plans to be a successful young man after high school.



**JESSICA TRUELOVE**

Jessica Danielle Truelove is the daughter of Trena and John Truelove. Her favorite hobbies include watching movies, drawing, playing video games. During high school she has been active in G&R and she cooks and sews. Her fondest memory of school was being involved in the Special Olympics. She remembers when she and Sam started preschool together and played in the castle. Jessica plans to go on to college after graduation.

## Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

### LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY Breakfast

Thursday, April 7

Cereal, toast, sausage, fruit

Friday, April 8

Ham, egg, biscuit, juice

Monday, April 11

Sausage, biscuit, fruit

Tuesday, April 12

Breakfast pizza, egg, juice

Wednesday, April 13

Biscuit and gravy, sausage, juice

### Lunch

Thursday, April 7

Sloppy Joe, corn, cottage cheese, pineapple

Friday, April 8

Macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, applesauce, bread

Monday, April 11

BBQ rib sandwich, French fries, peaches

Tuesday, April 12

Corn dog, baked beans, pineapple, bread

Wednesday, April 13

Taco salad, corn

### LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

Thursday, April 7

Turkey wraps or pizza, tossed salad, carrots, fruit, salad plate, milk

Friday, April 8

Shrimp or pizza, slaw, macaroni and cheese, fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, April 11

Hot dogs, corn dogs, or pizza, French fries, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, April 12

Chicken strips or pizza, corn, rice, fruit, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, April 13

Roast beef Manhattan or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk

### SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

Thursday, April 7

Cereal, muffins, string cheese, milk

Friday, April 8

Sausage gravy with biscuit, juice, milk

Monday, April 11

Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk

Tuesday, April 12

Pancakes with syrup, sausage patty, juice, milk

Wednesday, April 13

Cereal, muffins, juice, milk

### Lunch

Thursday, April 7

Country steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit juice, roll, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza

Friday, April 8

Hot dog sandwich, green beans, peach slices, milk

Monday, April 11

Chicken sandwich, French fries, fruit, cookies, milk

Tuesday, April 12

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, winter mix vegetables, roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

Wednesday, April 13

Chicken pretzels, green beans, peaches, yeast roll, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

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# Shoals athletes honored at winter banquet



-Photo by Joni Harder

The Shoals Basketball Varsity and Junior Varsity ladies who were honored at last week's banquet in the front row, from left to right, are Rachel Harder, Most Assists award; Nicole Harder, Most Rebounds award; Michaela Brockman, Most Rebounds award, Most Valuable Player award, Highest Free Throw Percentage award, and 2010-2011 Blue Chip All-Conference award; and Jenna Bleemel, Highest Free Throw Percentage award and Defensive Player award. In the back row, from left to right, are Lezlie Hart, Highest Field Goal Percentage award; Kyra Ott, Mental Attitude award; Briana Wagler, Miss Hustle and Desire award; and Megan Sanders, Highest Field Goal Percentage award.



-Photo by Joni Harder

Tyler Price, Shoals senior, was honored with a letter blanket for having 10 or more varsity letters. Tyler has 11.



-Photo by Joni Harder

Shoals Boy's Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball awards were awarded to the following. In the front row, from left to right, are Dylan Erwin, JV Highest Free Throw Percentage award; Garrett Bateman, Varsity Highest Free Throw Percentage award, Highest Field Goal Percentage award, Most Rebounds award, Most Assists award, Most Valuable Player award, 2010-2011 Blue Chip All-Conference, and career plaque for 2007-2011 for three-time MVP, 3-time Blue Chip All-Conference, Top 100 Workout, and 1,535 Career Points tied with school record; and Tyler Price, Varsity Mental Attitude award. In the back row, from left to right, are Darek Turpin, Varsity Mental Attitude award; Waylon Bradley, JV Highest Field Goal Percentage award and Most Rebounds award; and Mike Shartzter, Varsity Highest Field Goal Percentage award and Mr. Hustle and Desire award.



-Photo by Joni Harder

Shoals 7th and 8th Grade Boys' Basketball honors went to the following. In the front row, from left to right, are Kaden Butler, 7th Grade Most Rebounds award and Highest Free Throw Percentage award; Logan Harker, 7th Grade Mental Attitude Award; and Enoch Redman, 8th Grade Highest Free Throw Percentage award. In the back row, from left to right, are Grady Key, 8th Grade Mental Attitude award and Michael Hawkins, 8th Grade Most Rebounds award.



-Photo by Joni Harder

Honored at the banquet were Shoals Cheerleaders Ashley Hawkins, Ariel Hert, and Amber Royston.



-Photo by Joni Harder

Shoals 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball awards were given to, from left to right, Taylor Atkison, 7th Grade Most Rebounds award; Caitlin Sanders, 8th Grade Mental Attitude award; Ashton Allbright, 8th Grade Highest Free Throw Percentage award and Most Rebounds award; and Megan Hawkins, 7th Grade Highest Free Throw Percentage award and Mental Attitude award.

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## 67 people participate in hunter education course



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Shown above are participants of the two-day Hunter Education Class held at the Martin County Community Building.



-Photo provided

Shown above are volunteer instructors Jared Mann (at left) and Andy Leuken (at right) teaching proper handgun safety.



-Photo provided

Conservation Officer Eric Doane is shown above demonstrating fire making without a match.

On March 3-5, thirty-one students ranging from ages 7 to 67 attended and successfully completed the Indiana Hunter Education course held at the Martin County Community Building. The 12-hour course, which was sponsored by Martin County 4-H, included instruction on a variety of hunting related topics including hunter ethics, firearms safety, wildlife management, archery, muzzle loaders, rifles, pistols, shotguns, and wilderness survival and first aid. Food and snacks were provided by the 4-H Council and West Boggs Park.

The course is instructed by Indiana Conservation Officers and certified volunteer hunter education instructors. Indiana law requires all hunters born after December 31, 1986 to successfully complete a hunter education class before purchasing a license.



### Shooting sports

-Photos by Tony Dant

Participants in Martin County 4-H Shooting Sports are shown above learning archery. In the bottom photo the group participates in the class portion of the program. Indiana Conservation Officer Eric Doane led the program.



## VU Jasper celebrates Earth Day

Vincennes University Jasper Campus will celebrate Earth Day, which is April 22, with a series of presentations, concluding with a performance on April 20. All of the events are free and the public is invited to attend.

On April 18, the movie Ancient Futures: Learning from Ladakh (1993) will be shown at 6:30 p.m. EDT in the New Classroom Building, Room 205. The film is based on the book by Helena Norbert-Hodge, director of the International Society for Ecology and Culture. Ladakh, in the Western Himalayas, maintained its sustainable lifestyle for more than a thousand years until it began to be developed. This film asks one to re-examine what progress means, not only in the developing parts of the world, but also in the industrialized world.

On April 19, VUJC's Tree Campus USA renewal will be presented by Pamela C.

Louks, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Community & Urban (CUF) Coordinator. This presentation will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the New Classroom Building lecture hall. In partnership with Patoka 2000, the completed Jasper Tree Inventory will be released for the media and the public.

On April 20, the VU Jasper Campus grounds will be the site of a "Walk for Trees" sponsored by Patoka 2000 beginning at 6 p.m. A performance by the Earth Mamas Dance Troupe will conclude the Earth Day celebration at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the New Classroom Building. The Louisville-based troupe supports community involvement in social change and environmental awareness. They incorporate music and movement from all cultures of the world.

## National Volunteer Week and DNR opportunities

National Volunteer Week, April 10-16, is a great time to catch the giving-back fever. Chances are there is a fun way to donate your interests, time and talents to benefit our natural resources.

The DNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs provides numerous types of opportunities. These include greeting interpretive center visitors, serving as a campground host, demonstrating a craft or skill, assisting with special events, maintaining trails, and monitoring bluebird boxes. Helping control invasive plants such as garlic mustard is another possibility.

If you don't like working outdoors but still want to help natural resources, many DNR properties need assistance entering computer data, which helps free up those whose specialties call them outdoors.


If you have some free time and a willingness to work, chances are the DNR can use your skills and services.

"Volunteering can help you get to know other property visitors and staff," said Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for State Parks & Reservoirs. "Volunteering also gives you a great sense of accomplishment. You know you are helping manage and conserve our natural and cultural resources."

A brochure describing volunteer opportunities is at [stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm).

To download a volunteer application form, go to [stateparks.IN.gov](http://stateparks.IN.gov) and click on "How You Can Help" under "Stewardship Links."

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Pastor's wife

### Listening to God 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

Do I really know how to hear from God? How do I know that it is really God speaking? Why do I even want to listen to God? Why would He talk to me? How does He talk to me? Hearing from God in today's world is a comfort and an assurance, gives us direction and guidance and truth.

There are many voices speaking to us in the world today. Voices that tell us to help ourselves and God will help you. Voices that tell us it's ok to look after ourselves first. Voices that start to lead us down the road to toleration and softening to sin to make it tolerable. Voices that tell us we have to have this and more of that, bigger houses, nicer cars and to be like everyone else. God's purpose for our lives does not work like that. He has a plan and a purpose for our lives and one of those plans is that we hear His voice and obey what he says.

One major problem in the body of Christ today is that too many of us are passive listeners, and don't get actively involved in listening to God. Active listeners want to hear from God and direct their lives from what God says not how man directs. These listeners come to church, hear from God and actively apply it to their lives so they will understand more about God and what He wants from them.

For those of us who have Jesus living in our hearts and get too busy to listen to Him, He will get your attention. Examples: restless spirit, blessing us in an unusual ways, using unanswered prayers, disappointments, unusual circumstances, failures, financial collapse, tragedy, sickness or an affliction. How do you know its God's voice? It has to be consistent with God's word. God will not tell us to do something that gratifies the flesh; He will please the

### Matthew 5:16 Day

Mark your calendars for May 14 - Loogootee's Matthew 5:16 Day. "In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all those to see, so that everyone will praise your Heavenly Father."

A first annual day of service and good deeds is being planned for May 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Sign-up sheets are available at your local church or contact Chris Walker by April 10 with any additional questions at 295-6275 or email at moose912@juno.com.

spirit within us.

What is the engine that gets the car going to really understanding God speaking to us?

We must have a **Revelation**, things revealed to us by the Spirit. You can't hear from God until you have had a revelation that YOU NEED JESUS. You must know you are a sinner and are destined to Hell. You must know Jesus died on the cross so that the punishment for your sin was paid in full. Having Faith revealed to you that Jesus is the answer to life.

When God begins to reveal truth to you, you mature. You see things in a different light. The Spirit knows everything, the deeper things of God because He is God. He knows God's purpose in your life. Jeremiah 33:6, "Behold I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth."

We must have spiritual **Inspiration**, stimulation, encouragement, motivation, not things of the world that inspire us but the Spirit that we might understand the things freely given us by God. John 17:8, "For the words which You gave Me I have given to them, and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me." When God used the Apostles to write scripture He revealed His truth then inspired them to write with their abilities. They each used their own personal flare to tell the story. God uses who we are in Him to complete His purpose.

We must have **Illumination**. The word of God becomes real to us by the power of the Holy Spirit. He brings to light the things of God so that we can discern truth. As beliefs grow, more and more things come to light and they develop the ability to understand more of the will and mind of God.

Pastor Ernie, in researching this sermon, came across ten thick barriers to hearing the voice of God, that were written by Charles Stanley. I am listing them because they opened my eyes to some barriers I may have in hearing God's voice.

We don't know God, (study his word)  
Poor self image, we don't see ourselves as God sees us.

A false sense of guilt  
Busyness, we must be careful to remain sensitive to His presence.

Unbelief, not believing that God speaks today

God-directed anger, getting mad at God because of circumstances, bitter, resentful

Harboring sin, this is different from committing sin, its knowing sin is present,

knowing God put a finger on it and still not settling it.

Rebellious Spirit, want to pray but don't want to hear what He has to say.

Rejecting God's messengers, God speaks through others

Untrained to listen, we have to train ourselves to listen.

Ask questions, anticipate God speaking; respond to what we hear.

If we do not positively know that we have heard from God, then we must actively move in the direction we believe God spoke. Take a step of faith. God will close doors and stop you if it is not His.

As believers, we often get weary and

worried so we need just one thing to refresh, encourage, and strengthen us to serving the King, God's voice.

Whatever our situation needs, guidance, comfort, assurance, strength, perseverance, faith, joy, peace, God's voice will supply it. When we hear God speak nothing else compares.

Do an experiment, stop be still for two minutes and listen to God. Clear your mind, only listen to God.

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## 2011 Municipal Election voting, absentee information

Absentee voting in the Martin County Clerk's office will be held on the following days:

Monday, April 4, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday, April 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday, April 18 through Friday, April 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed Friday, April 22 for Good Friday  
Saturday, April 23 and Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. to noon

Monday, May 2, 8 a.m. to noon  
All registered voters in Indiana are eligible to vote absentee-in-person at the county election board office beginning 29 days before Election Day.

In order to vote absentee-by-mail, one of the following must apply:

You have a specific, reasonable expectation that you will be absent from the county on Election Day during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open (6 a.m. until 6 p.m.).

- You have a disability.
- You are at least 65 years of age.
- You will have official election duties outside of your voting precinct.
- You are scheduled to work at your regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- You will be confined due to illness or

injury or you will be caring for an individual confined due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.

-You are prevented from voting because of a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.

-You are a participant in the state's address confidentiality program.

-You are a member of the military or a public safety officer.

Note: Voters voting absentee-by-mail are NOT required to show photo ID.

In order to vote absentee-by-traveling board, one of the following must apply:

-The voter expects to be confined, due to illness or injury, or the voter expects to be caring for a confined person at a private residence, on Election Day.

-The voter is a voter with disabilities and believes their polling place is not accessible to them.

The ballot will be delivered to you by a bi-partisan absentee voter board who will be able to assist you with your ballot.

Voters voting by traveling board are NOT required to show photo ID.

Obtain an application for absentee ballot at [www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/ABS-1\\_\(2009\)\\_revision.pdf](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/ABS-1_(2009)_revision.pdf).

## Municipal Election 2011 Calendar

April 25, 2011: Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the 2011 Primary Election

May 3, 2011: Primary Election Day

October 10, 2011: First day a voter may vote an absentee-in-person at the county clerk's office for the 2011 Municipal Election

October 31, 2011: Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the 2011 Municipal Election

November 8, 2011: Municipal Election Day

You have the right to vote in Indiana if:

- You are both a U.S. citizen and a resident of Indiana; and
- You will be at least 18 years of age on or before the next General or Municipal Election, and
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; and
- You have lived in the precinct where you

vote for at least 30 days prior to the election; and

-You are registered to vote.

Register to vote online by visiting <http://www.indianavoters.com/>. Indiana residents with a valid Indiana driver's license or Indiana state-issued identification card will be able to use this tool to submit a new voter registration application or to update an existing voter registration record.

In addition to registering to vote online, <http://www.indianavoters.com/> provides Hoosiers with the ability to validate their voter registration status, find their polling place location, look into their provisional ballot status information, find county contact information, and determine "Who's on My Ballot?" for an upcoming election.

Perry 1, Perry 2, Perry 3, and Perry 4 polling sites will all be located at St. Johns Center lower level. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

It is a Crime to Falsify This Ballot or to Violate Indiana Election Laws I.C. 3-11-2-7

**OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC  
PRIMARY BALLOT  
May 3, 2011  
MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA  
PRECINCT: Perry 2**

To vote, darken the oval to the LEFT of the candidate's name, like this . For specific information, refer to the card of instruction posted in the voting booth. If you tear, spoil, deface or erroneously mark this ballot, return it to the election judge and obtain another.

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## Election photo identification laws

Public Law 109-205 requires Indiana residents to present a government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot at the polls on Election Day.

Your photo ID must meet four criteria to be acceptable for voting purposes. It must:

1. Display your photo
2. Display your name, and the name must conform to your voter registration record. Conform does not mean identical.
3. Display an expiration date and either be current or have expired sometime after the date of the last General Election (November 4, 2008) Including Military IDs with expiration dates of "INDEF"
4. Be issued by the State of Indiana or the U.S. government

Photo identification laws

In most cases, an Indiana driver license, Indiana photo ID card, Military ID or U.S. Passport is sufficient.

A student ID from an Indiana State school may only be used if it meets all of the four criteria specified above. A student ID from a private institution may not be used for voting purposes.

If you are unable or unwilling to present ID meeting these requirements, you may cast a provisional ballot. If you cast a provisional ballot, you have until noon 10 days after the election to follow up with the county election board and either provide the necessary documentation or affirm one of the law's exemptions applies to you.



### Primary Election Day is Tuesday May 3rd

You may vote by absentee ballot - for more information call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 247-3651. Polls will be open on May 3rd from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## 2011 Municipal Election candidates

The following is a final list of candidates who filed for the 2011 Primary Municipal Election.

For Crane and Shoals there is no primary, the deadline is in August. For voter registration information contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

### SHOALS

Lori Denise Butler, Democrat, Shoals Clerk Treasurer  
Ernest "Earl" Boyd Jr., Republican, Shoals Town Council  
Roger Lee Abel, Republican, Shoals Town Council

### CRANE

Bernard Burl Butcher, Democrat, Crane Town Board  
Linda Ann Willoughby, Republican, Crane Clerk-Treasurer

### LOOGOOTEE

Donald Rick Norris, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 4  
James Rich Taylor, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 1

Harold Green, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 2

Ronald (Ron) Gilbert, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 2

Karen Hickman, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3

Pat Burcham, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3

Dwight Glenn Schultheis, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3

John G. Frahley, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3

Phyllis Parker, Democrat, Loogootee City Council At-Large

Fred A. Dupps, Democrat, Loogootee City Council At-Large

Noel Dale Harty, Democrat, Mayor

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