



I've got a golden ticket

-Photos by Courtney Hughett

Students from Loogootee Jr.-Sr. High School performed the musical *Willy Wonka* last Friday and Saturday night. In the photo above, at far left, are Charlie's grandparents: Grandma Georgina (Ella Donnersberger), Grandpa George (Patrick Allbright), Grandma Josephina (Shania Swigler), and Grandpa Joe (Tayler Smith). On the right of the photo are Charlie Bucket (Dylan Jones) and Charlie's mom, Mrs. Bucket (Kylie Hall). In the photo on the left are Mrs. Willy Wonka (Matty Jones) and Charlie (Dylan Jones). The hour and half performance featured many recognizable songs including "Cheer Up, Charlie", "I've Got a Golden Ticket", and the famous songs by the Oompa Loopas each time one of the children touring the chocolate factory misbehaved.

Those children were Augustus Gloop (Jamison Hennette), Mike Teavee (Carson Rayhill), Violet Beauregard (Sara Bailey), and Veruca Salt (Hannah Walters).

Humane society dinner, auction this Saturday at LHS

The Martin County Humane Society will hold their fourth annual dinner and auction Saturday, April 12 at Loogootee High School's Cafeteria. The dinner will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, drinks and dessert for just \$5 per person and will be serving from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The live auction will begin at 7 p.m. but all items up for auction will be displayed throughout the dinner for viewing. Noel Harty will serve as auctioneer again this year.

Humane Society President Josh Hughett said, "This annual event provides the society with a few months of operation costs, such as dog food, vet care, and shelter expenses. We rely on it to be a success every year to keep helping as many dogs and cats as we can."

Some items included in this year's auction are four tickets to Walt Disney World in Orlando, tickets to Holiday World, Kings Island, Kentucky Kingdom & Hurricane Bay, Six Flags, Indiana Beach, Coney Island Sunlite Pool and Classic Rides in Cincinnati, Mesker Park Zoo, Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Big Splash Water Park in French Lick, and Indianapolis Zoo. Also, in sports are tickets to games with the following teams: Indiana State University Men's Basketball, Evansville Purple Aces Men's Basketball, Evansville Otters, Indianapolis Indians, Chicago Cubs, St. Louis Cardinals, (See 'AUCTION' continued on page two)

Council approves employee raises

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

At a joint meeting between the county council and commissioners recently, employee raises were discussed. A committee was then formed to go over the budget and see what could be done. Auditor January Roush, who served on the committee, told the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, April 7 that they came up with the option to give employees a five percent raise across the board plus money added to their health savings accounts.

Elected officials, since they can't have salary changes mid-year, would get compensated completely in their health savings accounts. The commissioners and county council are included in the increases. Roush said they also felt that employees should again receive extra money in their health savings accounts to offset the high deductibles on the insurance. The total amount to be given for the five percent raises would total \$79,568 and the total extra given for health savings accounts would be \$93,000, to come out of the EDIT fund. "I think this is a pretty good start and

I think all the employees will be happy," said Roush. Employees who opted in to health insurance chose between two plans depending on whether they wanted a single or family plan. Single plans come with a \$3,000 or \$6,000 deductible; family plans are \$5,000 or \$10,000. The compensation employees will receive will depend on which plan they chose but will range from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Those who chose not to take insurance this year received \$4,000 in a payout. That amount will now be increased by \$1,250.

(See 'RAISES' continued on page two)

GriefShare Support Group offered to the local community

Community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to register for the GriefShare program to be held at Loogootee United Methodist Church.

This non-denominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The videos features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage as a slave to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information. (See 'GROUP' continued on page two)



Slight flooding

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

While the area has seen much worse flooding, the White River has swelled quite a bit lately due to the rains that have pounded the area. A flood warning is still in affect for the White River at Shoals until further notice. At 10:30 a.m. yesterday, the river was at 24.6 feet. Flood stage is 20 feet. The river will continue to rise near 25.6 feet by tonight and then start falling.

GET OUTDOORS

Because Reality TV Is Still Just TV

DAVIESS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WEST BOGGS PARK

GLENDALE SFWA CAMPGROUND

5K run, walk April 19 to promote autism awareness

In honor of autism awareness, a 5K run and walk will be held Saturday, April 19 starting at the Loogootee City Park. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and both the run and walk will start at 9 a.m. Those who pre-register will receive a t-shirt. Those registering after April 11 will receive a shirt while supplies last.

The entry fee for both the run and walk is \$15 before April 11 and \$20 after that date. Children age 12 and under can enter for \$10. Children in strollers are free. To register early, fill out the below form and mail with payment to 440 Wood School Road, Loogootee IN 47553. You can pick up your registration packet the morning of the race.

The run includes rolling, paved city streets. The route will be well marked, po-

liced, and has ample water stations. There will be mile splits. No dogs are allowed in the race.

Awards will be presented to the first two places in each division of the male and female categories of the run. Also, an award will be presented to the overall winner in the male and female categories. Divisions for men and women are: 0-14 years of age, 15-20, 21-29, 30-40, 41-50, 51-60, and 61 and over.

Autism Awareness & Action is dedicated to raising awareness about the many aspects of Autism Spectrum Disorders. The 2014 annual event will include resource booths, guest speakers, a one-mile Autism walk, light refreshments, an inflatable jump house with slide, an art raffle, free giveaways, a sensory demonstration area and more.

RAISES

(Continued from page one)

Roush explained that the money will be given to employees all at once in one check and will be taxed.

The five percent raises and additional money for health savings accounts is in addition to a \$500-across-the-board raise already given to employees this year.

Clerk Julie Fithian said yes, the employees will be happy with the salary increases but noted that last year employees were told that raises and health savings accounts could not be given because the county didn't have the money. "The only way we found out about this and the only reason we are getting this is because the pool asked for money," she said. She said maybe next time the council think about the employees. "We feel you didn't care about us," she said. "We trusted you guys."

Auditor Roush said that during budget time last year the council didn't know what kind of surplus they would have. She said she has to wait until the Department of Local Government Finance gets back to her on the budget, which didn't happen until this year.

"I just think some of this could have been avoided," replied Fithian.

Council member Barb McFeaters said she is for the county employees getting raises but she is not in favor of herself getting one. She said she hasn't been on the council very long and having a \$500 raise last year and then another raise this year doesn't feel right. She said she will approve the increases however so the county employees can have them.

Roush told the council that any new hires will not receive the five percent increase.

The council noted that the five percent raise is not a guarantee for next year but they would try to include it in the budget.

Auditor Roush also noted that the committee would like to see the veteran service officer get an increase to \$8.75 per hour since she is now required to be certified and work 20 hours a week. Under the new rules, she would have been making \$5 per hour. Her salary will go from \$5,000 a year

to \$12,300.

Regarding giving money to the city pool project that was also discussed at the council and commissioner work session, council member Hawkins said that what was proposed does not have to be what the council approves.

Council member Lynn Gee said she would be in favor of giving \$40,000 a year but not the \$100,000 the first year as proposed.

Hawkins said that it was decided at the work session that the employee salaries would be settled first and then the pool pledge could be discussed. He said he doesn't want the issue being tabled for months, but felt that it should be put on next month's agenda to give the park board, the mayor, and Commissioner Dan Gregory, who represents the district, a chance to attend the meeting. The council agreed.

Council member Lonnie Hawkins asked the rest of the council if they still approved of council members taking classes through AIC (Association of Indiana Counties). He said there is one coming up that he would like to attend. Auditor January Roush said that an additional appropriation will probably have to be done because there is no line item in the budget to cover classes. The classes are \$60 per person. The council decided that it was okay for members to attend the classes. Council member Warren Albright said he was fine with the county paying for the cost of the class but was not so in favor of paying mileage or hotel expenses.

SUPPORT

(Continued from page one)

tion about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

GriefShare will be held Mondays, April 14 through July 21, 2014 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 W. Main St. To register or for questions, call 295-3049. Cost is \$15 for participants' workbook (scholarships are available).

Autism Awareness 5K Run/Walk Registration (One participant per registration form)

Name _____ Date of Birth(mm/dd/yy) _____

Male _____ Female _____ 5K Run _____ 5K Fun Walk _____

Address _____

Email _____

T-shirt size: S M L XL 2X (circle one)

Liability Waiver (must be completed by all participants): I hereby for myself, my minor (if applicable), my executors, administrators, heirs, and assignees do hereby release, discharge, hold harmless, and indemnify the Autism Awareness and Action, City of Loogootee, its boards, elected and appointed officials and employees; and County of Martin for all claims of property damage or personal injury, including death, that may arise or grow out of my (or my minor's) participation in AAASK. I certify that I have prepared for this event and am in adequate physical condition for the 5k run/walk. I agree to follow all rules of AAASK, obey all traffic laws, avoid littering, respect properties, and permit myself to be removed if organizers/authority sees fit. I agree to hold harmless Autism Awareness and Action, the City of Loogootee, in any claim brought against them due to my actions.

Signature of entrant: _____

(of parent if under 18): _____

Date: _____ Phone #: _____

Enclose a check or money order with entry fee (\$15 per person before April 11; Children under 12 \$10; Children in strollers free) payable to Autism Awareness and Action by April 11th for pre-race registration. Mail with above signed form to 440 Wood-school Rd Loogootee, IN 47553. (No refunds. For race day weather concerns, tune into 94.5 WRZR or check Autism Awareness and Action on Facebook.)

AUCTION

(Continued from page one)

Indiana Ice and the Cincinnati Reds.

There are autographed photos or items from Duck Dynasty cast, Indiana University Volleyball Coach Dunbar, Purdue University Men's Basketball Coach Matt Painter, Purdue University Football Coach Darrell Hazell, Indiana Fever, Indiana Pacers, Indianapolis Colts, and the Chicago Bears, along with an autographed Mutt Comic from creator Patrick McDonnell.


The auction will include several other items from local businesses including gift certificates, paintings, and gift baskets. More than 100 items will be up for auction.

The new t-shirts, with the 2014 design, will be available for purchase also for \$12 each.

All proceeds from the auction will go toward the operation of the Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. The shelter is open Monday and Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment another time by calling 812-295-5900 or emailing mchs@frontier.com. The shelter currently has around 35 dogs and cats available for adoption.

Anyone who is unable to attend the event is welcome to send a donation to the address above or through PayPal at the email above.

SPRING CLEAN-UP
Friday, April 25,
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
& Saturday, April 26,
8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 for Martin County citizens
 & businesses only
 Questions? Call 295-4142



HIS & HERS
Beauty Salon
TANNING!
 New bulbs!
 Call for pricing!
812-295-3926
219 N JFK Avenue, Loogootee

Apartment Style Living!
 starting at \$69 / day



Safety And Security
Catered Services
Christian Values

Accepting New Residents!

Parkview Village
 Christian Care, Inc.

ASK US ABOUT THE VA BENEFIT!

812-636-3000
 www.parkview-village.org
 800 S. West Street, Odon, IN 47562

Monthly Rent Includes:
 3 home cooked meals/ day,
 Weekly Housekeeping,
 24 Hour Staff,
 Personal Safety System,
 Educational & Social Activities
Therapy Services, Home Health Care, and Personal Care Services available on site!
Studio, 1 Bedroom, and 2 Bedroom Units are Available.

Elect
Paul George
 FOR
COMMISSIONER

Paid for by Paul George

OBITUARIES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal

JIMMY LENTS

James Lyndsay "Jimmy" Lents entered into the presence of the Lord on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. A resident of Loogootee, he was 49.

He was born on July 19, 1964 in Corydon; the son of James Lewis Lents and Julia (Durst) Lents.

He spent his childhood in Loogootee graduating from Loogootee High School in 1982. He joined the United States Army where he served as a radar technician for eight years prior to being medically retired. During his service he earned the Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award), the Army Achievement Medal (5th Award), the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award), his "Airborne Air Assault" wings. He also earned the coveted "Ranger Tab" a true testament to his grit and fortitude.

He was articulate, with an infectious laugh, and a tremendous sense of humor. He had a love for the military that was always in his conversations at some point, he was

a patriot and proud to say so.

Jim has left his pain behind for peace and joy. He was a son, brother and a friend, he will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Julia and Jim Young of Poland, Indiana; two brothers, Robert Lents of Jacksonville, North Carolina and Tom Young of Henderson, Nevada; three sisters, Ann Christine Gilbert of Terre Haute, Amanda Rottman of Bradenton, Florida; and Amy Lents of Loogootee; step-mother, Jane Lents of Loogootee; three aunts, Brenda Wynant, Crystal Knowlton and Janice; and nieces and nephews, Erica Gilbert, Emily Gilbert, Joshua Parsons, Kayli Lents, Robbie Lents, Zachariah Lents and Meadow Rottman.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Lewis Lents and his former wife, Kim Lents.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 8 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial was held at a later

date. Military services were conducted by the American Legion and VFW at the funeral home on Tuesday.

"Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again" "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies": "RANGER UP!"

JOE CAIN

William J. "Joe" Cain died at 2:35 a.m. Sunday, April 6, 2014 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 63.

He was born June 7, 1950 in Chicago, Illinois; the son of Edwin Eugene and Ruth (Bradfield) Cain. He was a retired welder and a United States Marine Corp veteran. He was of the Catholic faith and was a 1969 graduate of Rensselaer High School. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, watching basketball and football and following Jeff Gordon in NASCAR.

He is survived by one son, Craig Cain of Loogootee; six daughters, Kelly Cain of Boise, Idaho; Kimberly Cain of Danville,

Illinois; Amy Cain of Danville, Illinois; Jodie Cain of Danville, Illinois; Chalka Heuser of Washington and Keri Beard of Boise, Idaho; one brother, Ed Cain of Francesville, Indiana; one sister, Regina Trout of Rensselaer, Indiana; several grandchildren and two great grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin Eugene and Ruth (Bradfield) Cain; one daughter, Julie Jo Wessell; one son, Chalk Wessell; and one sister, Peggy Luttrell.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 10 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will be in Veale's Creek Cemetery south of Washington, Indiana. There will be military graveside services conducted by the American Legion and VFW.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, April 9 at the Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee

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

At your Service

Local professionals here to serve you!

ADVERTISING/PROMOTION

Backroads Advertising
Promotional Items, Screen-Printing, Embroidery, Banners, Trophies, Signs & Wedding Invitations

DJ & Keitha Healy
Sales

sales@backroadsadvertising.com
202 SE 4th Street
Washington, IN 47501
backroadsadvertising.com
backroadsadvertising.esppwebsite.com

(812) 259-2955
(812) 295-7278-cell
(812) 674-2133-fax

AUTO REPAIR

Greene's BODY SHOP

- Complete Collision Repair
- Glass Replacement
- Window Tinting

106 Wood St., Loogootee
Adam Greene **812-295-9840**

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

CONSTRUCTION • INDUSTRIAL
HOMEOWNER • EQUIPMENT RENTAL

GENERAL Rental Center, Inc.

6 Sullivan Drive • Washington, IN 47501
www.generarentalinc.com
812-254-2707 • Fax: 812-254-2873

HEATING/COOLING

American Standard M&M ELECTRIC

HEATING • COOLING • PLUMBING
• Geo-Thermal •

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED
MARK & MARY FIELDS

107 West Main St. Office (812) 295-4699
Loogootee, IN 47553 Fax (812) 295-2487

MASSAGE

BOWLING MASSAGE

Kimberly Bowling,
Board Certified, NCBTMB
www.bowlingmassage.com

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE
Call **812-709-9050**

ADVANCED TRAINING IN ORTHOPEDIC AND GERIATRIC MASSAGE

AVAILABLE SPACE

Advertise your business here for only \$25 per month! That's every week! 3,500 subscribers!

Email
courtney@martincountyjournal.com

AUTO REPAIR

MUFFLER MENDERS
Full-Service Auto Repair

204 E. Broadway, Loogootee

Shop: 812-295-3209
Toll Free: 888-302-3209
Fax: 812-295-3209




BUILDING SUPPLIES

BUILDER'S BEST LUMBER & HARDWARE

COMPLETE BUILDING SUPPLIES
Electrical, Lumber, Hardware, Plumbing, Roofing, Insulation, Tools, Paint, Heating Supplies and Service

710 Industrial Ave.
Loogootee • 295-2400



GRAVEL/SAND

ROCK HAULING

- Driveway Spreading •
- SAND ~ GRAVEL
- GOOD TOP SOIL
- No Job Too Small-
- Loogootee & Shoals Areas

Call **Ralph Murray Cell 486-7047**



INSURANCE

Terri Kelso Insurance

Call for a quote today!
(812) 254-7770

2108 State Street, Suite B, Washington, IN

Auto Home Life Business



MEDICAL

URGENT CARE of Martin County

NO Appointment Necessary!
We accept most insurances.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
104 Wood St., Loogootee • 295-2955



RECYCLING

LOVETT PALLET RECYCLING

We recycle your pallets!
Free pick-up!

Call **Bart Everman** for more information
317-524-9958
Jasper, Indiana

217 S. Belmont Ave. Ste. E
Indianapolis, IN 46222
Fax 317.636.4948
Corporate office



AUTO REPAIR

Loogootee COLLISION CENTER

295-4041
loogcollision@verizon.net

FULL SERVICE COLLISION REPAIR
NEXT DAY GLASS SERVICE
12851 E 150 N, Loogootee, IN 47553
(Next to Loughmiller Machine)



CHIROPRACTIC CARE

HawkinsHealth CENTER

Providing Family Chiropractic Care
Dr. Jordan Hawkins ~ Dr. Brooke Hawkins
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!

211 SE 1st Street, Loogootee
812-295-3346



GYM/FITNESS

The Bodyshop GYM

LOW-COST MEMBERSHIPS

Gym available 24/7 to members
Exercise or tan at noon or midnight, or whenever your schedule permits!

202 NE 1ST STREET, LOOGOOTEE
295-4762 or 295-8379
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to noon
After hours call one of the numbers above for an appointment.



LAWN CARE

YARD SHARKS

- LAWN MOWING
- WEED EATING
- TREE & BRUSH REMOVAL
- FENCE/DECK REMOVAL
- FIREWOOD HAULING & MORE

Owners Phil Adar & Joa Palte
14205 US HWY. 231, LOOGOOTE, IN. 47553
295-4546 • 295-3701
827-1289 • 709-1404
YardSharks1@yahoo.com



PET SUPPLIES/BOARDING

HOLLIES EATS & TREATS

Dog Boarding (\$10/day)
Dog Grooming Available
Dog & Cat Supplies

812-295-8305
THERESA ABNEY, OWNER/OPERATOR
One mile off Hwy. 231 on Hwy. 645 in Burns City
HOURS: MON.-FRI. 9 A.M.-5 P.M. • Weekends by appt.

TIMBER BUYER

Indiana Timber & Veneer

Buying Standing Timber and Timber Land

CHRISTOPHER RYAN
Forestry Consultant
812-276-8089
email: chrisryan2100@gmail.com



AVAILABLE SPACE

Advertise your business here for only \$25 per month! That's every week! 3,500 subscribers!

Email
courtney@martincountyjournal.com

DOCTOR

Jip J. Yoon, M.D.
Board Certified Internal Medicine

Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

122 Church St, Loogootee
812-295-2380
By Appointment



HAIR STYLING

Broadway Salen

Michelle Bruner
Owner/operator

1103 W Broadway Street
Loogootee IN 47553
812-295-3320
Walk-ins welcome



LAWYER

Ippoliti Law Office, LLC

Victor J. Ippoliti
Isha E. Wright-Ryan
Attorneys at Law

221 JFK Avenue, Loogootee
Phone 812-295-1096
Fax 855-879-8686 • lawoffice@psci.net
www.sinlaw.com



REAL ESTATE

Century 21

NOEL HARTY CLEMENTS REALTY
Sales Associate 400 N JFK Avenue,
Home: 812-295-9228 Loogootee, IN 47553
Cell: 812-295-6506 Office: 812-295-2211



TRASH PICK-UP

KRB Disposal

Pickup household trash weekly
Serving most areas of Martin County

812-247-3115 or
812-247-3604



Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 31

10:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire in Shoals. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

7:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

7:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

Loogootee Police Department log

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

1:51 p.m. - Caller reported property damage at Dollar General.

4:00 p.m. - Caller reported a stolen go-cart motor.

7:09 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

8:46 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on two people walking on JFK Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

5:10 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a residential alarm.

4:00 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a family on High Street.

5:08 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a 911 hang-up in Sunset Trailer Court.

7:38 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare

8:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

5:36 p.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute in Loogootee.

7:27 p.m. - Received report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, near the Overlook.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

check on a male living on Queen Street.

8:02 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Byron Street.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on North Line Street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

9:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral detail.

9:48 a.m. - Male caller reported a suspicious male on North Oak Street. Officers were unable to locate.

12:01 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

5:35 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a gas leak at the high school.

6:56 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

4:40 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

11:53 a.m. - Caller reported damage to her vehicle.

7:42 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

7:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

8:20 p.m. - Caller reported a civil violation.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

2:23 a.m. - Caller reported a break in at Country Place Apartments.

3:56 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

5:41 p.m. - Caller reported a phone scam.

5:50 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

7:51 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231. Driver checked out okay.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

6:49 p.m. - Caller reported a child left alone in a vehicle.

7:54 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

Accident report

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

6:47a.m. Michael D. Dant, of Loogootee, was operating a 2000 Freightliner on US 50 when he turned into a 2000 Freightliner operated by Jack Dillion, of Haubstadt. Captain Hennette investigated.

6:30 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on Mill Road.

10:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Crane.

3:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:40 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

11:29 a.m. - Received a report of a dog bite in Shoals.

10:27 p.m. - Received a report of cattle in the roadway on U.S. 231 N, near 1050 North.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

1:05 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Ridge Road. Lost River Volunteer Fire Department removed the debris from the roadway.

1:10 a.m. - Received a report of a prop-

Safety tips for driving during high water conditions

With the heavy springtime rainfall the state is receiving there is the possibility of high water and flash flooding on rural highways in some areas. Flash flooding can occur even after just a few minutes of heavy rainfall. The Indiana State Police offers the following flood safety tips.

- Always carry a cell phone and charger.
- Pay attention to local media reports and heed warnings issued by the National Weather Service.
- Never drive around barricades at water crossings.
- Be especially careful at night and early morning as it can be difficult to see water and it's depth across the roadway.
- Reduce your speed in rain and NEVER

Jail bookings

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

9:56 p.m. - Dillon Norman, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charges of possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance.

9:56 p.m. - Jennifer Norman, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charges of possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance.

9:56 p.m. - Timothy Norman, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charges of possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

9:34 p.m. - James Parsons, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert on preliminary charge of invasion of privacy.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

2:53 a.m. - Tyson Wilkie, of Plainville, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on preliminary charge of operating while intoxicated.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

6:33 p.m. - Brian Connerley, of French Lick, was arrested by Martin County Sergeant Keller on preliminary charge of driving while suspended.

9:52 p.m. - Brad Edwards, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charge of habitual traffic violator.

erty damage accident on U.S. 50.

8:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Indian Springs. Air EVAC and Williams Fire assisted.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in the water on Windom Road.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals.

7:51 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

11:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Chicken Farm Road. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to IU Health.

12:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Mill Road. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident on US 231 South. Chief Deputy Dant responded.



The photo shows Indiana State Police Divers demonstrating the proper way to exit a vehicle that has crashed into the water.

enter flowing water. Driving through water creates less tire contact with the road surface (hydroplaning) and increases your chance of crashing.

•Driving through water affects your brakes reducing their effectiveness until they dry out.

•If you end up in water, immediately abandon your vehicle, exit through a window and climb on top of your car. Call 9-1-1 from there and wait for help to arrive. Ride the top like a boat, as vehicles will often float for several minutes.

•Be aware that road erosion can occur anytime there is running or standing water on a roadway.

•Remember it only takes six inches of water to reach the bottoms of most car doors and one foot of water to float most vehicles.

If you find yourself stranded in water, act fast. Get yourself and everyone in your vehicle out of their seatbelt and out a window onto the roof of the car. Remember; call 9-1-1 AFTER you reach the top of your vehicle. Indiana State Police divers advise to only swim for it if you absolutely have to, and don't swim against the current. Make sure you're a survivor, NOT a victim.

Walmart Shop Now

TOY'S AUTO PARTS, INC.

LOGOOTE, IN (812) 295-2312	JASPER, IN (812) 634-2222	SHOALS, IN (812) 247-3321
MARTINSVILLE, IN (765) 342-6623	JASONVILLE, IN (812) 665-3969	SULLIVAN, IN (812) 268-5252

Martin County JOURNAL

A weekly online newspaper published every Wednesday

SUBSCRIPTION RATE: FREE BUT \$10 DONATION APPRECIATED

More than 3,000 weekly subscribers! To advertise, contact Courtney at the phone or email below.

LOW-COST ADS TO FIT EVERY BUDGET!

Publishers/Owners:
Josh & Courtney Hughett and sons
courtney@martincountyjournal.com
josh@martincountyjournal.com

CONTACT INFORMATION
PO Box 148, Loogootee, IN 47553
Phone: 812-259-4309
Fax: 1-888-380-2761
info@martincountyjournal.com
www.martincountyjournal.com

Member of the
HOOSIER STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION

BINGO!

Every Saturday night!

Early bird games at 6 p.m. • Main games at 6:30 p.m.

Every week chance to win \$1,000 cover all!

Open to the public! Must be 18 or older. Bingo is non-smoking!

SHOALS EAGLES LODGE

205 Main Street, Shoals

Bingo Permit #125186 Tell the bingo staff you saw their ad in The Journal!

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

February 25

Robin C. Russell, theft, a Class D Felony; check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Gary W. Shake, theft, a Class D Felony.

February 27

Edward D. Bundy, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Douglas J. Watson, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jennifer L. Witt, theft, a Class D Felony.

Karl R. Young, Jr., criminal confinement, a Class D Felony; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

James R. Brimm, theft, a Class D Felony.

March 4

Michael J. Carr, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joshua C. Hill, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jordan T. Brown, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Travis L. Troutman, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class D Felony.

March 6

Karl R. Young, Jr., unlawful possession of syringe, a Class D Felony.

March 12

Roger W. Hess, two counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors.

March 14

Delles P. Hert, Jr., possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony.

March 18

Brandy C. Nobbe, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Class

D Felony.

March 28

John S. Covell, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 31

Nicholas A. Dant, battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Class C Felony.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

March 25

Kimberly S. Fisher, convicted of conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 365 days of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 11

Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr., domestic battery, a Class D Felony, dismissed; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 24

Kimberly Fisher, two counts of receiving stolen property, Class D Felonies, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 24

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

William and Donna Verkamp vs. MJH Farms, LLC; Matthew L. Haulk and Jessie J. Haulk, mortgage foreclosure.

March 25

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Patrick M. Phillips, civil collection.

March 27

Midland Funding, LLC vs. William Grafton, civil collection.

Kevin M. Hovis vs. Beth A. Hovis, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 1

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Wiley D. Tilley in the amount of

\$12,027.39.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff GE Capital Retail Bank and against the defendant Staci Whitehead Morrow in the amount of \$578.71.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants David M. and Stephanie L. Howard in the amount of \$13,920.19.

SMALL CLAIMS

New Suits Filed

March 25

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Frances Holt, complaint.

March 26

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Matthew S. Clark, complaint.

March 27

White River Co-Op vs. Dee Jewell, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Lowell G. Sanders, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Betrice Lents, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Melisa Sorrells, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 1

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

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jesse R. Denny in the amount of \$850.33.

April 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Barbara E. Medlock in the amount of \$595.89.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Larryn P. Hinkle in the amount of \$823.70.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane

Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jeffrey S. Leonhard, II, in the amount of \$418.30.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jessica E. Longfellow in the amount of \$2,539.43.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Danny G. Hall in the amount of \$413.74.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Kimberly B. Betz in the amount of \$2,436.30.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Richard R. Buck in the amount of \$653.08.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 3

Robert Torres of Shoals and Heather Renee Heinz of Medora.

April 7

John Steven Covell of Loogootee and Melba Marie Richardson of Loogootee.

Real estate transfers

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

Joe Abney, of Martin County, Indiana to **Roy Sizemore**, of Martin County, Indiana, 35,764 square feet, more or less, in Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West.

Roy Sizemore, of Martin County, Indiana to **Darrell Dyer and Carmen Dyer**, of Martin County, Indiana, 35,764 square feet, more or less, in Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West.



Martin County Humane Society's

4TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION

Saturday, April 12 at Loogootee High School Cafeteria

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

Items to be in the auction so far include:

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

Erin Like, Scentsy - Scentsy gift basket
Indiana University - autographed photo of IU Volleyball Coach Sherry Dunbar
Greenwell Hardware folding jab saw/utility knife & fixed blade knife
Here's Your Design - \$50 off a \$100 purchase
Jones Marathon - \$25 gift card
Bender Lumber - (2) Quikrete concrete floor painting kits
Paul's Snapper - gas can
AMC Theatres - (6) movie passes
Denny's - (2) \$8 gift certificates
Grandy's Jasper - (2) \$6 gift certificates
Lori Street - (2) paintings
Late Show with David Letterman - (2) tickets to a taping
St. Louis Cardinals - (2) tickets
Wallace Vet Clinic - (4) packages of flea & tick medicine for dogs
The Nutro Company - Coupon for bag of dog food & bag of treats
Indiana Beach - (4) Funday tickets
Loughmiller Machine, Tool & Design - camp fire ring
Indiana Ice - (4) tickets
Indianapolis Zoo - (2) tickets and (1) parking pass
Cincinnati Reds - (4) view level or (2) terrace line seats
Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra - (2) tickets to a Pop or Classical Concert Series
Mutts Comics - autographed Mutt comic by Patrick McDonnell
Kong - dog toys/treats gift basket
Walton's Greenhouse - plant
Washington Times-Herald - 6-month subscription
French Lick Indoor Karting - (2) races
Indianapolis 500 - (2) shirts, (1) hat, (1) umbrella, (1) poster, (4) shot glasses, (2) glass ornaments
West End Flower Shop, Bedford - IU plaque & cat memorial stone
Wildtree (Christine Marley) - (2) gift baskets
Joe Gibbs Racing - (2) t-shirts
Indiana State University - (4) tickets to a men's home game

Leann Acton-Anderson - "Movie night" gift basket
Chicago Cubs - (2) tickets to game vs. Cincinnati Reds
The Candy Mill - candy gift basket
King's Island - (2) tickets
Full Out Tumble & Cheer - one month of free classes and one free registration fee
Goodies for all Occasions/Jennifer Wagler - \$25 gift certificate
Indiana Pacers - autographed basketball
Indianapolis Colts - autographed football
Indiana Fever - autographed basketball
Build-A-Bear Workshop - \$10 gift certificate
Chicago Bears - autographed photo
Crane Federal Credit Union - gift basket
Ann Ackerman - handpainted wine bottle lights
Tina Wilson - handcrafted home decor items
Linda Bennett - handmade baby quilt
The Rox Cafe - six loaves of fresh-baked bread
Lula Sherfick - Easter-themed wreath
Debbie Truelove - "Cheers to you" wine, etc gift basket & manicure/pedicure gift basket
Jasper Engines & Transmission - Grill set and sauces
Indy Eleven - two tickets to a home soccer game
Ann Stewart for Martin County Clerk - Gardening gift basket
Ryan's Hope (In memory of Ryan Baker) - Baking gift basket
Smoker's Host - (3) \$10 gift cards
Edward Jones Investments - duffel bag, cooler bag & (2) captain chairs
His & Hers Beauty Salon - hair care products
Lisa Robertson - dog & cat wall art
Earth & Wind Creations - gift set
Greenwich Antiques - \$50 gift certificate
Tammy Nails - \$30 gift certificate
Ben Franklin - \$20 gift certificate
Loretta Boyer - (2) handmade wooden bowls

Have something to donate? There is still time! Call Courtney at 812-259-4309, email mchs@frontier.com or message us on facebook as soon as you can!

LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL



2014 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



MATT MATHIES

Matthew S. Mathies is the son of Kevin and Beth Mathies. While in high school, he has been in Spanish Club, Lion Pride, and Pep Club all four years. He was in Peers and SADD his freshman year and beta club in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. He has served as a cadet teacher and played intramural basketball as a senior. In sports, he played baseball and basketball his freshman, sophomore and junior years. Matt plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana after graduation but is undecided on the course of study.



TYLAN NORRIS

Tylan L. Norris is the son of Kevin and Susan Norris. While in high school, he played intramural basketball his freshman year and served as an intern his senior year. He played tennis all four years. Tylan plans to attend Vincennes University after graduation and study electronics.



Loogootee students, staff of the month -Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary has chosen their students and staff member of the month for March. They are Brooklyn Carrico, kindergarten; Britta Browder, first grade; Reuben Harker, second grade; Abigail Fischer, third grade; Tristin Castro, fourth grade; and Tracie McAtee, staff member. Students have been chosen by their teachers because they possess positive character qualities of respect, caring, integrity, responsibility, and self-discipline as well as their perfect or outstanding attendance for the month of March, no detentions or loss of recess for behavior issues, they exhibit good effort daily, and they also work well with classmates with a cooperative attitude. These students serve as excellent role models for other students in our school! The staff member of the month is nominated by the staff.

Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY

Breakfast

Thursday, April 10
Cheese omelet, wheat toast, banana

Friday, April 11
Whole grain, Pop Tart, applesauce

Monday, April 14
Cereal, string cheese, pears

Tuesday, April 15
Biscuit and gravy, pineapple

Wednesday, April 16
Scrambled eggs, wheat toast, orange

Lunch

Thursday, April 10
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, wheat roll, milk

Friday, April 11
Quesadillas, lettuce and cheese, refried beans, apples, milk

Monday, April 14
Chicken fajita, refried beans, salad, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, April 15
Corn dog, carrots, cherry crisp, Sunchips, milk

Wednesday, April 16
Country fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, milk

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, April 10
Salisbury steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, wheat roll, salad plate, milk

Friday, April 11
Quesadillas or pizza, lettuce and cheese, refried beans, apples, salad plate, milk

Monday, April 14
Chicken fajita or pizza, refried beans, salad, applesauce, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, April 15

Corn dog or pizza, carrots, cherry crisp, Sunchips, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, April 16
Country fried chicken or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, April 10
Cereal, graham crackers, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, April 11
English muffin, sausage patty, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, April 14
Donut, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, April 15
Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, April 16
Pop Tart, string cheese, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, April 10
Chicken taco, cooked carrots, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: beef and bean burrito or chef salad

Friday, April 11
Whole grain cheese breadsticks with marinara sauce, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, juice cup, milk

Monday, April 14
Cheeseburger with whole grain bun, baked potato, salad boat, fresh apple, milk

Tuesday, April 15
Whole grain spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, pears, whole grain garlic bread, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: sausage pizza or chef salad

Wednesday, April 16
Chicken strips, fresh broccoli and grape tomatoes with ranch dip, mandarin oranges, whole grain roll, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: corn dog or chef salad

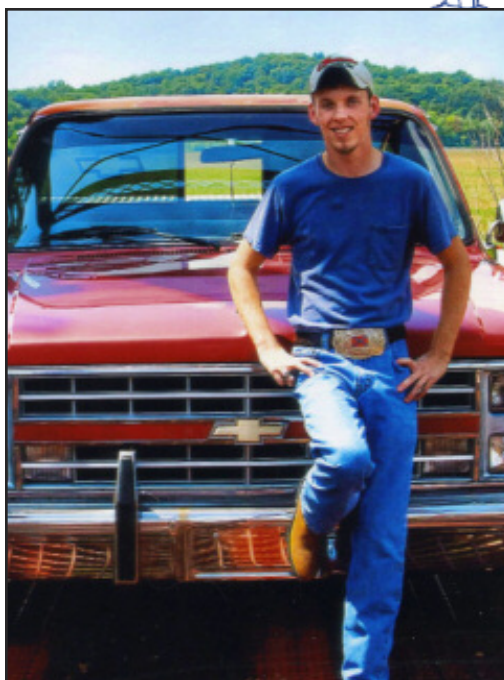
Shoals High School

2014 SENIOR Spotlights



TRANDON WILLIAMS

Trandon Lee Wynn Williams was born on June 7, 1995. He is the son of Jeff Brown and Donna Jo Kindley. Trandon has two brothers, Timothy and Thomas Williams. While in high school, he participated in band, choir, SADD, chess club, IMPACCT and culinary arts. He also enjoys wrestling. Trandon's favorite song is "45" by Shinedown. His favorite teachers are Mr. Weitkamp and Mrs. Heckard. Trandon plans to go to Vincennes University.



ZACH WALKER

Zachariah Tavish Walker was born on November 30, 1994. He is the son of Lynn and Danny Collins. Zach has one sister, Jessica Walker and one brother, Danny Collins, Jr. While in high school, he participated in track and field. He also enjoys going muddin'. His favorite song is "I Wanna be a Rockstar" by Nickleback. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Rue and his greatest memory from school is going to Chicago. His plans are to help kids who have cancer.

Shoals athletes honored at banquet



-Photo by Joni Harder

Shown above are the Shoals Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball award recipients. From left to right are Michael Hawkins (varsity field goal percentage and most valuable player), Cody Hert (varsity most assists), Edmund Neeley (junior varsity free throw percentage, field goal percentage, and most rebounds), Grady Key (varsity Mr. Hustle & Desire), Damon Roach (varsity free throw percentage, most rebounds, and most valuable player). The junior varsity team was coached by Tim Sorrells and the varsity was coached by Matt Wolfgang. Not pictured is Kaden Butler (mental attitude). The photo on the left shows Ariel Hert with awards she received for cheerleading.



-Photo by Joni Harder

Shown above are the award recipients for the Shoals Varsity Girls' Basketball team. From left to right are Erica Bratton (varsity Ms. Hustle & Desire), Caitlin Sanders (varsity most assists), Megan Hawkins (varsity field goal percentage), Tia Sanders (varsity mental attitude), Nicole Harder (varsity free throw percentage, most rebounds, and most valuable player). The girls were coached by Ed Farhar.



-Photo by Joni Harder

Shown above are the Shoals Junior High Boys' Basketball award winners. From left to right are Kenyon Sorrells (eighth grade free throw percentage), Jacob Ivey (seventh grade mental attitude), Klayton Tichenor (seventh grade free throw percentage), Caleb Tanksley (eighth grade mental attitude), Ryan Hawkins (seventh grade and eighth grade most rebounds). The boys were coached by Kevin Hert.

State helps 21st Century Scholars prepare for college

The 21st Century Scholars Program has developed a series of regionally-based workshops to help current 21st Century Scholar juniors get a 'Jump Start' on their senior year of high school. Held on 38 local college campuses, each workshop will provide Scholars with essential information about the 21st Century Scholarship along with tips and resources to help them 'Jump Start' their path toward college and career success. Junior Scholars (class of 2015) and their parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to attend a workshop in their area.

"We want all 21st Century Scholars across Indiana to have the opportunity to visit a college campus, connect with other Scholars, and get a jump start on their path to college completion before they graduate from high school," said Chris Enstrom, Director of 21st Century Scholars Outreach. "These workshops will help junior Scholars prepare for the transition to college and make sure they're on track to meet their Scholarship and college admissions requirements."

Jump Start workshop topics include:
Meeting Senior 21st Century Scholar Program Requirements
Completing College Applications
Maintaining Scholarship Eligibility in College

Understanding Financial Aid
Earning Dual Credit and AP Courses
Interested scholars can register by phone at 888-528-4719 or online at www.learnmoreindiana.org/scholarshipworkshops.

About the 21st Century Scholars Program
Indiana's 21st Century Scholars is a needs- and performance-based promise program that provides students the opportunity to earn up to a four-year scholarship at an Indiana college or university. Hoosier students who meet income criteria can enroll during their 7th- or 8th-grade year of middle school. Students commit to maintaining academic success, remaining drug and alcohol free, and completing college-preparation activities that keep them on track for graduation. Learn more at Scholars.IN.gov or LearnMoreIndiana.org.

Loogootee Jr.-Sr. High School Honor Roll

Term 3

SEVENTH GRADE

High honors: Kirk Bratton, Max Christmas, Sheldan Christmas, Ethan Farmer, Hope Fischer, Amber Page, Madeline Strange, Austin Taylor, Alex Wagler, Calli Winger, and Oliva Winger

Honor roll: Ayden Aiman, Nicole Arvin, Mallory Arvin, Nick Bowman, Kalli Britton, Courtney Burch, Kashten Burch, Sarah Bussinger, Chloe Carrico, Jacob Carrico, Madeline Cropp, Collin Dant, Bailey Dearwester, Daniel Gingerich, Charles Graber, Grace Hadley, Maelee Hawkins, Leonna Hedrick, Becca Hollaway, Jacob Hollihan, Katelyn Hupp, Konner Lyon, Jayden Seitz, Crystal Tolbert, Madisyn Wade, Roseann Wagler, Jaycobson Wagoner, and Jayleigh Wagoner

EIGHTH GRADE

High honors: Ross Adams, Dylan Arthur, Josh Cook, Monica Cowin, Lane Keller, Marina Lents, Zachary Lythgoe, Kristin Norris, Carson Rayhill, Kenadi Rumble, Jody Seals, Elizabeth Stoll, Taylin Trambaugh, and Emily Whitworth

Honor roll: Shalyn Bruner, Haley Burch, Luke Callison, Anaya Carrico, Keyosha Cathy, Candice Clark, Joshua Daniels, Colie Farmer, Christopher Hager, Heather Harshaw, Cora Hedrick, Corbin Henninger, Zachary Koenig, Savannah McAttee, Logan Randolph, Halle Sheetz, Kaitlin Sims, Kayla Taylor, Jayden Wagoner, Cade Wilcoxen, and Karika Young

NINTH GRADE

High honors: Sara Bailey, Eden Jenkins, Tristan Jones, Kaleb Lyon, Meghan Mathies, Mayson Riley, Shania Swigler, Justin Wagler, and Abbie Williams

Honor roll: Landon Bell, Dakota Compton, Sarina Elliott, Mya Hedrick, Breanna Hollaway, Nolan Lottes, Jake Simmons, Kirsten Spears, Clayton Thomas, and Xiao Yang

TENTH GRADE

High honors: Nicole Ader, Jake Blackwell, Kendall Burch, Renee Burch, Grant Carrico, Logan Carrico, Taylor Hardwick, Justin Horney, Jonathan Krzesniak, Jordan Mann, Kendall Riley, Paige Walton, Renee Whitman, Alexis Willis, and Joey Wilson

Honor roll: Emily Bateman, Macey Baxter, Trysten Booker, Kimberly Bough, Nick Bowling, Amber Daniels, Jess Divine, Alex Graber, Rielley Graber, Ian Huelsman, Brandon Lindsey, Kayla Nicholson, Tara Pennington, Shane Perry, Ashlee Raney, Shayna Stuffle, Emma Walters, Gavin Wittmer, and Landon Wittmer

ELEVENTH GRADE

High honors: Conner Bailey, Chassidy Bridges, Julie Coleman, and Waylee Wagoner

Honor roll: Addyson Aiman, Addy Arvin, Jordan Berry, Frank Bratton, Kendall Bratton, Kayetlyn Carter, Travis Craney, Dameon Earley, Eli Fleace, Tyra Fuhs, Taylor Kaiser, Ryan Knight, Ashley Lindauer, Gabe Nolley, Ashleigh Powell, Kailye Robbins, Josh Sibrel, Dylan Street, Jayce Wagoner, Allie Walker, and Chase Wilcoxen

TWELFTH GRADE

High honors: Cheyenne Axsom, Emma Graber, Kasie Green, Kenedi Rohlman, and Liz Truelove

Honor roll: Abby Ackerman, Kyle Craney, Gage Harder, Shelby Hodges, Nicole Knight, Adam Lark, Trevor Resler, Kelsy Seals, Ethan Wade, Matt Weitkamp, Brandon Wilz, and Christina Ziegler

Attention REMC Members!

2014
REMC
Annual
Meeting

Each member
will receive a
a \$10 bill
credit.

Thursday, April 10, 2014

Shoals High School
Gymnasium

5:30 - 7:00 PM
Registration

7:00 PM
Business meeting begins



Daviess-Martin County
REMC

A Touchstone Energy
Cooperative

12628 E 75 N, Loogootee, IN 47553 * 295-4200 * 800-762-7362

www.dmremc.com

Becky Skillman announces \$200,000 Joint Land Use Study planning grant awarded

Radius Indiana, the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), and the Indiana Office of Defense Development (IODD) are pleased to announce that a \$200,000 planning grant has been awarded from the Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment, to undertake a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The grant will address the compatibility of growth and development taking place around NSA Crane in Daviess, Greene, Martin, Lawrence and Sullivan counties.

A Joint Land Use Study is funded primarily by the Department of Defense to study and make recommendations for land-use agreements between a defense base and its surrounding communities. In addition to the funding received from the Department of Defense, financial support has been committed by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, Radius Indiana, and the county governments represented in the study.

"With procurements of more than a billion dollars of products and services annually, salaries and benefits of \$326.6 million per year in the Radius Indiana region alone, and more than \$2 million a day poured into Indiana's economy, NSA Crane is an economic powerhouse for this region," said Becky Skillman, President/CEO of Radius Indiana. "As the voice outside the gates for Crane, Radius Indiana has a strong relationship with the base. We have worked closely

with Crane to ensure it remains viable for both defense and national security, as well as the economic benefits it provides to the region. Radius Indiana will work in concert with the base and all stakeholders to develop a land use plan that is beneficial to all those involved."

Duane Embree of the Indiana Department of Defense (IODD) added, "New assets such as the Westgate@Crane Technology Park and I-69 demonstrate imminent growth around NSA Crane, and a Joint Land Use Study will be profitable to balance development opportunities with the need to protect critical mission-relevant activities on base. The Joint Land Use Study process challenges the participants to design strategies to protect the public's health, safety and welfare, as well as our current and future military operational capacities."

The grant primarily funds a professional consultant to work with participants and develop a report which provides recommendations and guidance to ensure future growth does not result in unforeseen challenges to the base and its surrounding communities. The report will include recommendations for on-base measures to minimize impact on the surrounding communities. OCRA is expected to begin the consultant bidding process immediately, with a completion date of the Joint Land Use Study expected by July 2015.

Indiana to increase the amount paid to reimburse child care providers who care for low-income children

For the first time in nearly seven years, Indiana is increasing the amount that child care providers are reimbursed for caring for children from low-income families. This move is part of the Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA) ongoing effort to support low-income, working families in finding affordable, high-quality care for their children.

Beginning in mid-May 2014, FSSA's Bureau of Child Care (BCC) will implement new reimbursement rates for child care providers who accept vouchers from the federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) to care for low-income children. The amount providers will be reimbursed will be based upon the provider's participation in Indiana's voluntary, four-tiered Paths to QUALITY™ system, which rates participating providers at levels 1 through 4, dependent upon meeting certain key quality standards. Level 4 child care providers who care for children receiving CCDF benefits will receive the highest increase in reimbursement.

"Our goal is to not only ease the burden of finding affordable child care for low-income working families, but also to help improve the overall quality of care available to all Hoosier families," said Melanie Brizzi, Administrator of FSSA's Bureau of Child Care. "Increasing reimbursements

will help ensure that high-quality providers are able to continue to serve low-income families. And giving higher reimbursements to higher-rated Paths to Quality providers incentivizes other providers to either join Paths to Quality or work to increase their overall quality and level in the program."

Families interested in finding a Paths to Quality provider may search at www.child-careindiana.org.

Detailed information about the formula used to calculate the rate increase for providers is available here. FSSA will communicate these changes to providers and CCDF clients via letters and a series of webinars which begin this week.

Studies have shown that the number one barrier to work for low-income families is access to child care. Currently, more than 41,000 children from more than 22,000 Hoosier families receive child care subsidies from the federal government's Child Care Development Fund.

Paths to QUALITY™ is Indiana's voluntary quality rating and improvement system for child care. The system identifies child care providers based on 4 levels of quality. Beginning at Level 1 - meeting basic health and safety standards - child care programs may progress to the highest level - Level 4, achieving national accreditation.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Increasing government efficiency

Oftentimes, when we think of the word "efficiency," government is not one of the first things to come to mind. In fact, Americans have become increasingly skeptical of the government's ability to deliver services competently and cost-effectively.

This is something that the Indiana Legislature has recognized and has been working to change for quite some time. After all, I think it can be argued that a government's public support and popularity can be determined largely by how confident people are in its ability to serve them. This session, we had many pieces of legislation that aimed to cut bureaucratic red tape, and today, I would like to share a couple of those with you.

For instance, I supported a measure that seeks to build on the success of the "one-stop-shop" website created by the State in 2011. If you aren't familiar with this website, it was designed to allow Indiana non-profits to access information from varying agencies within state government in one, user-friendly location. For example, the website answers questions such as the type of grants that are available from the government specifically for faith-based organizations as well as how to nominate someone for the Governor's Service Award.

This year, we required the Department of Workforce Development, the Department of Revenue and the Secretary of State to work together on the creation and upkeep of this website, making it easier for contractors looking to do work with the state and allowing Indiana's already business-friendly reputation to continue to grow.

If you are a Hoosier, small business owner, you will now be able to update several critical elements that are required by law via one website. This includes registration, handling licenses or permits, etc. Once fully implemented, this will make compliance with state requirements much easier.

Another bill that I co-authored this session aims to streamline the building plan re-

view process. Currently, Indiana has a State Building Law Compliance Officer who makes the decisions on plan reviews; however, there is no deadline for their work. As you can imagine, this can be very frustrating to businesses whose time is of the utmost importance.

In fact, the General Assembly received numerous complaints from Hoosiers across the state about projects that had been held up for months because the state was not reviewing plans in a timely manner. It was apparent that a deadline needed to be established, so this year, we required the State Building Commissioner to issue a written interpretation of a building law or fire safety law no later than 10 business days after receiving a request. This helps builders and their clients plan more effectively and makes Indiana a more attractive place for businesses to locate.

Government efficiency is absolutely imperative to our future economic success and appropriate management of tax revenue. If doing business in Indiana is a cumbersome and difficult process, business will not move here, and those that are already here will leave. This is something we must keep in mind when developing state policy, and as a small business owner myself, I am thankful for the opportunity to be able to influence these policies and stand up for other small business owners across the state.

These pieces of legislation are great examples of a step in the right direction; however, I know that there is more that can be done. Whether you're a small business owner or an employee, I want to hear from you! What are your ideas for making Indiana state government more efficient? These constituent ideas are precisely what influence legislation, so please don't hesitate to contact me. You may even see your idea become law someday!

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

Governor Pence launches 'Major Moves 2020' construction

Governor Mike Pence last week directed the state budget agency to release funding for the "Major Moves 2020" highway construction program. Pence joined House Speaker Brian Bosma to announce initial plans for investing up to \$400 million in the next generation of highway expansion.

"Roads mean jobs, and Major Moves 2020 will improve Indiana's transportation infrastructure to enhance our position as the Crossroads of America," said Governor Pence. "Major Moves 2020 will put Hoosiers to work now and reinforce Indiana's position as a national transportation hub and a global distribution powerhouse. It is one of the reasons Indiana continues to be recognized as a great place to do business."

"Transferring up to \$400M to improve and expand major infrastructure in our state translates into thousands of jobs for Hoosiers. Approving this transfer could allow us to leverage federal funding. I am pleased we were able to deliver on our promise to improve Indiana's transportation system this session while remaining fiscally responsible. Indiana is the Crossroads of America, and we made strides this session to maintain that prestigious reputation," said Speaker Bosma.

Two weeks ago, Governor Pence signed HEA 1002 into law. The legislation invest \$200 million in projects immediately and allows Indiana to expand heavily-traveled sections of four-lane interstates - two lanes in each direction - that are now approaching

50 years of age. Initial design-build contracts will be bid later this year for:

I-65 between State Road 44 near Franklin and Southport Road in Indianapolis

I-65 in the Lafayette area from State Road 38 to State Road 26

Following December's revenue forecast and Budget Committee review, the new law allows the state to release \$200 million for additional interstate expansion projects:

I-65 in the Lafayette area from State Road 26 to State Road 25

I-69 from State Road 37 in Fishers to State Road 13 in Madison County

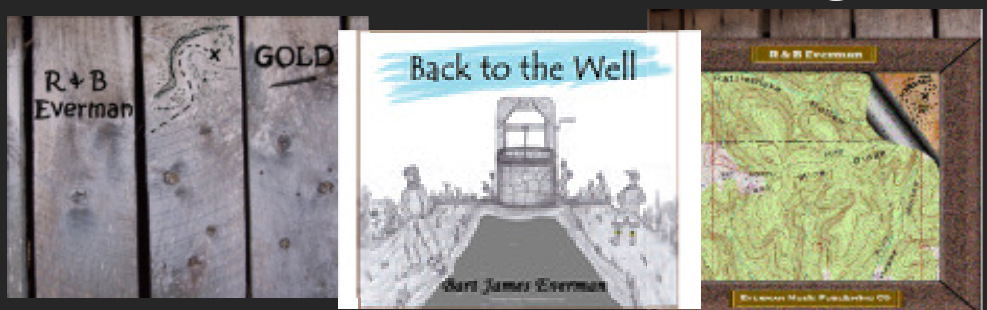
I-65 from Sellersburg (Exit 9) to Memphis (Exit 16) in Clark County

Total funding of \$400 million invested within one year is expected to support more than 9,800 jobs for Hoosiers. Last year Governor Pence also dedicated hundreds of millions in additional dollars for Indiana's roads and bridges. Since 2013, under the governor's leadership, the state has made a total of \$800 million in new money available for roads and bridges, including \$200 million for local governments.

Governor Pence also marked the ceremonial start to highway construction season by proclaiming April 7-11 as Work Zone Awareness Week in Indiana. Drivers are urged to join the Indiana Department of Transportation and its contractors in improving highway work zone safety.

Learn more about bills the Governor has signed by visiting Bill Watch: <http://www.in.gov/gov/2014billwatch.htm>.

Everman Music Publishing Co.



Like us on facebook, click here

Calendar of Events

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet this Thursday night, April 10 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office meeting room. Some items on the agenda include non-teaching and student handbooks, summer school, junior high baseball request, cafeteria breakfast and lunch prices, and coaching recommendations. The meeting is open to the public.

Grief support group

Loogootee United Methodist Church will be offering a Grief/Recovery Support Group April 14 to July 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for those suffering the loss of a loved one. This video and discussion-based group will help you move toward joy no matter if your loved one died recently or years ago. Plan to attend as many sessions as possible. Please call 295-3049 to RSVP.

Easter Bunny Express

The annual Easter Bunny Express will depart the French Lick depot of the Indiana Railway Museum on Sunday, April 13 at 4 p.m. The train will travel its normal run to near Cuzco, where the passengers will disembark to meet the Easter Bunny and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt. There will be different hunt areas for preschoolers and elementary-aged children. The ticket cost is the normal rate for the train, \$18 for adults and \$9 for children 2-11. Children under two are free. The proceeds from this special train ride will benefit the Springs Valley Optimist Club Clothe-a-Child Project. Tickets are limited, so it is suggested that advance tickets be purchased at the museum or on the website. No discount tickets will be accepted for this special train ride.

Loogootee School Board special meetings

The Loogootee School Board will hold three executive meetings next week on Monday, April 14; Tuesday, April 15; and Wednesday, April 16, at 4:30 p.m. each afternoon. The purpose of the meetings is to receive information and interview prospec-

Lineup for 26th North/South Indiana All-Star Classic at VU

An elite group of the state's 2013-14 senior basketball players will participate in the 26th annual North-South Indiana All-Star Classic at Vincennes University's Physical Education Complex on April 13. The girls' game will be at 2 p.m. (EDT) and the boys' game at 4 p.m.

The North/South Indiana All-Star Classic is sponsored by Hoosier Basketball Magazine and Pacesetter Sports of Terre Haute. It will be the third time for VU to host the event.

The girls' game features 2014 Indiana Miss Basketball Whitney Jennings, Logansport. Jennings led the state in scoring (32 ppg) and is signed to play at the University of Iowa. Another top performer is Indiana signee Maura Muensterman, Evansville Mater Dei (22.7), who finished second in Miss Basketball voting. Other top scorers include Kindell Fincher, Fort Wayne Canterbury (25.8- Xavier); Allison Nash, Speedway (24.9-Hanover); Haley Cook, Hamilton Heights (23.3-Kentucky Wesleyan).

Three Indiana Division I Universities have players representing their schools: Sydney Buck, Homestead (Butler); Allyson Bunch, Columbus East (IPFW); and Erica Moore, Mt. Vernon-Fortville (Purdue). Two other Division I talents are Kayla Brown, Westfield (Miami, Ohio) and Ana Owens, Lawrence North (Cincinnati).

Knox County is well represented with two players from Class A state runner-up Vincennes Rivet - Bailey Dreiman and Lauren Herman - along with Maria Gugliotta of North Knox. Finally, two Vincennes University recruits will also participate in the North/South Classic. They are Chelsea Bentley, Anderson, and Alicia Wilson, Owen Valley.

The North girls will be coached by Jerry

tive employees as stated in I.C.5141.56.1; (5). The meetings are closed to the public.

Boy Scouts

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

GED exam fees

Catholic Charities is happy to announce that they will be sponsoring GED exam fees. If you are ready to take your GED exam, give them a call at 812-423-5456 or email us at ccordovilla@evdio.org.

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812.709.1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Hoover, Logansport. Evansville Memorial coach Bruce Dockery will lead the South girls. Matt Luce (Wapahani) is the North boys' coach while Sullivan's Jeff Moore directs the South boys.

Featured boys in the Classic include six Division I signees: Grant Evans, Wapahani (Wright State); Bryant McIntosh, Greensburg (Northwestern); Sean Sellers, Greensburg (Ball State); Grant Sims, Bloomington North (Illinois-Chicago); Elliott Welmer, Columbus North (St. Louis); and Tyler Wideman, Lake Central (Butler).

A high-scoring participant is Jacob Johnson, Mooresville (almost 20 ppg).

Vincennes high schools have three boys in the Classic, Avory Mickens and Josh Sprinkle of Vincennes Lincoln along with Zach Templin, Vincennes Rivet.

The 2014 Classic game director is Harry Meeks, VU athletic director.

Tickets are \$10 and can be ordered by phone, 800-945-ALUM (2586), or online at www.alumni.viu.edu/northsouthgame. Group ticket discounts are available upon inquiry.



US 50 Yard Sale dates set

The 15th Annual "Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale" has been announced for May 16-18, 2014. Stretching 3,000 miles from Ocean City, Maryland, to Sacramento, California, the sale is the longest annual yard sale in the world.

Individuals living along U.S. 50 are welcome to participate - and it is free. Registration is not required, although sellers are reminded to adhere to any local regulations and to be mindful of such concerns as safety and parking.

The sale varies from community to community. In some locations the sale may be more formally organized on the local level. These communities are invited to list their activities on the national site at www.route50.com. In other communities, however, it is more informal and is just a matter of individuals living along U.S. 50 having their own yard sales during that weekend.

The U.S. 50 Yard Sale has also become an opportunity for clubs, churches and organizations to have fundraisers. Some provide booth space for sales, while others set up food booths. Many counties use the U.S. 50 Yard Sale to promote tourism as yard sale shoppers are often willing to travel far to attend a large group of sales.

Many see the sale as a win-win as it brings together individuals with items to sell (and wanting to make some extra money) with those looking for bargains. Re-use is also the purest form of recycling, so the event is also

considered environmentally friendly.

Those wanting more information may contact Tom Taylor, National Coordinator, at taylor@seidata.com.

Humane Society featured pet



Maggie is a five-year-old female, long-haired cat. She is very sweet but very shy. She has been spayed and declawed and is up to date on her shots. Adoption fee is \$30. If interested in adopting Maggie, or one of the other shelter dogs or cats, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. For information, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Classified ADS

HELP WANTED



T/T Flatbed Drivers Wanted! Local, Regional & Long Haul Drivers

Now accepting applications on behalf of:
Midwest Shuttle Services, Inc. - and - Schilli Specialized Flatbed Division, Inc.

Local T/T Flatbed Shuttle Drivers - 2nd and 3rd shifts
Local T/T Flatbed - Daycab Drivers - Full and Part-Time positions available
Regional T/T Flatbed Drivers - Home Most Weekends
Long Haul T/T Flatbed Drivers - Get Home as needed

Must be 23 years old - Class A CDL - 6 months T/T Flatbed Experience. Full time employees are eligible for benefits including: Major Medical & Dental Insurance, Prescription Co-pay plan, vacations, bonuses, 401k.

Apply online at <https://intelliapp.driverapponline.com/c/schillitrans> or call 877-261-2101



JOB FAIR

Friday, April 11, 2014
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

On-Site Interviews will be conducted
Human Resources - 1010 First Avenue, Jasper

Maintenance Technicians & Manufacturing positions are available.

1st Shift: 6:00 am - 2:00 pm
2nd Shift: 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm
3rd Shift: 10:00 pm - 6:00 am

Visit our website at www.jasperrubber.com

Equal Opportunity Employer



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Nothing comes as close to a gourmet home dinner than the first real salad of the season. As I write this, I have just had such a dinner. The early lettuce in the cold frame supplied a few small leaves. Some overwintering kale had some tender new leaves to add to the mix. I thinned some cauliflower seedlings in the greenhouse and used the plants I pulled as micro-greens. The chives that grow in an old iron pot got a trim, adding some spice to the salad. Add a few dandelion leaves and some leaves and tiny purple flowers of wild violets and the result is a true gourmet salad—a salad that does not have to depend on the dressing for flavor. As more greens, both wild and cultivated, mature, I will have many other salad combinations. Still, I doubt any will rival the taste and pleasure of this first salad of spring.

The last week has seen torrential rains and flooding in the Hoosier Hills. However, most of us are accustomed to such spring occurrences. With saturated soils, it is best to stay out of the garden for a few days to avoid compaction of soils. It is also best to wait to see what damage has been done to inundated plants. If you have areas that often experience flooding, perhaps it is time to look at using such sites for rain garden, planting native plants and their cultivars that can take such harsh treatment and come back strongly.

The forsythia is in bloom, and that means it is time to put down pre-emergence herbicides on lawns. Do not use such herbicides if you have re-seeded the lawn. Of course, dandelions and other perennial broadleaf

plants have already started growth, so if you want a turf-grass lawn, it will be necessary to use a post-emergent herbicide also. If you have not already put down spring fertilizer, do so soon, and use a time-released fertilizer that will feed for several weeks. Regular fertilizers, such as 10-10-10, will give the lawn a quick nitrogen fix, resulting in lush new growth, but will result in more mowing this spring.

In the vegetable garden, continue to put out transplants of cabbage and other cole crops. Make successive sowings of salad greens every two weeks and sow other early spring crops, such as peas and radishes. Go ahead and purchase corn and bean seeds, but wait until early May to put them in the ground. Tomatoes and peppers planted now will need a lot of extra help to survive. The ground is not warm enough for them to grow well, so many will just sit there and rotting may result. We could still see some frost, so tender plants will need to be covered. My recommendation is just to wait until it is warmer to put out warm-season crops.

In the landscape, the daffodils have been marvelous. The cool temperatures have kept the early-season varieties in bloom and now the mid-season cultivars are adding to the show. Scilla, hyacinths and lungworts are providing contrasting colors to the daffodil show. In addition to the forsythia, many spring shrubs are showing buds and will be in full bloom in the next couple of weeks. It certainly is a wonderful time of the year, when the landscape awakens from the winter slumber.

State volunteer program will provide community service opportunities through WorkOne

Hoosiers will soon be able to take advantage of community and national volunteering initiatives while participating in free training, education and job-seeking programs and services currently offered at WorkOne locations throughout the state. This comes as Serve Indiana (Formerly known as The Indiana Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives) merges with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

Volunteering and AmeriCorps national service opportunities include mentoring and tutoring youth, building affordable housing, creating and repairing trails in state parks, and teaching literacy, job readiness, and nutrition.

Some volunteers receive a living allowance, as well as educational scholarship assistance.

"I am excited for all the wonderful opportunities this merger will provide Hoosiers," said Governor Mike Pence. "Those who participate in community service and volunteerism increase their odds of finding a new job by nearly one-third. Giving people the opportunity to serve their own communities while taking advantage of the free career and educational resources available through their local WorkOne will help them improve their lives and the lives of their neighbors."

"This merger enables Hoosiers to get involved in making their community a better place while participating in the free training, education and job-seeking services WorkOne already provides," said Scott B. Sanders, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "WorkOne's mission is to develop Indiana's workforce into the most competitive in the nation and I think the addition of these services will greatly benefit Hoosier

job-seekers and businesses alike."

The Serve Indiana/DWD merger will also enable Hoosiers to access additional housing and mortgage assistance programs at WorkOne.

These resources were previously offered through the OFBCI, but will now be a part of the WorkOne service umbrella.

WorkOne is at the heart of the workforce development system. It's where expert staff help Hoosiers find a new or better job, choose a career, access training, volunteer in their community, or get the information needed to succeed in today's job market.

Hoosiers can visit www.in.gov/dwd/WorkOne/locations.html to find their local WorkOne.

More information about WorkOne job-seeker services, including community volunteering opportunities can be found at www.in.gov/dwd/WorkOne/job_seekers.html.

DNR asks public help in finding Indiana's largest trees

Do you know of an extraordinarily large tree? The DNR is accepting nominations for the 2015 Big Tree Register, a list of the largest known specimen of each native tree species in the state. The register is published every five years. Nominations will be accepted through October.

The 2015 Big Tree Register nomination form is at forms.IN.gov/Download.aspx?id=9968. The form includes additional information on finding and measuring big trees.

The 2010 register is at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/8169.htm

The biggest big tree in the 2010 Register is a 136-foot tall sycamore tree in Johnson County with a trunk more than 25 feet around.

The smallest big tree in the 2010 Register



Snacking

-Photo by Misty McKibben and Dave Whorrall

If this chubby guy is any indication, despite the brutal winter, Martin County squirrels fared well. This one found a comfy spot in the tree to stop for a snack during one of the warmer days we have seen in many months.

What to do if you find a baby or injured animal

Every spring, kind-hearted Hoosiers "rescue" an injured or seemingly abandoned baby wild animal and try to care for it.

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife has one thing to say: Don't do it.

In early April, cottontail rabbits and squirrels have young in their nests. If you come across a nest, leave it alone, even if you don't see an adult animal around. The best place for these animals is in the wild, learning to fend for themselves.

"Most baby animals are not abandoned," said Michelle Cain, DNR wildlife information specialist. "Many animals leave their young alone when searching for food and come back to them throughout the day. They also use this as a way to deter predators because a predator may follow the mother back to its young."

Picking up a baby animal that is not orphaned or abandoned can harm the animal and takes it out of its natural environment. It's also illegal.

If you believe the animal is truly abandoned, or you know that the mother is dead, call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Licensed wildlife rehabilitators are educated to properly care for wild animals. In the hands of an untrained person, an animal is unlikely to survive if it is returned to the wild.

Wild animals also pose safety and health risks for humans. They may look helpless, cute and cuddly, but they can bite or scratch people who attempt to handle them. Some wild animals carry parasites and infectious diseases that can be transmitted to humans.

The best way to make sure an animal is orphaned is to wait and check it periodically. If you are unsure, place some strings or sticks across the nest. Place some grass across the top of a rabbit nest that is found

is an American hophornbeam (aka ironwood) in Vanderburgh County that is 12 feet tall and 3 inches around.

The register requires three measurements: trunk circumference, in inches, at 4 1/2 feet above the ground; total height, in feet; and average crown spread, in feet.

The total size of a tree is calculated using the formula: circumference + height + 1/4 average crown spread. The tree of each species with the highest total is Indiana's largest.

Each tree nominated is verified for species and size before acceptance in the register.

For more information about nominating a tree for the register or to receive a nomination form, contact district forester Janet Eger at (812) 247-2479 or emailjeger@dnr.IN.gov.

with young in it. If such items are later disturbed, the mother has probably returned, so leave the young animal alone.

If a bird has fallen out of a nest, it is OK to gently return it to the nest.

Rehabilitator contact information is at dnr.IN.gov/dnr/fishwild/5492.htm. Click on "wildlife rehabilitator" near the bottom of the page for a list. Assistance can also be found by:

- Calling the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife in Indianapolis at (317) 232-4080
- Calling DNR Law Enforcement, 24 hours a day at (812) 837-9536
- Calling a licensed veterinarian

State laws prohibit keeping wild animals without a DNR-issued permit. Federal laws also prohibit possession of migratory birds, including songbirds, raptors and waterfowl. It is illegal to treat wild animals for sickness or injury without a permit.

In the spring, ducks or geese often nest in landscaping or gardens. Leave the nest alone and keep any pets away. Be aware that the bird may return next year. If the bird becomes a nuisance, call a nuisance waterfowl control operator. A contact list is at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/files/fw-NuisanceWaterfowlControlOperators.pdf.

WAYNE Ferguson agency
<http://www.fergusonagency.com>

Whether "listing" or "buying"... make us your first call!

And...if you're looking for the best insurance services, we'll welcome the opportunity of serving you!

Serving Orange County and surrounding areas.
812-936-2900

9711 West State Road 56
French Lick, IN 47432


Independent Insurance Agent

- Insurance
- Financial Services
- Real Estate


EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Purdue study reveals farmers' buying preferences, concerns

BY MEGAN SHERIDAN
Purdue University News Service

Agribusiness leaders nationwide can use results from a new Purdue University study to help them become more successful by understanding their farmer customers better.

The Large Commercial Producer Survey, conducted every five years by the Center for Food and Agricultural Business, explores the concerns, preferences, behaviors and attitudes of U.S. farmers and ranchers. This year's survey is based on results from nearly 1,700 producers.

"Our goal is to help agricultural producers and agribusinesses reach higher levels of success," said Mike Gunderson, Purdue professor and associate director of research at the center. "Armed with information and insights about their farmer customers, agribusinesses can create new business strategies based on what their customers value. That approach results in more effective partnerships with key clients."

Started in 1998, the survey focuses on corn/soybean, wheat/barley, cotton, fruit/nut/vegetable, dairy, hog and cattle producers across the U.S.

From this year's survey, Gunderson led the center's research team in condensing more than 400,000 data points into four categories - producer strategy, loyalty, buying preferences, and information and the salesperson.

Gunderson said the team, consisting of Purdue agricultural economists, included questions about "how producers think about

the strategies that make them successful, what amount of time it takes to implement those strategies, and what worries them at night." Farmers answered questions about five strategies: managing production, managing people, controlling costs, spending time marketing their output, and controlling land, equipment and facilities.

"We found it interesting that what farmers think makes them successful and what they actually spend their time focusing on are not always the same," Gunderson said.

The team also studied farmer loyalty across different products - seed, crop protection, feed and nutrition, animal health, fertilizer and capital - at the brand and local dealer/retailer level. They used the same products to evaluate buying preferences based on three attributes: price, performance and relationship.

The role of information and salespeople has long been included in the annual survey. This version reflected changes in Internet-based technologies, including the addition of questions about social media, email and text messaging. The team looked at how the importance of different media, information sources, salesperson activities and salesperson attributes affected producers' decision making.

Results from the survey are now available at www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab/lcprod. There is a charge, structured in two levels of detail.

For questions about survey methods, contact David Widmar, research associate, at dwidmar@purdue.edu.

Landscape 'transition zones' may influence where tornadoes strike

BY NATALIE VAN HOOSE
Purdue University News Service

Areas where landscape shifts from urban to rural or forest to farmland may have a higher likelihood of severe weather and tornado touchdowns, a Purdue University study says.

An examination of more than 60 years of Indiana tornado climatology data from the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center showed that a majority of tornado touchdowns occurred near areas where dramatically different landscapes meet - for example, where a city fades into farmland or a forest meets a plain.

Forecasters and city planners may need to pay closer attention to these "transition zones" to better understand tornado risks, said Olivia Kellner, doctoral student in the Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences and first author of the study.

"There are still many unanswered questions about tornado climatology, but what we're finding is that there may be a relationship between the Earth's surface and the atmosphere that contributes to where tornadoes tend to touch down," Kellner said.

An analysis of locations where tornadoes touched down between 1950 and 2012 revealed that 61 percent of tornado touchdowns occurred within 1 kilometer (about 0.62 mile) of urban areas while 43 percent of touchdowns fell within 1 kilometer of forest. Some tornadoes touched down in close proximity to both cities and forests.

Although highly populated urban areas can increase the number of tornado reports, the analysis showed a large percentage of touchdowns also occurred in low-population regions with significant changes in surface features.

Kellner said the percentages suggest that certain locations may enhance the likelihood of tornado touchdowns. Increased "surface roughness" - an abrupt change in the height of land surface features - can stretch or squash a column of air, increasing the air's rate of spin, which could contribute to the formation of severe storms.

Dev Niyogi, Indiana's state climatologist and co-author of the study, said the possibility that land surface could affect the development of severe weather deserves further

scrutiny.

"Forecasting and preparing for severe weather risks such as tornadoes are difficult and societally important tasks," he said. "We might need to pay more attention to areas where land surface features transition from rough to smooth, flat to sloped, or wet to dry. These changes in landscape may provide triggers for severe weather."

The study also found that tornado touchdowns in urban areas tend to occur at about 1 and 10 miles from the city center.

Kellner said these "rings" of increased tornado activity could be related to how cities are developed.

"Cities impact the surrounding climate in terms of regional airflow and temperature," she said. "The size of cities, what they're made of and the heat they produce are factors that could affect the microclimate."

Niyogi cautioned that every storm is unique and that a variety of factors influence storm intensity and the potential for severe weather. Identifying areas of high risk, however, could lead to city designs that would reduce the conditions associated with producing severe weather hazards such as tornadoes.

"As we continue to modify our landscapes, there will be many environmental and societal changes," he said. "But perhaps we have the potential to engineer cities to be more resilient to severe weather by thinking holistically about the way cities can be developed and how they affect local climate conditions."

According to the study, Indiana has a distinct spring tornado season with a majority of tornadoes occurring in June, May and July, respectively. Strong tornadoes with estimated wind speeds of more than 158 miles per hour occur most frequently in April and June. The total number of tornado days per year - days on which at least one tornado report is made - has not increased over time.

The study also found that drought conditions and climate variations such as El Niño have some impact on Indiana tornado climatology.

Funding for the research was provided in part by a NASA Fellowship Grant awarded to Kellner, the National Science Foundation's STRONG Cities Project and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

The color of green is finally starting to brighten fields of brown and is much more prominent in the southern part of Indiana than the upper most northern portions, which might have some wondering about permafrost there this year!

I often get calls and/or questions about Broomsedge this time of year. Not because it is already growing, but because it is quite noticeable being an orange-brown, "stick out like a sore thumb" kind of grass amongst contrasting new green growth! Broomsedge (*Andropogon virginicus*) is often called poverty grass. If you dared to take a bite of it, you might understand why livestock don't like to eat it, especially when it is mature. It is just poor quality. At best, it is about half the quality of desired forages. Paraphrasing William Albrecht (linked soil health to human health) the plant doesn't have enough value for a cow to trouble herself eating it. That is a pretty true statement with a couple exceptions. Cattle will sometimes consume a little of that mature Broomsedge along with very high protein watery forage in the early spring to help balance out their rumen. We can overcome this issue with other means. They will also consume it fairly well prior to early boot (seed stem elongation), but it is still far from being choice feed.

Broomsedge generally gets the upper hand in the pasture because of very low phosphorus or available phosphorus levels. It also tends to be worse on thinner, more eroded soils and for a good reason. Low pH combined with low calcium is a better environment for this warm season perennial than any of our cool-season forages and thin eroded soils that are usually more acidic. Low pH aggravates the phosphorus issue even more by tying up even more phosphorus. You can quickly guess the best way to combat Broomsedge...fix fertility deficiencies, especially phosphorus and calcium. Fixing fertility is the first place to start to win the battle over this obtrusive species.

If the Broomsedge present is at full mature height and dense, it would be most favorable to mow or clip it down close to keep it from blocking sunlight from the species we want to grow. Assuming we have good species present, mature Broomsedge can block sunlight from reaching the desired forage species and allow it to keep maintaining the upper hand. If you remove it and then fertilize the cool-season desired forages, you shift the advantage to the cool-seasons. With some management, and the help of cooler soils and earlier plant growth, cool-seasons will compete with the Broomsedge to help crowd it out. It is all about competition. When livestock eat one species more frequently than the other, they give the competing species the upper hand. We have to shift this back the other direction.

Once the cool-season forages have successfully captured the majority of the solar energy and have grown back to an adequate grazing height (generally 10-12 inches), the Broomsedge will start trying to grow too, especially with warmer soils which it likes. Grazing the Broomsedge in this early stage, but not removing too much of the desired species, helps put extra stress on the supporting roots of this poor grass and gives more advantage to the desired species. You won't remove it all at once, but you are heading in the right direction. Manure can also be very useful in reducing its foot hold as a means of adding some needed fertility.

Increasing fertility can come in different forms. Feeding hay a portion of the winter in these problem areas can add fertility to the site and increase organic matter - this can be a good fix. Hay would ideally be put in place ahead of use and then best utilized under dry or frozen conditions. Only one bale feeding per spot is best. Too much leftover forage will add additional organic mat-



ter and nutrients, but will also slow recovery of the desired forage species. It is surprising how quickly some of those areas can heal.

The picture to the right was taken on a small cattle operation. The producer was allocating out forages in small blocks. This site had a fairly dense stand of Broomsedge present with Tall Fescue and a little clover. He did a great job in maintaining cover and grazing the Broomsedge in the whole area except one last block which did not get grazed the last time around. Notice the difference that one timely missed grazing made.

It is amazing what a difference good cover and fertility makes when it comes to weed control. Most weeds are opportunists, just waiting for the right condition and situation.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Indiana Forage Council Annual Meeting & Seminar - April 24, 2014 - Beef House Restaurant, Covington, IN. Guest speakers are Scott Royer and Garret Miller. For more information contact Lisa Green, lgreen06@purdue.edu or 765-494-4783 by April 18, 2014.

Purdue Forage Workshop - September 4, 2014 - Purdue Agronomy Farm - details soon.

Pasture Walks & Field Days - Watch your local newspapers and Soil & Water Conservation District newsletters for upcoming pasture walks and field days in your area.

As of September 7, 2013, the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) is now the National Grazing Lands Coalition (GLC).

Kayaking for beginners at Patoka Lake April 26

Have you ever wished you knew how to kayak or wanted to try it out before buying your own equipment? Join the Patoka Lake Interpretive Naturalist at the beach for a beginners kayaking lesson on Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. During this short lesson, participants will get to try their hands at a few different kayaks and paddles. Participants will learn what gear is needed and the best places to paddle on Patoka. All equipment including life jackets will be provided.

The entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$7 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164. For more information regarding this program other interpretive events please call the Visitor Center at 812.685.2447. Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

ADVERTISE IN THE JOURNAL
FOR AS LOW AS \$13 A WEEK!
That's a 5.5-inch by 2-inch space!
Contact courtney@martincountyjournal.com

The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



Everybody anxiously awaited nice weather and we got it but it lasted just one day, with March 2nd bringing back cold temperatures, freezing rain, sleet and snow. This month's featured staff member is Donald L. Mann. Don Mann is 1978 graduate of Loogootee High School, an honorably discharged Veteran of the Indiana Army National Guard and 25-year member of the Loogootee Fire Department. Don has been married for 30 years to his longtime sweetheart Lori (Lengacher) Mann and they have two daughters: Kayla (Jeremy) Branham and Kelci Mann, who will be married this June 7th to A.J. Miles. Don has been with the city for a little over a year, working as a municipal laborer in the water, wastewater, and street departments. He does a great job and is an asset to the team! On the 1st, I went to the Jasper VFW to watch the most famous Linda Smith Band. The band has added an accordion to their repertoire and invited us to show this new addition. On the 2nd, the poor weather postponed the Lion Backers' Annual Pre-Sectional Banquet until the next evening. March 3rd, I attended a brief park board meeting to discuss the ongoing project and then headed to Stoll's Lakeview to give a brief talk to this year's boys' varsity and junior varsity basketball teams on the subjects of leadership and success. Following that talk, I went straight to the Martin County Courthouse for the monthly county council meeting. The City of Loogootee Swimming Pool Project was the main topic of discussion. I would like to thank the council for listening to our proposed plan to replace the pool by using both city and county EDIT funds for the facility and also thank all the many citizens who showed up to support our request. No decision has been made on the proposed plan as it was tabled to April's monthly meeting. Tuesday the 4th, I attended the 2014 IHSAA Boys' Basketball Sectional opening round of competition at North Daviess. The first game was the Buggy Bowl Three with the Cougars of North Daviess taking on the Vikings of Barr-Reeve. The Vikings prevailed with a nice margin after a neck-and-neck battle throughout most of the match. The second game had our Lions taking on the Vincennes Rivet Patriots. Like the first game, the Lions stayed strong throughout most of the game but came up short in the end and the Patriots got the win. I want to thank our team, cheerleaders, pep band, dance team, and fans for a great year!

Wednesday the 5th I attended the yearly soup and sandwich event at the Loogootee United Methodist Church and enjoyed the great food and fellowship. Thursday the 6th, I met with Laura Albertson of the solid waste district to discuss a possible project. On Friday the 7th, I went back to North Daviess for the second round of sectional action. The first game was the Barr-Reeve Vikings and the Shoals Jug Rox and the second was the Vincennes Rivet Patriots vs. the Washington Catholic Cardinals. The Vikings and Cardinals won their selected matches with a nice margin despite a lot of effort by their perspective opponents. Sunday the 9th, members of our park board and I went to Washington to meet with Mayor Joe Wellman and Daviess County Treasurer Elaine Wellman to discuss the building of their pool and gain insight to apply to our project. Monday the 10th, I attended the Blighted Property Elimination Program Seminar held at the Odon Essen Haus. Special thanks to SIDC for sponsoring this event. That evening was the monthly board of works and public safety meeting followed by city council and the 5-year plan update meeting. Among the many issues discussed were the warning sirens implementation process, renewal of the city's health insurance program for employees (with the savings for next year being around \$40,000) and ideas looking forward in the future of the city and county.

Tuesday the 11th started at Loogootee Elementary School performing document du-

plication. Then, I headed to the office until lunchtime when I met at The Lodge with Kenny Frye and Kerry Sims of German American Bank and Rae Greene and Alan Williams from Hembree Communications to discuss the upcoming "Clean Sweep" project on April 5th. That evening I went to the LHS auditorium for the "Almost Spring" 6th grade band concert. As always, under the direction of Mrs. Graves, the band did a great job and entertained us with tunes from past to present. Wednesday, the 19th, I attended to the annual stakeholders meeting for Radius at French Lick. President and CEO of Radius Becky Skillman informed all attendees of the many ongoing projects in the works. That evening was the monthly park board meeting where many items were discussed and plans begun for the oncoming spring season. Thursday the 13th, I attended the quarterly community corrections board meeting at the Martin County Learning Center. The focal point of the meeting was the great performance evaluation given to the department by the state. I want to commend Kathy Collins, Pat King, Gerald Harner, Laura Dawley, Jennifer Northover and all of the staff at community corrections for a job well done! After the meeting, I headed back to the office and then on to a mid-day meeting with Barbara Moffett. Barbara is a lifelong resident who strives to make our community a continued great place to reside. That evening, I ended the day just where I had started it – back at the Martin County Learning Center for the monthly tourism meeting.

Friday the 14th, I attended the mid-day open house at German American Bank welcoming new investment representative, Dan Myers. Then I went to Old National Bank for the last follow-up meeting before the annual Martin County Chamber of Commerce Dinner. In the evening, I went to the Washington High School auditorium to watch the "Liverpool Legends" perform. The Beatles tribute was hand-picked by George Harrison's sister and it was a very entertaining crowd pleaser with the profits going to Washington High School Band. Saturday the 15th, was the 2014 Boys' Basketball Regional, hosted by Loogootee High School at Jack Butcher Arena. It was an action-packed day with many great teams participating. That evening, I attended the retirement party for Nancy Summers at the St. John Center. Nancy worked for many years at Loogootee Community Schools and most recently worked for St. John as an administrative assistant, and I wish her congratulations and best wishes on her retirement. Monday the 17th, St. Patrick's Day, many celebrated by attending the 2014 annual chamber of commerce dinner. This year's dinner was very special as were able to have two great speakers: Congressman Larry Bucshon and Sandy Zehr of NSWC Crane. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of this year's selection of "Martin County Citizen of the Year." Betsy Graves (band director at Loogootee Community Schools) nominated Joe and Mary Ringwald. As most of you know, Joe passed away suddenly last November 1st. Mary and her son, Simon, carry on the many traditions and volunteerism the family started as a team many years ago, dedicating many countless hours to our community. Congratulations to the well-deserving Ringwalds.

Tuesday the 18th, I spent most of the day in the office. Wednesday the 19th, I began the day at the Martin County Civil Defense building for the monthly Martin County School Safety Commission meeting. Many updates were given and discussed. After the meeting, I headed back to the office to meet with two local entrepreneurs who are in the process of opening a new business in town. (More details will come.) After that meeting, I had a lunch meeting at The Lodge with a local resident to possibly discuss fundraising ideas and the possibility of a sizeable dona-

tion to the pool project. That evening was the monthly solid waste meeting at the Martin County Recycling Center. After the meeting, I went back to the Martin County Civil Defense Building for the Martin County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. The committee is working hard to update the current emergency plan to best suit the current circumstances of our area. Thursday the 20th, I met with a representative from the local Shopko Department Store to discuss the recent announcement of the future closure of the store. In the evening, I watched the scrimmage for the year matching up with the Jasper Wildcats at the Loogootee Softball Field. Friday the 21st was our review meeting on the final planning stages of "Clean Sweep" at German American Bank. After that meeting, I drove to The Gasthof for the Southern Indiana Mayors' Roundtable, hosted this month by Washington Mayor Joe Wellman. Highlights of the table included new rules and regulations put in place by INDOT for federal funding.

Saturday the 22nd was Ag Day at the Martin County Community Building, which always brings out a large crowd, especially for their delicious breakfast! Monday the 24th, I attended an I-69 Corridor Meeting for mayors at East Side Park in Washington. The primary focus of the meeting was to receive various input from local mayors and their communities impacted by the I-69 corridors. A special "thank you" to Mayor Joe Wellman for hosting the event. In the evening, I attended the bi-monthly Martin County Alliance for Economic Development meeting. Many issues were discussed pertaining to local economic development in the area. Tuesday the 25th started with a meeting with Maddie Holt. Maddie donated stuffed animals to both the city and county police departments for the officers to use with

children. Thank you, Maddie, for your contribution to the departments. Later, I met with Ellen Harper of OCRA, Rex Knight of SIDC, President Richard Burch of Midwestern Engineers and Bo Wilson of the department of public works. The main topic of the meeting was the current grant application process for the storm water project proposed by the city. Many issues were covered concerning the process and will be acted upon in a timely manner. Wednesday the 26th started with a meeting at German American Bank about "Clean Sweep." Thursday, the 24th, I attended The Mayor's Institute offered by SPEA at the IUPUI Campus. Topics discussed were current legislative proposals such as the business personal property tax, tax increment financing, landlord registration, and abandoned housing. In the afternoon session, State Attorney Greg Zoeller spoke on accountability and Doyle Hyett and Dolores Palma with Hyett-Palma Inc. spoke on downtown revitalization. The Institute wound up Friday the 25th with a discussion on the IACT Medical Trust and finding energy cost savings. This quarter's institute was a very informative session. That evening, I went to Marion University to attend the Indianapolis Men's Choir, which currently features former resident Rick Barber. The show was great with songs for all age groups. Kudos to Rick and the choir for a great performance. Saturday the 29th, I took in the Class 1A State Championship Game at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Unfortunately, I had to leave during the 4th quarter as I had another commitment at the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy in Knightstown. Monday the 31st was spent meeting with staff and catching up on the day-to-day operations of the office. I want to take this time to wish each and every one of you a most prosperous April!

New CDC study finds dramatic increase in e-cigarette-related calls to poison centers

The number of calls to poison centers involving e-cigarette liquids containing nicotine rose from one per month in September 2010 to 215 per month in February 2014, according to a CDC study published in last week's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. The number of calls per month involving conventional cigarettes did not show a similar increase during the same time period.

More than half (51.1 percent) of the calls to poison centers due to e-cigarettes involved young children under age 5, and about 42 percent of the poison calls involved people age 20 and older.

The analysis compared total monthly poison center calls involving e-cigarettes and conventional cigarettes, and found the proportion of e-cigarette calls jumped from 0.3 percent in September 2010 to 41.7 percent in February 2014. Poisoning from conventional cigarettes is generally due to young children eating them. Poisoning related to e-cigarettes involves the liquid containing nicotine used in the devices and can occur in three ways: by ingestion, inhalation or absorption through the skin or eyes.

"This report raises another red flag about e-cigarettes – the liquid nicotine used in e-cigarettes can be hazardous," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Use of these products is skyrocketing and these poisonings will continue. E-cigarette liquids as currently sold are a threat to small children because they are not required to be child-proof, and they come in candy and fruit flavors that are appealing to children."

E-cigarette calls were more likely than cigarette calls to include a report of an adverse health effect following exposure. The most common adverse health effects mentioned in e-cigarette calls were vomiting, nausea and eye irritation.



Data for this study came from the poison centers that serve the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories. The study examined all calls reporting exposure to conventional cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or nicotine liquid used in e-cigarettes. Poison centers reported 2,405 e-cigarette and 16,248 cigarette exposure calls from September 2010 to February 2014. The total number of poisoning cases is likely higher than reflected in this study, because not all exposures might have been reported to poison centers.

"The most recent National Youth Tobacco Survey showed e-cigarette use is growing fast, and now this report shows e-cigarette related poisonings are also increasing rapidly," said Tim McAfee, M.D., M.P.H., Director of CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. "Health care providers, e-cigarette companies and distributors, and the general public need to be aware of this potential health risk from e-cigarettes."

Developing strategies to monitor and prevent future poisonings is critical given the rapid increase in e-cigarette related poisonings. The report shows that e-cigarette liquids containing nicotine have the potential to cause immediate adverse health effects and represent an emerging public health concern

Younger teens still account for 1 in 4 teen births

Although births to younger teens aged 15 to 17 years have declined, they still represent over a quarter of teen births - nearly 1,700 births a week, according to this month's Vital Signs. This reinforces the need for targeted interventions to prevent teen pregnancy, says the report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Although we have made significant progress reducing teen pregnancy, far too many teens are still having babies," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Births to younger teens pose the greatest risk of poor medical, social and economic outcomes. Efforts to prevent teen childbearing need to focus on evidence-based approaches to delaying sexual activity and increasing use of the most effective methods of contraception for those teens who are sexually active."

CDC researchers analyzed birth data from the National Vital Statistics System and adolescent health behavior data from the National Survey of Family Growth.

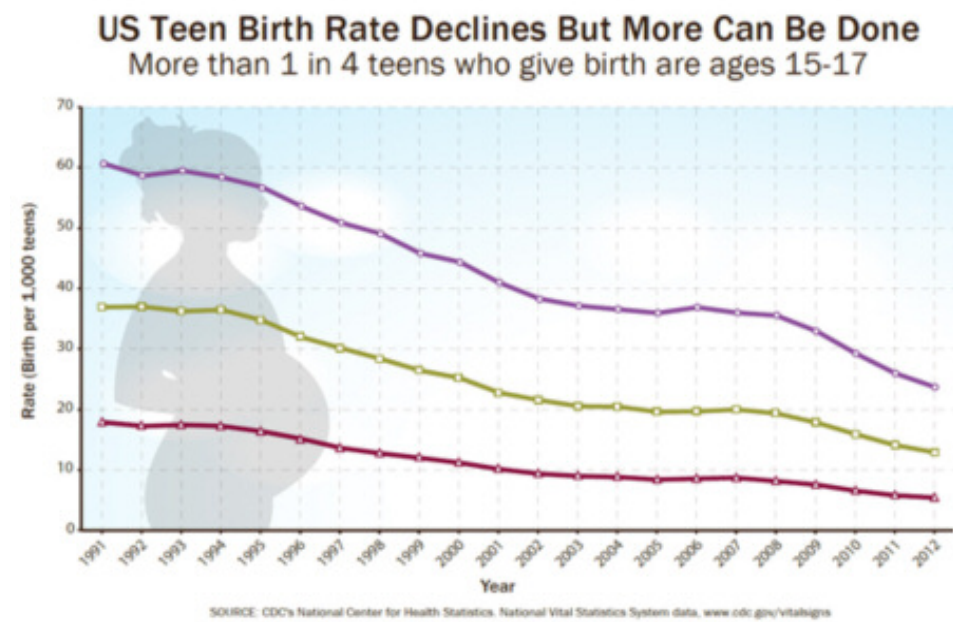
Findings include:

The rate of births per 1,000 teens aged 15 to 17 years declined 63 percent, from 38.6 in 1991 to 14.1 in 2012.

The birth rate to younger teens is higher for Hispanic, non-Hispanic black and American Indian/Alaska Native teens. In 2012, the birth rate per 1,000 teens aged 15 to 17 years was 25.5 for Hispanic teens, 21.9 for non-Hispanic black teens, 17 for American Indian/Alaska Native teens, 8.4 for non-Hispanic white teens and 4.1 for Asian/Pacific Islander teens.

Most teens aged 15-17 (73 percent) had not had sex yet.

Nearly 1 in 4 teens in this age group never spoke with their parents or guardians about



sex.

Other findings about sexually active teens in this age group include:

More than 80 percent had not received any formal sex education before they had sex for the first time.

More than 90 percent of teens used some form of contraception the last time they had sex, but most of them relied on methods that are among the least effective.

The Vital Signs report also underscores findings from previous CDC reports on teen pregnancy prevention:

Racial and ethnic disparities in teen pregnancy rates remain, suggesting the continued need for culturally appropriate interventions and services.

Sexually active teens remain at risk for pregnancy because they use less-effective contraceptives.

Earlier delivery of prevention efforts may further increase abstinence and birth control use.

Parents and guardians can play an influential role in helping pre-teens and teens avoid risky sexual behaviors.

"We need to provide young people with the support and opportunities they need to empower themselves. Trying to balance the task of childbearing while trying to complete their high school education is a difficult set of circumstances, even with the help of family and others," said Shanna Cox, M.S.P.H., CDC's Division of Reproductive Health. "Teens who give birth are at increased risk of having a repeat birth while still a teenager. And these younger teens are less likely to earn a high school diploma or GED than older teens who give birth." For more information visit <http://www.cdc.gov/TeenPregnancy/>.

Co-op to continue helping consumers through energy efficiency programs

You may have heard about the end of Energizing Indiana, an energy efficiency program offered by the state's investor-owned utilities. The good news is that actions by the state legislature that bring a halt to Energizing Indiana will have no effect on the energy efficiency programs offered by your electric cooperative.

"As consumer-owned electric cooperatives focused on members, not profits, our efficiency programs help families manage their power bills and use energy wisely," said Janet Chestnut, manager of communications/member relations at Daviess-Martin County REMC. "Through Team Up To Save, we offer several programs that support co-op members in keeping electricity affordable."

Daviess-Martin County REMC offers rebates on heating and cooling system upgrades, appliance recycling, super-efficient Touchstone Energy Homes and an Energy Management Program. Electric cooperatives have a long tradition of working with members to improve the quality of life in local communities. Co-op programs have produced proven, quantifiable results and are cost efficient.

"Our energy efficiency programs were around long before Energizing Indiana and they'll be here if it's gone," said Chestnut. "We want our members' homes to be comfortable to live in and efficient to heat and cool."

If you have any questions about your co-op's energy efficiency programs, contact Janet Chestnut or Mark Belcher at 800-762-7362 or visit our website at www.dmremc.com. You can also go to TeamUpToSave.com, [Facebook/TeamUpToSave](http://Facebook.com/TeamUpToSave) or TogetherWeSave.com for more suggestions and detailed information.

ELECTION 2014

Primary Election candidates

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

UNITED STATES REP. (DISTRICT 8)

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

INDIANA SENATE (DISTRICT 39)

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

INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 62)

- Matt Ubelhor (R)
- Jeff Sparks (D)

INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 63)

- Mike Braun (R)
- Richard Moss (R)

CLERK

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

ASSESSOR

- Carolyn S. McGuire (R)

SHERIFF

- Robert F. "Rob" Street (D)

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

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

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

- Randy Wininger (D)

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

- John Keith Gibson (R)

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

- James A. "Buck" Stiles (R)

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

- Barbara D. McFeaters (R)

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

- Lynn Gee (D)

CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

- Karen A. Hickman (R)

HALBERT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

- Charles S. Hamilton (R)

HALBERT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

- Exzelia Montgomery (R)

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

- Mildred C. Brown (R)

MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

- Daniel M. "Dan" Steiner (Perry 5)

TRUSTEE

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

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

- Ernest S. Canell (R)
- Joe McAtee (D)
- Jason Hennette (D)

RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

- Terry J. Street (D)

CENTER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

- Gerald Wilcoxon (R)
- Kenneth L. Brett (R)
- Larry L. Downs (R)

HALBERT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

- Travis Montgomery (R)
- Stevie J. Horton (R)
- Kimberly L. Albright (R)

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

- Alice Dianne Butler (R)
- Bruce Fithian (R)

MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

- Sharon K. Belcher (R)
- Charity (Belcher) Tolbert (R)
- Dan J. Butler (R)

PERRY TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

- Julie Green (D)
- Sue Hunt (D)
- Brandi Hennette (D)

STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES (vote for 4)

- Gerald D. Montgomery (R)
- Stevie J. Horton (R)
- Warren D. Albright (R)
- Karen A. Hickman (R)

DEMOCRAT PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN

- James Richard Taylor (Perry 1)
- Tammy Jo Gore (Mitcheltree)
- Raydies Thimling (East Memphis)
- Roger Cooper (Lost River)
- Alice A. Robbins (West Memphis)
- Richard Baugh (North Halbert)
- Charles W. Stringer (South Halbert)
- Daniel M. "Dan" Steiner (Perry 5)

Election 2014 Calendar

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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

Friday, April 11, 2014

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

Monday, April 21, 2014

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

Thursday, April 24, 2014

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

Saturday, April 26, 2014

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

Polling sites

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

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

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

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

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

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



Monday, April 28, 2014

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

Saturday, May 3, 2014

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

Monday, May 5, 2014

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

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

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

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