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Shoals School Board approves cuts to help offset budget troubles

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Just like most other school districts in Indiana, the Shoals School Board is looking for ways to make cuts.

At their meeting last Thursday, April 8, Shoals Superintendent Tony Nonte presented several recommendations to the board for consideration to make up for the \$218,682 in cuts they received for 2010.

After a lengthy discussion the board approved the following cuts:

-Not to replace the study hall/career specialist position for the 2010-11 school year.

-Not replace elementary teacher, Susan Hallett, who will retire at the end of the school year.

-Not replace elementary teacher, Dale Boyd, who will also retire at the end of the school year.

-Not replace the social worker position.

-Not replace the 12-month custodian who is expected to retire prior to July 1, 2010.

-Not replace three summer workers who have notified the maintenance supervisor that they are not interested in working during the summer of 2010.

There was also a lengthy discussion about the school offering the vocational program at Bedford North Lawrence Vocational Center for juniors and seniors and whether to continue to offer the program. Currently, the state reimburses a portion of the tuition that is paid on behalf of the vocational students, plus the school receives \$21,500 for Teresa Heckard who has a vocational license for her culinary arts program. Superintendent Nonte recommended not providing bus transportation for the vocational students to

help cut costs. It would save \$13,500 for the rest of 2010 and \$27,000 for the whole school year. High School Principal David Springer said that there are 12 seniors signed up for the vocational program next year and they estimate five to seven would ride the bus. Also, six sophomores this year have expressed interest in the program and they would also be bus riders for a total 11 to 13 of the 20 vocational participants who would need to find transportation. The cost to Bedford is \$887 per student per hour. The state reimburses the school \$450 per student per hour for some programs and \$350 per

student per hour for other programs. They also receive \$150 overall per student per hour for a career center.

Dr. Nonte said that the money received from Mrs. Heckard's culinary arts program has been used to make up for the shortage for the past few years.

If the school did not offer the vocational program at all it would save the school a total of around \$47,000 for an entire school year between gas and Mrs. Heckard's vocational money.

Dr. Nonte also explained that the elementary school has three classes of first grade this year but only two classes of incoming students from kindergarten so it would free up a first grade teacher. He said that there are currently three classes of second graders with 17, 16, and 16 students. He said by eliminating one of those classes it would bump class sizes up to 25 and 24 students in third grade next year.

Dr. Nonte also noted that although not official he may have a secretary, another custodian, and an instructional assistant retiring
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"I think there are a lot of places that we can save money and I feel right now we've hit education pretty hard."
-Shoals School Board Member Mary Lou Billings



Ooooo, pick me!

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Jayson Bullard, sixth grader in Mrs. Williams' class at Loogootee Elementary East, patiently waits for his turn to ask a question of representatives of IDEM who visited East last Saturday, April 9. For more on IDEM's visit see page 12.

Special meeting on possible closing of Loogootee East

There will be a special meeting to discuss the need for budget cuts and the possible closing of Elementary East.

This meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 20, at 4 p.m. in the Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may email your questions or concerns to comments@loogootee.k12.in.us.

A FAQ page is also available at the school's website at <http://www.loogootee.k12.in.us/specialmeeting.htm>

Loogootee City Council discusses health insurance, purchases lot next to park

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The Loogootee City Council met with a packed agenda Monday night, April 12.

To start off the meeting Mayor Don Bowling discussed with the council information he received on changes to the radio transmissions used by emergency personnel. He said that with the broadband the government says they are running out of room for all frequencies and will be switching to narrowband which has four times as many channels. One phase of the change will take place in January of 2011 with the rest of it phased in by January of 2013.

The Mayor updated the council on the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant that the city recently received for lighting.

The council voted to purchase a lot lo-

cated next to the city park that was purchased some time ago by a resident of Loogootee with the intention that it would be purchased by the city. The amount to be paid for the property was in question at Monday night's meeting, but the council voted to pay the resident no more than \$10,000 for the lot. It was discussed that he had paid \$9,000 for it and had around \$1,000 in expenses.

He also reported that the computer monitor at the water plant had gone out along with a motor. He said a claim has been filed for the repair of these items but no information has been received about the claim status prior to the meeting.

The council spent a significant amount of time discussing the city employees' health insurance. At last month's meeting it was announced that the city received a 4.8 per-

cent increase in the premium. It was discovered after that meeting that Anthem, the city's insurance company, had made some significant changes in the policy without notifying the city's agent, Chad Wade. Clerk Treasurer Nancy Jones said that she received the policy changes before Wade and contacted him to take a look.

The new policy, with some changes being to the out of pocket and deductible, went into affect on April 1. A special meeting will be held Thursday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m. for the council to discuss the changes with Wade and come up with a solution. City employees Bo Wilson and Donnie Grindstaff questioned whether they would be allowed to attend the meeting. Mayor Bowling told them that he didn't see that it would be necessary and that he, along with the council, would make the best decision

for the city employees.

Trish McKibben, a representative for AFLAC, attended the meeting Monday night to provide information to the council on short-term disability insurance. AFLAC already offers three types of voluntary insurance to the city employees but with recent changes to the employees' comp time it was suggested at last month's meeting that the city may want to pay for the employees to have a short-term disability policy to offset their reduction in comp time. No decision was made and McKibben offered to come back and speak to the council and bring rate information.

The council gave permission to Clerk Treasurer Jones to apply for a credit card to be used in emergency situations. The Mayor said that it has become apparent that one is
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in the future.

"We over-spent our budget in 2009 by \$127,000, the state cut us by \$218,000 and we add maybe \$100,000 for normal expenses you're at \$400,000 and this kind of recaptures that but over two years," said Dr. Nonte. He went on to say that he doesn't feel that all the money needed to all be recaptured right now by dipping into the Rainy Day Fund or making more cuts. "We don't know two months from now what the state is going to do," he said. "We'll just have to look at it each year." He said if need be the school can dip into their savings to help pay the bills.

Dr. Nonte's proposed plan would have a potential savings of \$377,000 with the recommended cuts over a two-year period.

Board member Mary Lou Billings said while looking over his papers for the meeting, "Well now I'm in a dilemma because up here we've cut two elementary teachers that we haven't replaced and then down here we'll save the \$27,000 for transportation but we are only servicing 18 kids next year." She said that not much money was saved by cutting the transportation, but some of the class sizes were raised in the elementary. "I think since we cut the program up there we should cut the program down here; it should be all or nothing," she said. She said with a possibility of only 18 students in the vocational program and the possibility of some of them dropping out due to no transportation, could they justify that expense.

"We continue to cut in the elementary. Cut, cut, cut, cut, and we're getting to where we are bare minimum anyway so I have the same dilemma," added board member Christy Farhar.

Dr. Nonte explained that he estimates the vocational program to cost \$50,000 next school year. He said that \$30,000 is reimbursed from the state and an additional \$21,500 would be given for Mrs. Heckard. "The vocational program pays for itself," he said. He said that if the program was eliminated the \$21,500 could be used for general fund expenditures.

"I think there are a lot of places that we can save money and I feel right now we've hit education pretty hard. So, I hope you look at some things in the future that can

save money other than what we've just done," said Billings.

She went on to say, "I mean, you and I have talked on the telephone and when I look at this figure on athletics, and then just made the decision here on education, I can't justify this. I also think we can make some savings on light bills, custodians, mowing, and painting; I've got a whole list here. This upsets me greatly to have to do this, but I know the State of Indiana has our hands tied right now, but there's other places we can cut."

Dr. Nonte said that if Billings would note the athletic figures he provided, she would see that a large portion of the expense is for coaches and the coaches are paid based on an agreement with the Teachers' Association. "I don't know how we can tackle that except through negotiations," he said. He said the rest of the expenses are not out of line in his opinion.

Billings said that some schools are cutting seasons or the number of games that are played in the elementary and junior high, which in turn, cuts officials and transportation. She said that she thinks they should start looking at combining some of the teams such as seventh and eighth grade basketball. "Like you said, that's a negotiated item, but I think it should be looked at," she said.

Dr. Nonte said that they have been working on cutting back on lights and water and plan to continue to help lower these bills. "I agree with you Mary Lou, there are some areas that we can save and we are going to continue to look at areas without impacting programs any more than we have to," he said.

In other business the board held a second reading of Board Policy 6540 - Education Records. Dr. Nonte outlined some changes that were noted at the first reading. Board member Bill Shobe asked Dr. Nonte to clarify the wording used in the policy regarding when a parent is notified that a copy has been distributed of their child's education record. Dr. Nonte stated that he would clarify the wording as noted and it was approved.

Dr. Nonte provided the board with four different draft versions of the 2010-11 school year calendar. He noted that one major difference in the calendars involved the week in which spring break is scheduled.

Dr. Nonte recommended the board approve draft version four which was also most favored by the Shoals Teachers' Association. The board asked that a statement be added to the calendar as follows: "Graduation will be held after all requirements are met" and the board approved the fourth draft.

Dr. Nonte explained that in order for the corporation to keep all funds invested in banking institutions under the amount of \$250,000 per account which is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

(FDIC), it is necessary to invest at several different banks. The State Board of Accounts, as well as many banks, requires the board to approve a resolution naming the Corporation Treasurer as the official custodian of all funds of the corporation. Dr. Nonte recommended the board approve a School Corporation Treasurer Access to Funds for Investment Resolution that fulfills this requirement. It also passed.

The board also approved the agreement for participation in the Orange, Lawrence, Jackson, Martin, and Greene Joint Services Special Education Co-Op for 2011.

The board approved the following appointments

-Betsy Graves as 2010 Summer Band Assistant

- Ashley Sutton to serve as a substitute teacher during the 2009-10 school year

- Phyllis Crews as a volunteer Jr. High Softball Coach for the 2009-10 school year

The board also approved the resignation of Connie Wilson from the positions of Jr. High and High School Rockette Sponsor.

The board approved a donation in the amount of \$100 to the Elementary Music Department from Psi Iota Xi Sorority

The board approved the following field trip requests:

- Senior Class to Gatlinburg, from April 30 to May 1.

-Elective PE class to Laurel Lanes and Putter's Bay, in Washington, on Tuesday, April 20.

-Advanced Culinary Arts class to Vincennes on Monday, April 26.

-Culinary Arts class to French Lick Springs Hotel on Tuesday, May 4.

-Fifth grade LEAD students to Martin County jail and courthouse on Wednesday, May 12.

-Fifth grade students to Spring Mill State Park on Thursday, May 13.

Shoals Community School Corporation was awarded a Library Technology Grant titled "Digital Savvy Technology" in the amount of \$9,658. The grant was written by Pat Keefe and Sue Lanham. The board approved the grant

In the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Nonte notified the board of the receipt of a \$5,500 mini-grant to implement nutrition and physical activity events throughout the 2010-11 school year.

The grant was written by Teri Kerr and Theresa Holt.

He also told the board that Shoals Community School Corporation has again received a Bronze Award from US News and World Report and was named as One of America's Best High Schools.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

St. Vincent's Food Pantry, next to St. Vincent's Store on Park Street, in Loogootee, will be open on Thursday, April 22. The hours are 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

COUNCIL

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needed and that the convenience of a credit card would speed up transactions such as in buying parts, etc. from the internet or via phone. There will only be one card and it will be kept in the Clerk Treasurer's office.

The council approved an additional appropriation for a total of \$3,000 for the police department to purchase handguns and for continuing education.

Utilities Manager Bo Wilson provided information about Loogootee forming a Local Planning Team (LPT) as part of the Well Head Protection program. It is a mandated program started in 1999 with Loogootee, Shoals, and East Fork Water all collaborating to form the LPT in phase I by Reynold's Inc.

They are now in the phase II planning stages and suggested Loogootee now form their own LPT.

The Mayor said this is basically a plan that can be put in action in the case of contamination of the wastewater treatment plant's well field.

Prior to the council meeting the Board of Public Works met and approved 13 water adjustments with four unverified.

Utilities Manager Bo Wilson also said that the water office would be flushing hydrants beginning Sunday, April 18, at 10 p.m. and concluding on Friday, April 23. The flushing will be done at night.

Public works board member, Joe Mattox, was not present for the meeting.

Spring Clean-up Saturday, May 8, at recycling center

The Martin County Solid Waste Management District will host Spring Clean-up on Saturday May 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is an opportunity for all citizens in Martin County to clean out their house, garages, attics and yards of rubbish. The center accepts all items that cannot be picked up on the curb, such as mattresses, furniture, appliances, carpeting and other bulky items.

They will not accept yard waste and construction materials, such as drywall, bricks, blocks, trees and branches.

It is requested that items they do accept for recycling, be separated instead of disposing them in the trash boxes. Items to be separated for recycling are cardboard, newspaper, magazines and catalogues, all paper, tin and steel cans, metal clothes hangers, aluminum cans, all plastic bottles, plastic grocery bags, hardback, paperback books and clean clothing and household textiles. They also accept scrap metals such as fencing, satellite dishes, lawn mowers, and bicycles. All scrap metals will be recycled.

The recycling center is located just off of Highway 50 East in Loogootee. For more information you may call 295-4142.

The cost is \$10.00 per pick up truck load. Extra charges are for: Freon containing appliances \$10.00 each, Tires are \$2.00 each, paint and paint products are \$1.00 per can, up to a gallon size, over a gallon is \$1.00 per gallon. (A 5 gallon can is \$5.00).

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ELECT JASON ZIEGLER

- Not in favor of cutting programs
- Thinks consolidation is a last resort
- Believes in keeping small class sizes
- Wants what's best for ALL students

- 1989 graduate of Loogootee High School
- Member of the Truelove United Methodist Church
- Board member of the Loogootee Little League
- Has 5 children in the Loogootee School system

LOOGOOTEE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3

-Paid for by Jason Ziegler for School Board

Obituaries

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

WILLIAM NAPIER

William Alan "Tiger" Napier, 43, Mitchell, passed away at 4:20 a.m. on Sunday, April 11, at Dunn Memorial Hospital in Bedford.

He was born on August 31, 1966, in Bedford.

He was a water treatment analyst and employed at Atom Chemical Company. He graduated from Mitchell High School in 1984, and was a member of the Mitchell Church of Christ. Tiger was affiliated with the Sons of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Charlestown, and enjoyed fishing, golfing, and bird watching.

Surviving are his mother, Nadine Terry of Mitchell; stepbrother, Mike Terry of Springville; stepsister Patty Walls of Bedford; uncle, Arlas Napier Jr. of Lakeland, Florida; cousins, Kent Stuart Napier and Kevin Neil Napier and Steve Knox of Shoals; and great uncles, John Knox and family, Merrill King and family all of Mitchell.

His stepfather, Everett "Pat" Terry, preceded him in death.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, April 15, at 10 a.m., at the Mitchell Church of Christ with Brother Allen Burris officiating.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Chastain Funeral Home and from 9 a.m. until the service on Thursday at the church.

Casketbearers: Kyle Dunn, Steve Johnson, Tim Briscoe, Jeff Zimmerman, Brent Ford, and Danis Hughbanks.

Memorial contributions can be made to Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.chastainfuneralhome.com.

HELEN ELLIS

Helen L. Ellis, of Bramble, died Thursday, April 8, 2010, at her home. She was 73.

Born on August 12, 1936, in Daviess County, she was the daughter of the late Glen and Juanita (Padgett) Dant. She married William V. Ellis on August 4, 1956.

Helen was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble. She was also a member of the Alter Society and coordinated funeral meals. She was the secretary and treasurer of St. Joseph Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, William V. Ellis; one son James R. Ellis and wife Sharon, of Montgomery; three daughters Mary Sue Bowman, Rita Burch and husband Martin, and Nancy Huebner and husband Morgan, all of Loogootee; eleven grandchildren, Jonathan Bowman, Marisa Swartzentruber, Carla Smith, Anita Ellis, Christina Hastings, Michael Ellis, Steven Burch, Erin Burch, Kayla Burch, Eric Huebner, and Jeremy Huebner; three great-grandchildren; one brother Harold L. Dant and wife Brenda, of Loogootee; one sister

Marcella Flint and husband Phil, of Washington; and one brother-in-law Bob McGuire, of Columbus.

She was preceded in death by one sister Mary Rose McGuire, one infant child Theresa, born in 1958; and twin grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, April 12, at St. John Catholic Church, in Loogootee. Burial was held in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, in Bramble.

Brocksmith Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

CARLIS CRAFT

Carlis Craft, of Shoals, died Thursday, April 8, 2010, at his residence. He was 62.

He was born on June 18, 1947, in Whitesburg, Kentucky, to the late Tandy and Susie (Lucas) Craft. He married Sharon Jones on September 11, 1970, in Shoals.

Carlis was a mechanic and a member of Baptist Faith. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife Sharon Craft, of Shoals; two sons Carlis R. Craft, of Shoals and Carlis R. Craft, of Bloomington, Illinois; one granddaughter Aleisa Beyers, of Bloomington, Illinois; four sisters Louise Epperson, of Georgia, Bertha Hembree and husband Herb, Shirley Johnson and husband Donald, and Sarah Fay Terry, all of Shoals; and two brothers David Craft and wife Mary, and Denver Craft and wife Helen, of Shoals.

He was preceded in death by three sisters Edith Taylor, Polly Holt, and Laura Alice Mullins; and four brothers Ernie, James, Earl, and Edward Craft.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 12, at Queen-Lee Funeral Home, in Shoals. Brother Harold Weldy officiated.

Pallbearers were James Hunt, Chris Jones, Darin Wayne Silvers, Roger Terry, Joshua Hoover, and Carlis Craft, Jr.

Burial was held at Spring Hill Cemetery, in Shoals, with the Shoals American Legion Post No. 61 conducting military graveside rites. Legionnaires participating were Richard Landers, Chaplain; Tom Harder, Sgt.-at-Arms; Keith Allbright, and Dale Brown, Color Guard; Herb Sherfick and Terry Wining, Color Bearers; Joe Summers and Darrel Smith, Flag Folders; John Abel, Joe Summers, Dick Ervin, Paul Harder, Bruce Hawkins, Clyde Hawkins, and Darrel Smith, Firing Squad; and Gordon Holt, Taps. Also participating was Bill Farrell.

WILMA WININGER

Wilma Jean Winger, of French Lick, died Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Medco Health and Rehabilitation Center, in French Lick.

She was born on August 25, 1934, in Shoals, to the late Merlin and Lela (Allen)

Zollars. She married Donald G. Winger on April 16, 1953, and he preceded her in death on February 15, 2010.

She was 1952 graduate of Shoals High School and was a homemaker. He had attended the old Evangelical United Brethren Church, in French Lick, and the West Baden United Methodist Church. She enjoyed crocheting.

Survivors include one son Roger Winger, of French Lick; two daughters Connie Hardesty, of Hardingsburg, Kentucky and Susan Wilson, of West Baden Springs; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one sister Donna Jones,

of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by one sister Florence Embry, one half-brother Paul, and one granddaughter Lois Jean Hardesty.

A funeral service was held today, Wednesday, April 14, at 11 a.m., at the T. L. Pinnick Mortuary, with Reverend Terry L. Pinnick officiating.

Burial was held in the Winger Cemetery, near Hillham.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Medco Health and Rehabilitation Center, Activities Department, at 457 Highway 145, French Lick, Indiana 47432.

Commissioners hear reports, updates at bi-weekly meeting

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 6.

EMA/Civil Defense Director Wolf presented a change order for \$85 for the new fire station.

This was for an electrical outlet. An open house is being planned for the public to tour the fire station.

He reported on the fire in Rutherford Township and was pleased how all the departments from surrounding counties pulled together to help.

Veteran Service Officer Eric Wade presented his report.

He has signed up 30 veterans for additional health benefits.

He also asked permission to attend training at Indianapolis and mentioned the Veterans' van needed to acquire a handicap status and sticker.

A Memorandum of Understanding for Public Transportation for Ride Solution of Four Rivers Resource Services, Inc. was signed.

The grant for the Community Corrections was presented and signed.

Auditor Steiner presented the balances available in the Rainy Day Fund and the EDIT Fund for consideration of use for the highway department. Further study will be needed with other options also sought.

Cory Whitehead, Pike County Medical Transport, LLC, asked the commissioners to keep his company in mind for non-emergency medical transportation.

He said he was not competing with the Martin County Ambulance Service, but could help free them up with the non-emergency transports.

Clerk Julie Fithian submitted information on a grant received to help make the polling sites at the Crane Town Hall and Trinity Springs Church of Christ more handicapped assessable.

The Town Hall received \$4,210 for a new ramp and door and the Church of Christ received \$2,453.26 for a ramp and railings in the restroom.

Downey Insurance inspected the courthouse recently.

To be in compliance, the fire extinguishers in the courthouse need to be checked monthly. The outlets in the downstairs restrooms need to be upgraded.

The final requirement was to have a disaster plan in place. Auditor Steiner will check with Recorder Gerald Montgomery on replacing the outlets and Custodian John Jones on checking the fire extinguishers monthly.

Mitcheltree Trustee Norman reported the Crane Gate Road needs patching. He also asked the status of the road he was concerned with at the last meeting.

The response was the commissioners would look into both roads.

The commissioners will hold their next meeting Tuesday, April 20, at 6 p.m., in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. The meeting is open to the public.

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Public RECORDS

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Tuesday, April 6

1:20 a.m. – Alarm received from a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

12:00 p.m. – Received a 911 call from a female in Jasper that was concerned about her son who was at home in Loogootee. She requested an officer go to her residence to check on him. Chief Rayhill, Sergeant Pritchard, and Chief Deputy Rob Street responded. The subject checked okay and the mother was notified.

12:54 p.m. – A male arrived on station to report a dog bite that occurred yesterday. Corporal Fischer was notified.

1:26 p.m. – A residential alarm was received from south of Loogootee. Sergeant Pritchard responded.

3:10 p.m. – Queen Lee Funeral Home requested traffic assistance on Ironton Road and U.S. 50.

3:22 p.m. – Received a residential burglar alarm. Then the owner called in and advised everything was okay and could disregard.

5:54 p.m. – Received a call that a small dog was caught in the engine compartment of a vehicle. Marshall Eckert responded to assist.

6:12 p.m. – A female caller advised that her son had a fight with her and he was leaving the residence.

6:15 p.m. – A female caller advised the boy from the previous complaint was in her vehicle and had been hit by his mother. She requested to meet with an officer. Corporal Fischer responded.

6:25 p.m. – Received a 911 call advising that there were two females sitting along the roadway on U.S. 231 south of Loogootee and they were difficult to see. Corporal Fischer responded to check on the females.

6:54 p.m. – A female caller reported possible child abuse. Child Protective Services and Corporal Fischer were advised.

11:30 a.m. – A business owner in Shoals came to the station to report a theft. Corporal Fischer took the report.

Wednesday, April 7

2:20 p.m. – A male caller advised that he needed a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Sheriff Dant responded.

2:30 p.m. – A business near Loogootee reported a possible scam.

3:20 p.m. – A male caller advised that he was stranded and out of gas south of Shoals. Sheriff Dant was notified.

4:29 p.m. – A female caller requested extra patrol on S.R. 450 regarding intimidation and reckless and speeding vehicles. Deputy Greene was notified.

4:49 p.m. – A female caller advised that someone had dumped a large amount of trash on a property on East River Road in Shoals. Deputy Greene was notified.

6:38 p.m. – A male caller advised of a pickup in the area of Graded Road that appears to have a wheel falling off. Deputy Greene and G & M Auto, of Loogootee, assisted.

8:52 p.m. – Received a residential burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Dept. sent an officer to check the residence.

9:09 p.m. – Received a commercial burglary alarm in the Crane area. Deputy Greene and Greene County were notified.

9:29 p.m. – A female caller advised she was on her way to Bedford Regional Medical Center with her husband. The hospital was notified and given any information that was available.

10:49 p.m. – The Martin County Ambulance was dispatched in Loogootee and transported one male to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Thursday, April 8

12:38 a.m. – Received a 911 call from a male reporting a tree on a car on U.S. 150 just outside of Shoals.

12:49 a.m. – Received a 911 call from a

man reporting a tree in the westbound lane of 350N. The Daviess County Sheriff's Dept. was notified.

6:48 a.m. – Report of a deer accident on U.S. 231 just north of the water tower. Sergeant Pritchard responded.

5:41 p.m. – Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:02 p.m. – A female caller advised there was a stranded motorist on U.S. 50 just past the Martin State Forest. Marshall Eckert assisted.

7:56 p.m. – A male caller reported a vehicle on Brooks Bridge Road that appeared to have been on its top but is now upright. He also reported that he saw a woman walking in the area. Deputy Greene and Indiana State Police were notified. The investigating officer was Trooper Sexton of the Indiana State Police.

8:30 p.m. – A male caller reported obscene gestures by another male while he was outside his residence.

8:36 p.m. – A male caller from Loogootee reported loud motorcycles outside his residence. The Loogootee Police Dept. was notified.

9:41 p.m. – Received a report of a tree down on U.S. 150 between Rusk and Shoals. Marshall Eckert and the Shoals Fire Dept. were notified.

10:08 p.m. – A male caller called with information about possible stolen items.

10:08 p.m. – Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in a driveway. Deputy Greene responded to check the vehicle.

10:38 p.m. – Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee and one female was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:20 p.m. – A female caller advised of a man from Kentucky at her residence who was requesting she drive her lane to look for his dog. Deputy Greene checked the area and was unable to locate anyone.

Friday, April 9

6:34 p.m. – A male caller requested to speak to an officer regarding a problem with a stepson. Major Burkhardt returned the call.

Major Burkhardt received a report of a stolen tractor. The caller had information as to where it was located and Major Burkhardt assisted her in retrieving her property.

7:17 p.m. – A male caller reported an illegal dirt bike driving on Old S.R. 450. Deputy Greene was notified.

7:41 p.m. – Received a report of a stolen wallet in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Deputy Greene were notified and the wallet was returned.

9:17 p.m. – A female caller requested an officer respond in Crane Village regarding a disturbance coming from her neighbor's garage. Major Burkhardt was notified.

10:33 p.m. – Received a report of unauthorized control of a vehicle from a residence on Williams Road. Deputy Greene and Major Burkhardt were notified.

11:37 p.m. – A female caller requested extra patrol on S.R. 450 in reference to a speeding vehicle swerving in the roadway. Major Burkhardt was notified.

11:58 p.m. – Received a report of an accident at the intersection of Love Cemetery Road and Reinhart Road. The Indiana State Police responded to the accident.

Saturday, April 10

1:55 a.m. – A male caller advised that his vehicle was stranded near the State Highway Garage on U.S. 50. Major Burkhardt responded to assist.

1:57 a.m. – A male caller advised an intoxicated individual was damaging his property in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Indiana State Police responded.

4:23 a.m. – A male caller advised of an accident on Mt. Calvary Rd. Major Burkhardt, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Dept. first responders, and G & M Wrecker

responded.

3:32 p.m. – Indiana State Police dispatched about a speeding vehicle near the Alfordsville turnoff. Deputy Keller was advised.

5:20 p.m. – A male caller reported that his neighbor was shooting his gun. Although this was taking place on the subject's property, the complainant requested an officer speak with the subject about the gunfire. Deputy Keller was advised.

6:10 p.m. – A business in Shoals advised of problems with juveniles in the area harassing other customers. Deputy Greene spoke with the youths.

6:45 p.m. – Received a 911 call regarding a semi cutting other drivers off in traffic on U.S. 50. Deputy Greene, Trooper Lents, and Loogootee Police Dept. were advised to watch for the semi.

6:55 p.m. – The driver that was cut off in traffic in the previous complaint came on station to make a report. Deputy Greene spoke with the complainant.

Sunday, April 11

12:00 a.m. – A male complainant came on station in reference to three people running across his property and stolen tools.

3:18 a.m. – A male caller reported that his car was in a ditch. He was in Daviess County and the call was transferred.

5:54 a.m. – A male reported a burglary at his home. Deputy Greene and Deputy Keller were assigned.

9:48 a.m. – Deputy Keller checked a residence with open doors while on patrol.

11:02 a.m. – A male caller requested a vehicle check on a four-wheeler.

12:37 p.m. – Received a report of animal cruelty. The Humane Society was advised.

3:10 p.m. – A male called in to speak with an officer regarding another male hitting his child. Deputy Nolan was advised.

3:54 p.m. – A male came on station with a DVD of speeding vehicles on S.R. 450.

4:56 p.m. – Male caller reported speeding motorcycles on S.R. 450. Deputy Nolan was advised.

5:05 p.m. – A female caller reported a barking dog from her neighbor's residence.

5:40 p.m. – Another complaint was received from S.R. 450 in regards to speeding motorcycles. Deputy Nolan was advised.

5:45 p.m. – Received a 911 call in reference to a possible drunk driver on U.S. 50 near the Jug Rock. Deputy Nolan was advised.

6:02 p.m. – A complainant called about a dog that attacked her and her dog while walking in Loogootee.

6:10 p.m. – Received a residential burglar alarm, but was asked to disregard by the alarm company a short time later.

7:04 p.m. – Dunn Memorial Hospital in Bedford called about an individual there for an ATV accident in Shoals.

7:20 p.m. – Received a call about a tree across the roadway on Clark Cemetery Road near the Lawrence County line. Lawrence County was notified.

8:30 p.m. – Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Dept. first responders responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:19 p.m. – A female caller in Shoals advised of seeing another female stopping in front of her residence and getting into her vehicle. Deputy Keller was advised.

Monday, April 12

12:52 a.m. – A male caller advised that there was a pickup truck revving up its engine in front of his residence on Old S.R. 450. Corporal Fischer was notified.

6:43 a.m. – Received a 911 transfer call from Dubois County regarding a deer accident on U.S. 231 south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Rob Street was the investigating officer.

9:20 a.m. – Received a request for an ambulance in Mitchelltree Township. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:08 p.m. – A male caller requested information on the Humane Society.

4:24 p.m. – Sergeant Pritchard completed vehicle check on DH Gate Road.

4:34 p.m. – Received a call that there would be a controlled burn on Sherfick School Road.

5:11 p.m. – Received a report of a property damage accident south of the Crane Gate on Highway 58. The accident was Greene County. The Indiana State Police were notified.

5:37 p.m. – A female caller from Shoals requested an officer to contact her about her neighbors' barking dog. Marshall Eckert was notified.

6:00 p.m. – Received a residential burglary alarm and notified Corporal Fischer but was advised by the alarm company to disregard shortly after receiving the alarm.

8:07 p.m. – Received a report of a stranded semi on U.S. 50 just east of the fairgrounds. Corporal Fischer was notified.

10:22 p.m. – Received a 911 call originating in Daviess County and transferred it to that county.

10:42 p.m. – Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Daviess County, and gave the information to Daviess County.

10:49 p.m. – Received a report of a vehicle on Brooks Bridge Road that was driving through a field causing damage. Corporal Fischer responded to the area.

11:02 p.m. – An ambulance was requested in Loogootee and one subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Tuesday, April 13

12:15 a.m. – Marshall Eckert responded to a report of a water leak near the Jug Rock. The water department was notified.

12:55 a.m. – A caller requested an officer contact him about loose dogs on Falls Lane. Corporal Fischer was given the information.

9:04 a.m. – Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Dept. was notified.

11:06 a.m. – Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Dept. was notified.

Loogootee accidents

Saturday, April 10

4:00 p.m. – Barbara D. Young was operating a 1993 Oldsmobile and was stopped in traffic next to Ahlwan T. Payne, of Odon. Young started forward and her attention was diverted and this caused Young to strike the side of Payne's 1996 Olds. No injuries were reported. Sergeant Norris was the investigating officer.

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Dane R. Davis and Tonia L. Davis, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dane R. Davis and Tonia L. Davis**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 4.167 acres, more or less. Subject to a 40-foot easement.

Joseph A. Ross, of Martin County, Indiana to **Clara Lee Harder**, of Martin County, Indiana, that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and that part of the North one-half of the Southwest Quarter in Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, which lies North and West of the Brooks Bridge Road, being 40 acres, more or less. Excepting therefrom a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 0.705 acre, more or less. Excepting therefrom a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter in Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, which lies North and West of Brooks Bridge Road and containing 5 acres, more or less. Containing after said exceptions 34.295 acres, more or less.

Jesse R. Denny, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marie B. Hawkins and Rodney K. Wright**, of Martin County, Indiana 50 feet

of even width off the West side of a tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West and containing 2 acres, more or less.

Emily I. Emmons, Marvin R. Emmons, Dawn M. Emmons, Tiffany C. Emmons, and Logan T. Emmons, of Hamilton County, Ohio and **Estel D. Emmons and Gareth Rex Emmons**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jerome G. Knies and Holly L. Knies**, of Dubois County, Indiana part of the Southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 3 West and containing 47 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the Southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 3 West and containing 60 acres, more or less.

Johnie M. Morris, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ronald J. Bridges**, of Lawrence County, Indiana all of the following real estate lying West of County Road #78: Part of the South half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 3 West. Also, part of the South half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 3 West and containing 29.07 acres, more or less. Except therefrom part of the south half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 3 West and containing 0.63 acres, more or less. Except therefrom part of the south half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 3 West and containing 1.64 acres, more or less. Also excepting therefrom a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 3 West of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 2.260 acres, more or less. Containing in all, after said exceptions, 22.14 acres, more or less.

Martin County accident reports

Tuesday, April 6

3:31 p.m. – Deanna L. Holt, 31, of Shoals, was traveling west on U.S. Highway 50 and failed to see that the traffic was stopping in front of her near High Street in Shoals. Holt rear ended a 2002 Ford Focus that was driven by Kaci D. Quinn, 17, of Bedford. There was significant damage to the rear of the 2002 Ford Focus. Holt had damage to the front and front passenger side of her 1998 Chevy Lumina. The investigating officer was Corporal Fischer with the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

Thursday, April 8

12:24 a.m. – Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert had stopped an intoxicated driver that had pulled over on the wrong side of the road on U.S. Highway 150. James Wise, 55, of Washington, was driving his black 2008 Pontiac. When he drove around the corner all he could see was headlights in his lane so he hit the brakes and the vehicle skid causing Wise to hit a guardrail. No injuries were reported. The estimated damage was \$800. The investigating officer was Deputy Greene.

Martin County jail bookings

Tuesday, April 6

1:17 p.m. – Evelyn Padgett, 51, of Loogootee was brought in by Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill. She was charged with Habitual Traffic Violator for Life.

2:00 p.m. – Michael Sluder was brought in by Deputy Jeffers. He was served an arrest warrant for Check Fraud.

Saturday, April 10

10:54 p.m. – Trisel N. McIntire, 18, of Loogootee, was traveling through the intersection of U.S. 231 and U.S 50 at a high rate of speed. She then turned onto Legion Avenue, driving the wrong way on a one-way street. She proceeded into the Marathon

parking lot at a high rate of speed almost hitting a couple vehicles and a gas pump.

She exited the vehicle and started a physical altercation with Adam Hudson, 19, of Loogootee, in the parking lot. Hudson was arrested by Trooper Lents.

He was charged with Minor Consuming and Possession of Stolen Property. McIntire was arrested by Deputy Greene and charged with reckless driving.

Saturday, April 11

11:13 p.m. – Kyle Roedel, 23, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was brought in by ISP Trooper Lents. He was charged with Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated.

Martin County Court news

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

March 16

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

March 29

James E. Jones, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Ryan T. Souerdike, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

William E. Threet IV, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

CIVIL COURT FILINGS

April 5

Citibank vs. Charlotte Mundy, civil collection.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

March 31 – April 7

John Bleemel, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

William Bradley, Loogootee, expelling lighted cigarette, \$37.

Ricky Burks, Memphis, Tennessee, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Bradley Combs, Springville, failure to signal lane change, \$124.

Thomas Cooley, Seymour, speeding 66 in a 50, \$124.

Alfred Cooper, Oakland City, speeding 55 in a 40, \$119.

Mark Dayhuff, Spencer, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Zachary Flick, French Lick, speeding 80 in a 55, \$124.

Jaime Garay, Jasper, speeding 75 in a 55, \$124.

Darrell Harrison, Bedford, false or fictitious registration, \$119; improper motorcycle license endorsement, \$119.

Martin Hoevel, Washington, speeding 73 in a 55, \$124; speeding 54 in a 40, \$124.

Dena Johnson, Bedford, failure to sign, carry, or produce registration, \$119.

Tennille Langford, Jasper, maximum speed limits, \$119.

Darin Lewis, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Louis Moore, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Jessie Sergent, Shoals, two seatbelt violations, \$25 each.

Nicholas Strange, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Michael Thomason, Evansville, speeding 66 in a 55, \$119.

Gabrielle Trusty, Jasper, speeding 50 in a 35, \$119.

Luther Venters, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Justin White, Bloomington, speeding 40 in a 25, \$119.

Corbin Wildman, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Michelle Williams, Loogootee, speeding 69 in a 55, \$119.

Aaron Young, Shoals, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Loogootee Police activity log

Monday, April 5

12:44 p.m. – North Line Street resident reported tires slashed on a vehicle behind his residence. Chief Rayhill completed a case report.

3:01 p.m. – South East 1st Street resident reported items stolen from his residence. Sergeant Norris completed a case report.

6:41 p.m. – Josh Phillips contacted the Martin County Sheriff's Department and advised a female that he knew took his car and other items from his residence. Sergeant Norris spoke with the complainant.

9:12 p.m. – Caller reported a domestic dispute on South East 2nd St. Sgt Norris arrived and separated both parties for the evening.

Tuesday, April 6

9:33 a.m. – Loogootee resident reported harassment. Chief Rayhill spoke with the complainant.

11:19 a.m. – Resident reported someone had tried to break into her residence. Victim stated a window was missing. Nothing was taken from the residence. Chief Rayhill completed a case report.

2:37 p.m. – Caller reported burning trash on Butcher Blvd. It was learned that subjects were burning leaves.

Wednesday, April 7

11:25 a.m. – Country Place Apartments resident reported she was in the process of moving out and someone had entered through a back window and took some personal belongings. Chief Rayhill completed a case report.

12:52 p.m. – Loogootee Police arrested Evelyn D. Padgett, 51, of Loogootee. Padgett

was charged with operating a vehicle with a lifetime suspension. Padgett was transported to the Martin County Security Center. Chief Rayhill was the arresting officer.

Friday, April 9

11:13 a.m. – Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street. Sergeant Hennette arrived and separated both parties.

11:37 a.m. – Caller reported a minor traffic accident on US 231 and Hwy 50. Sergeant Hennette responded.

10:53 p.m. – Caller reported a lot of noise and loud vehicles at a residence on North Street. Captain Akles responded and spoke with the subjects involved.

Saturday, April 10

4:33 a.m. – Martin County Dispatch requested first responders on Mt. Calvary Rd in reference to a vehicle accident with an injury.

8:51 a.m. – High Street resident reported both tires on the passenger side of his vehicle had been slashed.

1:40 p.m. – Called reported a green Cavalier had passed her on North Line Street. Sergeant Hennette was advised.

6:00 p.m. – First Responders were requested on Cedar Street for lifting assistance.

Sunday, April 11

10:34 a.m. – North Line Street resident requested assistance in removing someone from his residence. Sergeant Hennette spoke with the complainant.


5:30 p.m. – Mary Smith reported her daughter's dog was bitten by another dog. Sergeant Hennette located the owners other dog. The owners were away and the dog broke its chain.

Spring Clean-Up is Saturday, May 8
for Martin County residents only from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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Summary of 2009 Circuit Breaker Credit by taxing unit

Unit Name	Total Unit CB Loss
MARTIN COUNTY	\$ 31,007.70
CENTER TOWNSHIP	\$ 428.06
HALBERT TOWNSHIP	\$ 684.30
LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP	\$ 1.43
MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP	\$ 537.91
PERRY TOWNSHIP	\$ 1,135.85
RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP	\$ 3.40
LOGOOTEЕ CIVIL CITY	\$ 22,873.31
CRANE CIVIL TOWN	\$ -
SHOALS CIVIL TOWN	\$ 33,308.15
SHOALS COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION	\$ 36,440.76
LOGOOTEЕ COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION	\$ 27,464.69
LOGOOTEЕ PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 3,046.20
SHOALS PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 4,303.71
MARTIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIS	\$ 2,600.27
Total Circuit Breaker Credits:	\$ 163,835.73

Shown above is the Circuit Breaker Report for Martin County. The Circuit Breaker reflects the tax caps that were put on for this year. The right tab shows the totals for each taxing unit. Overall, Martin County has been reduced in taxes by \$163,835.73.

Farmers' Market big kick-off to be held next month

The Martin County Farmers' Market Big Kick-Off is scheduled for May 22 in Shoals and May 29 in Loogootee.

The Shoals Business Association has been working on starting the market in Shoals for a few months, and now with the Chamber of Commerce, is looking to expand plans to include Loogootee.

They are looking for interested folks to help with organization, to help host the market in Loogootee, and for vendors.

The Saturday morning community market will feature locally grown produce, crafts and baked goods.

The charge will be ten dollars a year for a booth at the market. Community "not for profit" clubs may set up and sell their fund raiser products. The fee will be waived for

them.

If you grow a large garden with extra produce, organize bake sales for scouts and church groups or are a crafter, they hope you will join them!

The plans are to have the market in Shoals on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays and in Loogootee on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, from May to October.

The next planning meeting will be at the Martin County Learning Center on Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m.. They will have handbooks and vendor agreements for vendors at this meeting.

To join this group or for more information call SBA president, Deanna Bauernfiend, at 247-2053 or Donna Stoughton, at 247-2306.

Church BULLETIN

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

What happens after the day of resurrection? We just can't go back to our everyday lives like nothing happened. We have to follow the last words of instruction given by Jesus Christ before he ascended into Heaven. His last act was to leave the power that we needed to do God's work. Jesus wanted us to understand our job here on earth. He wanted us to have the instruction we needed, and the power to be a witness as we live in our Heavenly Kingdom on earth. Our job is to do and teach about the Kingdom of God while living abundantly in our present Kingdom on Earth. Those who follow Jesus whole heartily, giving of themselves to live for the Kingdom of God will receive fulfillment, blessings in their present age as well as in eternal life.

Jesus talked more about the Kingdom of God than anything. The kingdom is in our hearts and how we react to the spiritual rule in us. Whoever teaches and keeps the commandments shall be great in the Kingdom of Heaven. A few of the rules Jesus taught about the Kingdom are, love your enemies (your reward will be great), do not judge (and you will not be judged), forgive and you will be forgiven, give and it will be given to you.

Jesus says you are going to be totally immersed in the Holy Spirit who is God. To be

immersed completely involves life changing thoughts, directions and attitudes, ones of boldness, peace and joy. When the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will receive power. The power of the Holy Spirit could be many things, the power to produce fruit, to be convicted of sin, to intercede in prayer, the power of ministry, of unity. The reality that had to be acknowledged of that immersion had to come on our hearts. Acknowledgement, that we are, immersed by Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The apostles had already experienced the Holy Spirit saving, guiding, teaching, and miracle working through Jesus but now they would receive His indwelling presence and a new dimension of power for witnessing. In Acts 1:8, Jesus last words were, "and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Are you ready to live for the Kingdom? How is your power? How is your witness?

While listening to the sermon Sunday, I felt a point where something changed. Something happened. There are times when I don't recognize Ernie preaching. It's almost supernatural the words and actions being used to get the point across. If you had seen Ernie this past week struggling with a sinus infection you would have thought how is he going to preach. All week he simply said, God will provide, God will take care of me. That is exactly what happened.

Our Sunday service starts at 10 a.m. with Praise and Worship. Wednesday Night bible study is at 7 p.m. Team Kids is at 7 p.m., on Wednesdays. The men's breakfast is Saturday April 17, at 8:30 a.m., at the church. The Women's Support group will meet Sunday, April 18, at 5 p.m. We are planning our VBS in July so watch for the dates. We had awesome training session in Evansville Saturday. Can't wait to share the truth and gospel with the kids this year with the new exciting theme.

We serve only one God. The almighty all-powerful Lord of Lords, King of Kings. Join us in that service.

Call Pastor Ernie if you have any questions concerning your walk with Jesus Christ at 709-0258.

Looking for something to do? Events Calendar

ABATE Region 10 party

ABATE Region 10 of Martin County will hold a Coming Out of the Cave Party on Saturday, May 8, at Bill Wilson's residence on Highway 231, five miles south of Loogootee. Watch for signs on the east side of the highway. The gate opens at 8 a.m., sign-in begins at 10 a.m., and a leisure ride starts at 11 a.m.

The cost is \$10 for ABATE members and \$15 for non-members. Everyone is welcome although you must be 18 years of age to participate.

There is free camping at the location and a hog roast will be held and side dishes will be available. For entertainment there will be a bike show, live music, a corn hole tournament, Euchre, and field events are possible.

No weapons or violence of any kind will be permitted. Also, no dogs will be allowed.

Volunteers needed

The St. Vincent de Paul will hold a work day at the community garden next door to their location on Saturday, April 17. Volunteers are needed. For more information call 247-3008.

Shoals Elementary program

The Shoals Elementary School will hold their spring musical entitled "Music, Music, and More Music!" on Tuesday, June 1, at 1:30 p.m., in the high school gym. Students in first, third, and fifth grades will be performing.

Humane Society Pet of the Week



Sadie is a very nice female Golden Retriever/ German Shepherd mix who is around two years old. She is great with kids, and loves to play with other dogs.

She is up for adoption through the Martin County Humane Society. She would be a GREAT pet for your family.

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Martin County OUTDOORS



NATURE'S WONDERS

By Mike Axson

Snakes Alive!

Snakes seem to hold a special place in the hearts and minds of humans. For some of us they are a fascinating and mysterious part of creation. For others they are something icky and distasteful and to be avoided. But to still others, they are a source of one of the most intense phobias that can afflict mankind. People who suffer from Ophidiophobia are not the same as people who just don't like snakes, or who fear the result of snake's bite by a venomous species. Ophidiophobics are often morbidly afraid of seeing even pictures of snakes, or even hearing the word snake.

For people afflicted with genuine Ophidiophobia the woods can be a horribly scary place that they just end up avoiding.

But for the rest of us, the more we know about snakes the less we fear them. That does not mean we should not respect the very real hazards that can exist with a few snakes, but our fear need not control us. Studies have shown that indeed humans may retain an instinctive alarm at the sight of a snake that developed when our species lived closer to the natural world. That instinct still is handy when you see a snake in the wild and recoil away without even thinking. That is because distance really is the best safeguard against snakebite.

There are so many misunderstandings about snakes it is hard to know where to start sorting out myth from reality. Understanding what risks are real, and which are only in our minds, depends first on knowing where we are talking about. And you don't really have to learn all of the species to know if one is safe or not. All you have to know is the poisonous ones; then you can assume the rest are harmless.

Here in Indiana, for example, there are some 31 separate species of snakes. Of those only four are poisonous. Of the remaining 27, only nine are considered to be statewide or nearly statewide. The others are all very limited in range and several only occur in one or two counties, or even a small part of one county. Aside from the four venomous species, none of the others have the ability to cause any great harm to a human.

The four bad actors in Indiana are all members of the pit viper family, which refers to the heat sensing organ located on each side of their head between the eye and the nostril, giving them the appearance of having four nose holes. These are the Northern Copperhead, the Western Cottonmouth (AKA water moccasin), the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake and the Timber Rattlesnake. Of these, only three are at all widespread. The Cottonmouth is almost non-existent in Indiana, only being found in a two very isolated wetland areas in the southern extremes of the state. One of those is in Dubois County and the other is in Harrison and possibly extending over into Crawford County.

That leaves three. One of those is the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake, which is only to be found in the northern part of the state. In fact it is the only venomous snake in all of northern Indiana. Better still, it only lives in a types of wetland areas where people rarely go.

So we're down to two left in southern Indiana; the Copperhead and the Timber Rattlesnake. Both of those do live in the general area around our community, but both are rare and secretive, hardly apt to be

out hunting anything as large as a human. Now if we can learn to identify these two, everything else is non-poisonous. So how do we know these two?

There are a few things that you can look for, if you are inclined to look. But keep in mind these rules only apply to Indiana. There may be other species in other states that do not follow these rules. First, these two and the other two poisonous snakes found in Indiana all have eye pupils that are vertical slits. All the other snakes in this state have round pupils. All of the poisonous snakes in Indiana have bodies that appear "fat" compared to the length. Finally, all of the scary ones here have a distinctly wide head that appears wider than the body.

More locally, I can tell you that the most frequent snake complaint at West Boggs Park is about Cottonmouths. But there are no such things here. What people see in and around the lake, are common water snakes, which may be scary looking but are not poisonous at all. I can't really say they are not dangerous, because they can cause people to hurt themselves, fall out of boats or run into trees. I have been stationed at West Boggs Park for almost 16 years now, and I have never seen any of the poisonous snakes on the property. Timber Rattlesnakes are known to exist in the region, as are Copperheads, but if they exist here, they are extremely rare.

For most people, the best approach to dealing with snakes is to not panic and keep your distance. Any snake you find in Indiana is going to be as much afraid of you as you are of it; and will leave the area if given half a chance. They are an important part of nature and need to be left in the wild to control the populations of other animals, including mice and other rodents.

Free webinar to help homeowners deal with emerald ash borer

Purdue University has teamed up with the U.S. Forest Service and Ohio State and Michigan State universities to provide a free webinar that will help homeowners learn to cope with emerald ash borer.

Emerald Ash Borer for Homeowners will begin at 7 p.m. (EST) on Thursday, April 22. Purdue entomologist Jodie Ellis will present information on how homeowners can prepare for, or deal with, this devastating invasive pest.

"Emerald ash borer (EAB) was first discovered in North America near Detroit, Mich., in 2002, and continues to be a death threat to the nation's ash trees," Ellis said. "This webinar is a simple, interactive way for homeowners to learn more about dealing with EAB."

Ellis, Michigan State EAB communications coordinator Robin Osborne and Ohio State Extension EAB outreach specialist Amy Stone coordinated the webinar as part of Emerald Ash Borer University, a series of free web-based educational sessions that have already reached more than 1,000 participants in North America.

"During previous webinars, participants expressed interest in having sessions after work hours so they could view them from their own homes," Osborne said. "All participants need is a computer and an Internet connection. They can view presentations and ask questions via the chat feature and get answers right away - just as if they were attending the presentation live."

Safety tips for youth turkey season

Indiana conservation officers encourage youth turkey hunters participating in the April 17 and 18 youth turkey season to review the following basic turkey hunting safety guidelines and laws before going afield.

- Do not load your firearm until ready to use. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction, and keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

- Always remember that other hunters or persons may be present in the area.

- Choose a hunting position that gives you a good field of view, not only of an approaching turkey, but also of other hunters who may be in the area.

- Call out or whistle to other hunters who may approach; never wave or stand up.

- Never wear clothing or use accessories that are red, white, or blue. A gobbler turkey head can be any and all of these three colors.

- Always identify your target and what is beyond it before taking a shot. Never shoot at a movement or sound.

- Always use a flashlight when walking in the dark; it reduces the risk of being mistaken for game by an irresponsible hunter.

Wild turkeys may be hunted only from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Hunting hours may vary on some state properties.

Indiana spring turkey season, April 21 through May 9

Indiana's 2010 spring turkey season takes place Wednesday, April 21 through Sunday, May 9.

The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey for the entire spring season. Bag limits and licenses do not carry over to the fall season. Game bird habitat stamp privileges are good for both spring and fall seasons in the same calendar year.

To hunt wild turkey, Indiana residents need a resident turkey hunting license and a game bird habitat stamp privilege, or a lifetime comprehensive hunting, or a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing, or a youth consolidated hunt/trap (which in-

cludes the game bird habitat stamp).

For information on non-resident wild turkey licenses, see page 4 of the hunting guide at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-wild/2343.htm>.

Turkeys may be hunted from ground level or from elevated stands. Turkeys can be called with mouth- or hand-operated calls. Artificial turkey decoys may be used. It is illegal to use or possess dogs, live decoys, electronically powered or controlled decoys, or recorded calls when hunting turkeys. It is illegal to hunt turkeys over bait (an area is considered baited for 10 days after removal of bait).

Jolly Juniors 4-H Club meets

BY KAYLA ABEL

Jolly Juniors 4-H Club Secretary

The Jolly Juniors 4-H Club met Tuesday, April 6, at the Truelove United Methodist Church. Leaders present were Kathy Lingenfelter and Louise Parsons. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited.

Officers elected were President Trenton Arvin, Vice President Wyatt Wade, Secretary Kayla Abel, and Co-Health and Safety Officers Madisyn Wade and Danielle Abel.

Jake Simmons, Dylan Dant, Zach Arvin, and Jarrett Arvin were put in charge of recreational activities.

Other members present were Tucker Wal-

ton, Grace Lingenfelter, and Sam Ausbrooks.

Demonstrations were given by Zach Arvin and Dylan Dant. Zach presented a study on clouds and weather.

Dylan brought a white baby goat to show. It is bottle fed and will soon move to the barn. Everyone agreed the baby goat sure was cute!

Future meeting dates and demonstrations were discussed.

Dylan provided refreshments and the members went outside for a game of tag.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the Truelove United Methodist Church.

-4-H Horse and Pony Schedule-

Friday, April 16, at 7 p.m. Pleasure and Horsemanship Clinic with Mimi Hawkins

Saturday, April 17 at 8 a.m. to noon - Work Day at the Barn

Saturday, April 17, noon to 4 p.m. - Tree and Shrub Sale to benefit the club

Friday, April 23, at 7 p.m. - Western Riding

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The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



No such thing as a free lunch – or free healthcare

The hot topic in the news right now is the federal healthcare bill.

Normally, I try to stay away from talking about national politics in the Messmer Report. After all, I am your state representative. There is enough confusion about which levels of government handle which kinds of legislation.

However, some of the provisions in the healthcare bill affect our community so deeply that I felt I had to address them.

Because of the way the bill was drafted, it is no longer just a national issue. This has become a local issue.

The total healthcare bill is almost 2,500 pages long. That means that even the analysts are still trying to piece together what it will mean for Indiana.

A number of ideas were floated around prior to the final version being signed recently by the president, but not all of them made it into the bill.

For example, we've heard many times during the past year about a possible "public option".

Just to clarify, there is no public option in the final healthcare bill. Instead, it mandates that every citizen purchase a commercial product—healthcare insurance.

It's certainly not "free healthcare for all," on the contrary, it's going to be astronomically expensive—for Hoosiers, and for our state in general.

We won't even see the healthcare change until 2014, but we'll start to feel the financial pinch right away. One of the major costs to the state is going to be the pharmaceutical rebate.

Anne Murphy, Secretary of the Family

and Social Services Administration, recently wrote a memo to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget about just one of the many impacts of the healthcare bill on Indiana.

She says, "The Indiana Medicaid program has a strong history of negotiating some of the most favorable prescription drug rebates in the nation..."

"Unfortunately for Indiana, the savings we achieve now will be confiscated by the federal government at a cost to Hoosier taxpayers."

In other words, the federal healthcare bill is going to make it harder for the state of Indiana to provide the healthcare it is already providing to Hoosiers.

So far, fiscal analysts are still reading through the 2,500 pages, but according to them the healthcare bill will cost \$25 million this year and over \$400 million over the next ten years, not to mention the additional cost to Hoosiers in additional healthcare insurance premiums.

That doesn't sound like positive change to me.

State leaders are working hard to keep the state financially solvent without crippling vital government services or increasing taxes.

Every dollar required from the people of Indiana because of the new healthcare bill is one less dollar that can be used for something else, including things like K-12 education.

This is just one of the many facets of the healthcare bill.

Next week I'll tell you about the one which worries me the most: the threat to Indiana companies like Sallie Mae and Eli Lilly.

News from the Statehouse

By District 62

State Representative
Sandy Blanton



We can close the books on the 2010 legislative session. The last of the detail work has been completed and the session is history.

Many people view this session as a success. They base their assessment on one subject: property taxes. There are those who say we passed the test of fairness and restraint. In November, you'll get the chance to voice your opinion on whether to amend our state constitution to make 1–2–3 percent caps permanent.

I believe we could have and should have done more to limit the growth of property tax bills. I think we could have done better. I supported legislation that would have cured the obvious flaw in the caps.

There is no restriction on the annual growth in property tax bills for homes, farms or businesses. If your annual property tax is less than 1 percent of your home's assessed value, then your property taxes can (will) go up. Should your bill be at the 1 percent level, an increase in the assessed valuation could (will) increase your tax bill.

The "gap in the cap" flaw was recognized in the House and an effort was made to close it. Legislation was passed to limit the annual growth in tax bill for homes, farms and businesses. After all, none of us ever heard of property tax assessments going down. Unfortunately, once the 1–2–3 bill was passed, the Senate and the Governor lost interest in tax reform.

When the debate over property taxes resumes in 2011 — and rest assured that it will — I predict that closing the gaps in the caps will be the first topic of conversation.

Property taxes are, by their very nature, hateful, cruel and patently unfair. There has to be a better way; no person should have to pay the government rent on property they own. Not one person, not one family should be set out in the street because of delinquent property taxes.

I believe government should be responsive to people. Government should be the last resort, not the first choice. We should work every day to strengthen local governments where the everyday work is done. We should do everything we can to empower individual freedom and encourage personal responsibility. I have taken that thought with me as I have presented legislation.

I believe that people who bake, preserve, or craft goods for sale at farmers' markets and roadside stands should be free from big brother regulation. I proposed legislation that removed the Indiana Department of Health "professional standards" and got them out of the kitchen! The preparer has to meet common-sense inspections and list their ingredients. The vendors must operate in a clean facility and maintain a "family level" sanitary condition.

When you go to the farmers' market in your area and see the baked goods on display there, it's because of that person's freedom to make good choices and to take personal responsibility.

Deer, rabbit, quail, and other wild game, whether taken by hunters or by accident, can be lawfully donated to food pantries and facilities that serve those in need. Common sense—now a reality. (HB 1064)

The Constitution of the State of Indiana absolutely guarantees every adult person in Indiana the unfettered right to keep and bear arms. For their personal protection, for hunt-

ing, for sport—or just because they want to. Permits to carry weapons are issued by the Sheriff's Department in every county. No one should have their personal information published when they seek to exercise one of their basic constitutional rights.

I co-authored, sponsored and helped pass HB 1068, which prohibits the dissemination of personal information on permit applications. Reasonable, I think so. Common sense, sure.

Our Legislature did not fall prey to the hyper-partisanship so prevalent on the national level. We have our disagreements, but we work hard at being civil. We do not spend money that we do not have. We focused on the people of Indiana and the districts we serve.

Senator Brent Steele, Representative Eric Koch, and I have a good working relationship.

Senator Steele, Representative Koch, and I proposed and passed legislation to make our roads and highways safer. We explained the need to protect our children and battered women from predators and abusers. We worked together to present realistic, common sense requirements to provide certification for common carriers hauling massive coils of steel.

These were common-sense approaches to tragic problems. Though we are of different political persuasions, we represent our district and we work together.

It is a constant fight to protect and preserve our state's authority and our right to make our own way. We are concerned about overreaching and intrusive government. No part of government can expand its power or authority without taking power from the other divisions and the people. I believe in small government, less federal intrusion, less state control and more local autonomy. I believe in the power of the people at the city and county level.

I am not a professional politician. I am a wife, a mother, and a grandmother. I believe everyday folks have a right to be heard. I work every day to take your voices to the Statehouse. I am there to represent you and your concerns.

Recently I told you about good people doing great things for our communities and our children. I did this for a couple of reasons. First, because our society and our government is based upon personal responsibility. Our children will soon be asked to take the reins of government. They must be prepared, ready and able to better understand and take the lead. Community leaders, teachers, ministers, and good people make for good government.

Secondly, I, like many others, get tired of hearing only the bad news—about people committing crimes, children being neglected and abused—people doing harmful and hurtful things. People who succeed should be every bit as important as those who fail.

Now the legislative process closes and the political season starts. I thank you for your support and for caring about our state. I appreciate your many kindnesses, your prayers, and encouragement.

Thank you! May the blessings of God's benevolence continue for Indiana. May God bless and preserve the United States of America. If you wish to share your views or opinions please contact me at h62@in.gov.

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Horse		Kangaroo	

Local SPORTS

Lady Lions punish Bulldogs at Orleans, 14-2

The Loogootee Varsity Softball team bashed the Orleans Bulldogs on their home turf Monday, April 12, by a score of 14-2.

In the first inning Samsil for the Bulldogs led off with a walk. Phillips then singled to right center as Samsil moved on to third. Busick reached first on an error by Loogootee's Jessica Padgett as Samsil and Phillips scored. With Busick on third, Sidney Morgan for Orleans, hit a ground ball to third and Remington Wagler, for Loogootee, fields and throws home as Busick tries to score. Busick was tagged out at home as Truelove threw behind Morgan at first and Beasley applied the tag.

At the Lady Lions' turn at bat, Gabrielle Ritchey drew a walk and then stole second. With one out, Jessica Padgett singled to left and Ritchey moved on to third. Jaelyn Padgett hit a sac fly ball to center field and Ritchey scored. At the bottom of the first inning the Lions were down by one.

At the bottom of the second inning, with one out, Wagler, for the Lions, lined a single up the middle and then stole second. Amy Beasley worked a nine-pitch walk and Allie Schultheis walked on four straight pitches to load up the bases. Ritchey then singled to left scoring Wagler. Jennifer Clark lifted a sac fly to deep left field to score Beasley and immediately following, Jessica Padgett ripped a triple down right field to score Schultheis and Ritchey. Jaelyn Padgett reached first on a throwing error by the shortstop allowing her sister, Jessica, to score putting the Lady Lions up 6-2.

In the third inning Orleans' Phillips made it to first on an error by Beasley on a throw from Wagler. With one out, Morgan, for the Bulldogs, lands on first after a throwing error by Wagler, and Phillips made it to third. Ray drew a walk to load the bases with one out. Garriott, for Orleans, hits to Clark in the pitcher's circle and Clark fired the ball to home for the out and Truelove, for Loogootee, fired to Wagler at third for the third out to end the inning.

In the fourth inning Jennifer Clark, for Loogootee, lined a single to left with one out. Addison Dant, in for Jessica Padgett, made a successful bunt, reached first and moved Clark to third. Jaelyn Padgett ripped one to

the shortstop who had trouble making the play and Clark scored. In the fifth inning Schultheis added another run to the Lady Lions' tally. In the sixth inning with two outs, Allyson Arvin, for Loogootee, worked an eight-pitch at bat into a walk and Wagler reached first on a throwing error by the third baseman. Beasley singled to left scoring Arvin and Schultheis singled to left center scoring Wagler.

The Lady Lions continued to rack up runs when Ritchey singled to left scoring Beasley, Clark popped a fly ball to left and it was dropped scoring Schultheis. Brooke Nonte finishes off the defeat by smacking a hit two-feet shy of the left field fence for a double and allowing Ritchey and Clark to score.

The winning pitcher, Jennifer Clark for the Lions, ended with seven strikeouts and four walks. Sidney Morgan for the Bulldogs had two strikeouts and five walks. Loogootee had five errors in the game to Orleans' six. The Lady Lions had 13 hits and the Bulldogs had one.

Softball team defeats Jeeps

The Loogootee Varsity Softball team defeated Northeast Dubois Saturday, April 10, 6-3.

Jessica Padgett started off by hitting a single to left with two outs in the first inning. She then stole second base and scored when her sister, Jaelyn Padgett, smacked a double down the left field line. In the second inning Rebecca Craney led off with a single and Kylie Raney offered a courtesy run. Raney attempted to advance to third on a Remington Wagler single to left center but got caught in a run down and is tagged out by the third baseman. During the chase, Wagler advanced to second. Allie Schultheis is walked and she and Wagler score after a triple by Gabby Ritchey giving the Lions a 4-0 lead.

Mackenzie Dorsam homers in the third inning for the Jeeps to give them their first run of the game. In the top of the fourth Schultheis led the inning with a triple and scored on a Ritchey single to left. Ritchey stole second and advanced to third on a Jennifer Clark sacrifice bunt. Jessica Padgett then smacked a triple to score Ritchey upping the Lions lead 6-1.

The Jeeps' Hass scored another run in the bottom of the fourth inning. At their last at bat, in the bottom of the seventh inning, Northeast Dubois player Dorsam reached second on an error by Clark in right field. Dorsam tried to steal third and the throw gets away from Wagler allowing Dorsam to score.

The winning pitcher, Rebecca Craney, has nine strikeouts and two walks. Pitcher Dorsam for the Jeeps had four strikeouts and two walks. Both teams had three errors. The Lions had 11 hits and the Jeeps had 6.

Chargers mow over Lions

The Lady Lions Softball team took a beating last Thursday, April 8, when they were defeated by Pike Central 0-8.

The Chargers got started early with Chance Lee hitting a double off the left center field fence. She then advanced to third on a field error by Allie Schultheis at third base. Wabash Valley College-bound Taylor Horrall for the Chargers smacked a line drive to right field and Loogootee's Jennifer Clark freezes Lee on third with a strong throw home. Leslie Whitehead then knocks a ball over second base allowing Lee to score the Chargers' first run.

No more runs were scored until the last inning which started off with Charger Leslie Whitehead singling up the middle. Serena McCammon popped a ball to left field and it was misplayed by left fielder Blake Walker. Karley Mills bunts and the ball is fielded by Rebecca Craney who flips it to third base where it is dropped for an error by Allie Schultheis. With bases loaded and no outs, Taylor Stuessel, for the Chargers, hits a ground ball that is cut off by Schultheis who throws from her knees to throw Stuessel out but Whitehead scored.

Jordan Simpson lined a ball to left field scoring McCammon and leaving runners on second and third. Alexa Kleumper then smacks a ground ball to third which is fielded cleanly by Schultheis who falls before making the out, allowing the bases to become loaded again. Chance Lee doubled to left sending all the runners home. Alizah Cannon then steps up to the plate and singles to right and Loogootee's Jennifer Clark fielded the ball and fired to third beating the runner but Schultheis doesn't handle the throw and Chance scores.

It wasn't the Lady Lions' night as they were handed their first loss on the season.

Alexa Kleumper was the winning pitcher with seven strikeouts and one walk. Loogootee's Rebecca Craney ended with six strikeouts and no walks.

The Lady Lions had five errors and four hits in the game and Pike Central had zero errors and seven hits.



LHS wins opener at Bloomfield

The Loogootee Girls' Varsity Softball team defeated the Bloomfield Cardinals in their first game of the season by a score of 4-2.

The game got off to a slow start with no runs being scored from either team in the first or second innings. At the bottom of the third, with one out, Cardinal Kendra Spells singled up the middle and freshman Ariel Fuller then made a successful bunt. Loogootee third baseman Allie Schultheis fielded the bunt and her throw for the out sailed over the head of Lady Lion Amy Beasley and into right field allowing Spells to score and Fuller to advance to third. Fuller then scored on a safety squeeze by bunter Holly Zschiedrich. The score was 2-0 going into the fourth inning.

At the top of the fourth Rebecca Craney led off by smacking a double to left center. Remington Wagler replaced Craney as a courtesy runner and scored on Amy Beasley's single to right center getting the Lady Lions their first run. At the top of the fifth inning, with one out, Breann Truelove drew a walk and Gabrielle Beasley came in as a courtesy runner. Beasley stole second and then moved on to third after an error from Bloomfield's second baseman. Beasley scored on a groundout to the shortstop by Jaelyn Padgett, tying the game.

Addison Dant started off the seventh inning with a sharp single to right center. Jennifer Clark bunted and Bloomfield's pitcher Holly Zschiedrich held the ball preventing a play at first or second. Jessica Padgett then drove in Dant with a single to left center. With runners on first and second, Truelove popped a hit to the second baseman and no in-field fly rule was called. The Cardinal second baseman unintentionally dropped the ball and threw to third to force out Clark but the throw was too late.

After Bloomfield called a time out to question the no call on the infield fly, the umpires corrected the call with the home plate umpire claiming that she had made the call. Loogootee Coach Gary Clark told the umpire that the runners should be able to advance at their own risk and since there was no tag out on Clark at third, than she is safe giving her team runners on second and third with one out.

After conferring, the umpires decided the play would stand as Clark suggested. In the final play of the side, Jaelyn Padgett hit a deep fly ball to right field allowing Jennifer Clark to score. Bloomfield was unable to make a comeback.

Loogootee pitcher Rebecca Craney ended the night with nine strike outs and three walks. Holly Zschiedrich, pitcher for Bloomfield, ended with seven strikeouts and three walks.

The Lady Lions had eight hits to the Lady Cardinals' four. Both teams had two errors each.

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VALUES - I have strong family and moral values. I am a dedicated husband and father of two children and very active in community events. I was selected as the County Police Officer of the Year for the entire State of Indiana for saving the life of an accident victim.

ONE COUNTY - My entire 26 years of law enforcement has been at ONE place, the Martin County Sheriff's Department. I have been a lifelong resident of Martin County and a candidate that is backed by the current and previously elected sheriffs.

TRIUMPHS - I serve as chairman of the LCC for a Drug-Free Martin County & as a board member of the Companion for Kids. I played an integral part in establishing the E-911 system for Martin County as well as attended various meetings concerning the tech park project at Crane. I was responsible for bringing the Indiana Data & Communication System to Martin County. I installed & maintain the 25 computer networks at the sheriff's department and by writing grants, I have secured approximately \$50,000 in equipment for the department.

EXPERIENCE - I have worked under the current sheriff for eight years as Chief Deputy and have gained the leadership skills that it takes to be sheriff. I have attended the training schools that newly elected sheriffs attend.

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LHS Tennis team wins Loogootee Invitational



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Shown above are the medalists from last Saturday's LHS Invitational, from left to right, Jill Taylor (#3 Singles), Brittany Eckerle (#2 Singles), Becca Zins (#2 Doubles), and Hannah Lamar (#2 Doubles).

On Tuesday, April 13 the Loogootee Tennis team took on Northeast Dubois at home and remained undefeated 6-0.

"This was a big early-season victory for the team," said Coach Mike Tippery.

"Northeast Dubois has gotten the better of us the last five years. I told the team yesterday at practice that this was going to be a battle of two evenly matched teams and whoever played better would win. We executed at key moments in the match to get the victory," he added.

Varsity matches

- Loogootee 4 Northeast Dubois 1
- #1 Singles Andrea Vaupel (L) defeated Gabbie Terwiske 6-3, 6-4
- #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (L) defeated Jasmine Riecker 1-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4
- #3 Singles Lori Vonderheide (NED) defeated Jill Taylor 6-1, 6-4
- #1 Doubles Ashton Matthews/ Hannah Lamar (L) defeated Michaela Stemle/Lane Fraser 6-1, 6-4
- #2 Doubles Lindsay Winingier/Becca Zins (L) defeated Emily Wessel/Erin Smock 6-3, 7-5

Junior Varsity matches

- Loogootee 1 Northeast Dubois 1
- #1 Singles Abbie Miller (NED) defeated Erin Wittmer 6-3
- #2 Singles Allison Kiser (L) defeated Abbie Miller 6-3

The Loogootee invitational was held on Saturday, April 10. It featured Barr-Reeve, North Daviess, Bloomfield, and Loogootee. The first match featured the undefeated Lions against Bloomfield. The Lions defeated Bloomfield 3-2 to put them in the championship against the Barr-Reeve Vikings who defeated the North Daviess Cougars 3-2. The Lions crushed the Vikings to keep a 5-0 record and win the Loogootee Invitational.

There were seven medalists. They were #1 Singles Sarah Miller, of Bloomfield; #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle, of Loogootee; #3 Singles Jill Taylor, of Loogootee; #1 Doubles Rachel Toon and Alley Gilliland, of Bloomfield, and #2 Doubles Hannah Lamar and Becca Zins, of Loogootee.

Varsity matches

- Loogootee 3 Bloomfield 2**
- #1 Singles Sarah Miller defeated Andrea Vaupel 6-3, 6-2
- #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle defeated Bailee Byers 6-0, 6-1
- #3 Singles Jill Taylor defeated Kari Schulte 6-1, 6-0
- #1 Doubles Rachel Toon/Alley Gilliland defeated Ashton Matthews/ Lindsay Winingier 6-3, 7-6 (4)
- #2 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins defeated Rachel Helms/Emily Walker 6-0, 6-1

Varsity matches

- Loogootee 5 Barr-Reeve 0**
- #1 Singles Andrea Vaupel (L) defeated Abby Pielemeier 6-1, 6-3

- #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (L) defeated Cassidy Helms 6-1, 6-3
- #3 Singles Jill Taylor (L) defeated Marissa Wagler 6-1, 6-0
- #1 Doubles Ashton Matthews/ Lindsay Winingier (L) defeated Haley Taylor/Bridgette Graber 6-1, 6-3
- #2 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins (L) Crystal Knepp/Ciara Hornaday 6-0, 6-3

On Thursday, April 8th the Loogootee Lions Tennis team played their home opener against South Knox. Loogootee started the meet out strong and came away with a 5-0 victory despite some South Knox runs in the second sets.

Varsity matches

- #1 Singles Andrea Vaupel defeated Allison Hacker 6-4, 6-3
- #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle defeated Jenny Beaman 6-1, 6-1
- #3 Singles Jill Taylor defeated Haley Burch 6-0, 6-3
- #1 Doubles Ashton Matthews/ Lindsay Winingier defeated Kelsey Cummins/ Alyssa Koby 6-1, 6-3
- #2 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins defeated Katie Gray/Laura Rastl 6-1, 6-3

Junior varsity matches

- South Knox 4 Loogootee 1
- #1 Singles Chelsea Rehwald defeated Allison Kiser 7-5
- #2 Singles Chelsea Rehwald defeated Devan Arvin 6-2
- #1 Doubles Erin Wittmer/Kylie Sims defeated Bailey Dillon/Laurel Webb 6-4
- #2 Doubles Bailey Dillon/Laurel Webb defeated Emilee Lannan/Natasha Trinkle 6-2
- #3 Doubles Allison Schultz/Cassie Rehwald defeated Paige Schafer/Dana Sibrel 8-7

On Wednesday, April 7th Loogootee traveled to North Daviess for their second match and came away with a solid performance and a 4-1 victory despite windy conditions.

Varsity matches

- #1 Singles Stacey Beard defeated Andrea Vaupel 6-4, 7-6 (1)
- #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle defeated Shannon Winklepleck 7-5, 6-3
- #3 Singles Jill Taylor defeated Hannah Watson 6-0, 6-0
- #1 Doubles Ashton Matthews/ Lindsay Winingier defeated Janae Wagler/Macie Doades 6-1, 6-0
- #2 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Erin Wittmer defeated Sarah Smith/J'Lynn Borter 6-0, 6-0

On Tuesday, April 6th the Lions took on Linton in their first match of the year. Despite losing five seniors off of last year's team they defeated Linton 5-0. Coach Tippery said "It was great to get the regular



-Photo provided

Shown above is the LHS Tennis team with their trophy they received for winning the LHS Invitational Saturday, April 10. In the front row, from left to right, are Lindsay Winingier, Ashton Matthews, and Andrea Vaupel. In the back row is Coach Mike Tippery, Becca Zins, Hannah Lamar, Erin Wittmer, Jill Taylor, Brittany Eckerle, Kylie Sims, and Assistant Coach Jamie Wildman.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Loogootee's #3 singles player Jill Taylor sets up for a serve against South Knox's Haley Burch whom she defeated 6-0 and 6-3 in the tennis team's home opener on Thursday, April 8.

season started. We have had three weeks of very good practices and it showed today."

Varsity matches

- #1 Singles Andrea Vaupel defeated Sarah Hensley 6-0, 6-0
- #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle defeated Ariel Brown 6-0, 6-0
- #3 Singles Jill Taylor defeated Amy Goodman 6-1, 6-0
- #1 Doubles Ashton Matthews/ Lindsay Winingier defeated Abbey Burris/Olivia Wells 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins defeated Ashley Cooper/Bailey Knotts 6-3, 6-2.

Junior varsity matches

- #1 Doubles Erin Wittmer/Kylie Sims defeated Sabrina Colvin 4-2, 4-1
- #1 Doubles Devan Arvin/Allison Kister defeated Frankee Hancock/Hannah Bough 4-0, 4-0
- #3 Doubles Emilee Lannan/Natasha Trinkle defeated Shanna Lake/Abbey Stamm 4-1, 4-0

Loogootee Golf team takes on North Knox; Rivet forfeits

On Thursday, March 8, the Loogootee High School Golf team had a three-way meet with Vincennes Rivet and North Knox at Crane.

Through very windy conditions and colder temperatures, Loogootee shot a combined 188.

Joel Stoll shot a 45, Ben Hogan with a 46,

Stephen Bradley with a 48, and Clinton Spaulding with a 49.

North Knox shot a team score of 169, and Vincennes Rivet had to forfeit due to only having one team member available for play.

The golf team travels to Southridge tomorrow, Thursday, April 15. The match begins at 5:30 p.m.



Shoals Softball team

-Photo by Christy Farhar

Shown above is the Shoals High School Softball team. In the front row, from left to right, are Jessica Courtright, Aimee Farhar, Jess Jenkins, Chelsey Baker, Mackenzie Jones, Kelci Hardwick, Brittany Hert, Mandi Stewart, and Ashley Taylor. In the back row are Assistant Coach Tony Cundiff, Lezlie Hart, Beth Abel, Miranda Mullins, Denise Cornett, Jessica Huff, Sabrina Rossi, Shaelin Adams, Assistant Coach Jim Goldsberry, Heather Tinkle, and Head Coach Wayne Underwood.

Loogootee High School track team's season well underway

Tuesday, April 13 meet

The LHS High School Track team had a three-way meet on Tuesday, April 13.

The scores for the girls were Forest Park 102, Wood Memorial 28, and Loogootee 26.

Lauren Walton placed 1st in the high jump with a distance of 5'1", 3rd in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.49 seconds, and 3rd in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 9 seconds.

Desiree Matheis placed 3rd in the 100-meter hurdles at 19.94 seconds and 1st in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 55.54 seconds.

Melissa Ritchie received 1st place in the discus with a distance of 90'2.5".

Catie Wagler placed 3rd in the 1,600-meter dash with a time of 6 minutes 52 seconds.

Shelby McAtee finished 4th in the shot put with a distance of 25'7" and Sarah Richer placed 3rd in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 16 minutes, 9 seconds.

The boys' scores were Forest Park 108, Wood Memorial 25, and Loogootee 22.

Aaron Howell finished 3rd in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 20.59 seconds and 3rd in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 57.18 seconds.

Travis Osborne placed 3rd in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.84 seconds and 2nd in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.56 seconds.

Dylan Frye placed 1st in the shot put with a distance of 42'7.5" and 2nd in the discus at 93'8".

Garrett Carrico finished 4th in the discus with a distance of 85'11".

Will Smith placed 4th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.28 seconds and 2nd with his team in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.56 seconds.

Wesley Whitman finished 4th in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 13 minutes, 4 seconds.

Chris Axsom and Justin Limbach placed 2nd with their team in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.56 seconds.

Friday, April 9 meet

The Loogootee High School Track team held a four-way meet Friday, April 9. The scores for the ladies were Eastern Greene 106, Bloomfield 88, Loogootee 34, and Lighthouse Christian 3.

Sarah Richer placed 4th in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.12 seconds, 3rd in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 16 minutes 55 seconds, and 5th in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 7 minutes 35 seconds.

Lauren Walton placed 2nd in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.31 seconds, 1st in the high jump with a distance of 4' 10", 2nd in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.31 seconds and she finished 1st in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute 7

seconds.

Catie Wagler placed 4th in the 800-meter run with a time of 3 minutes 10 seconds and 3rd place in the 1,600 meter run with a time of 7 minutes 8 seconds.

Desiree Matheis finished 3rd in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 57.82 seconds and 3rd in the 1,600-meter relay at 5 minutes 49 seconds.

Also for the girls, Shelby McAtee finished 3rd in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 5 minutes 49 seconds, 5th in the discus with 62', 5th in shot put with a distance of 27' and 3rd in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 5 minutes and 49 seconds.

Megan Smith finished 3rd in 1,600-meter relay with a time of 5 minutes 49 seconds.

For the boys the final scores were Eastern Greene 94, Bloomfield 58, Loogootee 43, and Lighthouse Christian 26.

Will Smith finished 4th in the 100-meter dash at 12.32 sec and 5th in the long jump with 17'1".

Chris Axsom finished 5th in the 100-meter dash at 12.53 seconds, 3rd in the 400-meter relay with a time of 49.34 seconds, and 3rd in the 1,600 meter relay with a time of 4 minutes 42 seconds.

Aaron Howell finished 4th in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 19.07 seconds, 5th in the 300-meter hurdles at 53 minutes 59 seconds and 3rd in the 1,600-meter relay at 4 minutes and 42 seconds.

Tanner Trambaugh placed 5th in the 200-meter dash at 27.25 seconds, 1st in the high jump with 5'4", 1st in the long jump at 18'4", and 3rd in the 400-meter relay with a time of 49.34 seconds.

Wesley Whitman was 4th in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 13 minutes 37 seconds.

Garrett Carrico placed 5th in the 3,200-meter run at 15.56 seconds, 5th in the discus with 105'7", and 4th in shot put at 35'11".

Daniel Tedrow finished 2nd in the discus with 105'7" and 3rd in the shot put with 36'10".

Justin Limbach finished 5th in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minutes and 5 seconds, 3rd in the 400-meter relay at 49.34 seconds, 3rd in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4 minutes 42 seconds.

Randy Taylor finished 3rd in the 3,200-meter relay with 11 minutes 35 seconds, Matthew Ritchie finished 3rd in the 3,200-meter relay at 11 minutes 35 seconds, Will Smith finished 3rd in the 400-meter relay at 49.34 seconds, and Trevor Goldsberry finished 3rd in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4 minutes 42 seconds.

Wednesday, April 7 meet

On Wednesday, April 7, the Loogootee High School Track team went up against North Knox.

For the girls, North Knox finished with 91, Loogootee with 27.

For the ladies, Desiree Mathies finished 3rd in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.37 seconds and 1st in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 57.37 seconds.

Lauren Walton placed 1st in the 100-meter dash at 13.76 seconds, 1st in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute 10 seconds, 1st in the 200-meter dash at 29.62 seconds, and also 1st in the high jump at 4' 10".

The boys finished with 30 to North Knox's 102.

Travis Osborne placed 2nd in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.19 seconds, and 3rd in the 200-meter dash at 26 seconds.

Wesley Whitman placed 2nd in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 13 minutes and 34 seconds.

Tanner Trambaugh placed 1st in the high jump at 5'4" and 2nd in the long jump with a distance of 17'9".

Daniel Tedrow placed 2nd in the discus with a distance of 108'3" and 3rd in the shot put at 35'.

Dylan Frye placed 1st in the shot put with a distance of 44'7".

Nick Sander came in 3rd in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6 minutes and 5 seconds and 2nd place in the 800-meter run with at time of 2 minutes and 35 seconds.

Chris Axsom placed 3rd in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute 7 seconds and Aaron Howell came in 3rd in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 52.46 seconds.

Martin County Youth Football upcoming events

Motorcycle ride

Martin County Youth Football will hold a Motorcycle Ride on Saturday, April 17. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., at Marathon, in Loogootee and the cost is \$15 per person. A chili dinner will be held at 5 p.m., at the Loogootee VFW. Prizes from Kelly's, Jerry's Pitstop, Birdseye Dairy Bar, Jody's 19th Hole, Dairy Master, Holiday World & Splashin' Safari will be given out. For more information contact Audrey Robinson at 296-1924. The rain date is set for Saturday, April 24.

Sign-ups

The Martin County Raiders Football League will hold sign-ups on Sunday, May 16, at Pizza Junction in Loogootee from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 for the first child and \$30 for each additional sibling. Those interested must be enrolled in third through twelfth grade during the 2010-2011 school year and students from Loogootee, Shoals, and Barr-Reeve may sign up. The league provides helmets, shoulder pads, and jerseys. For more information contact Chuck or Audrey Robinson at 295-4773.

Tuesday, April 6 meet

The LHS Track team held a four-way meet Tuesday, April 6. The scores for the girls were Northeast Dubois 142, Springs Valley 54, Crawford County 27, and Loogootee 21.

For the girls, Desiree Mathies came in 5th in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.20 seconds and 2nd in the 300-meter hurdles at 58.22 seconds.

Lauren Walton finished 2nd in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.77 seconds, 2nd in the 200-meter dash at 28.34 seconds, and 2nd in the high jump at 4' 10".

Catie Wagler finished 5th in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 7 minutes and 1 second and 3rd in the 200-meter dash at 31.07 seconds.

For the boys, the scores were Northeast Dubois 166, Springs Valley 37, Crawford County 26.5, and Loogootee 11.5.

Will Smith placed 4th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.86 seconds, 5th in the long jump with a distance of 16'7.75", and 2nd in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.7 seconds.

Wesley Whitman finished 5th in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 13 minutes 34 seconds and 3rd place with his team in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 11 minutes, 38 seconds.

Tanner Trambaugh placed 4th in the high jump at 5'4". Justin Limbach finished 3rd in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 11 minutes and 38 seconds and 2nd in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.7 seconds.

Randy Taylor and Matthew Ritchie placed 3rd with their team in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 11 minutes, 38 seconds, and Chris Axsom placed 2nd with his team in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.7 seconds.

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Shoals Varsity Softball Catcher Aimee Farhar is ready for the pitch in the Lady Rox match up against Barr-Reeve at home Tuesday night, April 13. Shoals fell to the Vikings 4-7. They travel to North Knox tonight. The game begins at 5 p.m.



Shoals Golf team

-Photo by Marc Otto

The Shoals High School Golf team is shown above, from left to right, Megan Sanders, Nick Beasley, Alex Bauernfiend, DJ Harder, Phillip Kettinger, and Coach Tyson Allbright. Not pictured is Scott Johnson

JV Softball team defeats Northeast Dubois

The Loogootee Lady Lions' Junior Varsity Softball team defeated Northeast Dubois, 9-6, Saturday, April 10.

In the first inning Gabby Ritchey drew a walk and moved on to third after an Addison Dant single to right. Remington Wagler then smacked a double to left field scoring Ritchey. Allyson Arvin and Brooke Nonte also drew walks and Dant is forced home for the first run. Kylie Raney then lifted a single to right center scoring Wagler and Arvin.

In the third inning, Rasche for the Jeeps hits a ball that is not fielded well by Holly Stacy at second base. Jacobs also hits to Stacy and she fails to make the play. Border hits a ball that lands just over the pitcher's head and Ritchey makes the throw but Arvin drops the ball at first. With one out, Terwise hits a ground ball to second and the Lions make another misplay allowing two runs to score. Hopf smacks a double to left scoring the other two runners.

In the fourth inning, Ritchey, for the Lions, drew a two-out walk and moved to third on a misplayed ball hit to left by Dant. Wagler then singled to left scoring Ritchey and Dant, making the score 6-4 in favor of the Lions.

At the top of the fifth, Brooke Nonte singled over the head of the third baseman. Stacy then drew a walk as Kylie Raney singled to right center and Nonte scored as the Jeeps hung up Stacy who was trying to advance. Raney stole second and advanced to third on a passed ball and scored.

In the bottom of fifth, with two outs, Hopf singled to left and Knies hit a ground ball to second that was misplayed by Stacy. A walk to Johnson loaded the bases to finish off with a 2-run single by Zehr but it wasn't enough to put the Jeeps on top.

Junior Varsity Softball team falls to Pike Central Chargers

The Loogootee Girls' Junior Varsity Softball team fell to the Pike Central Chargers Thursday, April 8, at home, 4-6.

Early in the first inning Pike Central's Lexie Shultz landed on first after an uncaught third strike. With only one out, Amberly Hulfachor singled to left and Miranda Merter made it to first on a fielding error by Loogootee's Brooke Nonte at third base. Pike Central junior Roni Fiscus smacked a double to left center and cleared the bases allowing the Chargers 3 runs at their first at bat.

At the bottom of the first inning for Loogootee, Gabby Ritchey was walked, then stole second and third and scored on a passed ball by the Pike Central catcher. Addison Dant then made it to first on a walk and quickly stole second. She moved on to third on another passed ball by the catcher and scored on a wild pitch. At the end of the first inning, the Lady Lions were down by one, 2-3.

At the bottom of the third, Addison Dant scored on a double by Remington Wagler for the Lions, tying the game. In the top of the fourth, Pike Central's Kirsten Gladish singled up the middle and Katelyn Vin-hedge singled to right.

Amberly Hulfachor then popped one over the Lady Lion second baseman for a two-run single making the score 3-5. Miranda Merter then knocked one to center which is ruled a three-base error and Hulfachor scored another, bumping up the Chargers' lead 3-6.

In the last inning, Remington Wagler, for the Lions, smacked a triple and scored after a Brooke Nonte single up the middle. The point wasn't enough to close the gap and the Chargers walked away with the W.

JV softball team licks Cardinals

The Loogootee Junior Varsity Girls' Softball team kicked off their season against Bloomfield Tuesday, April 5, winning by an impressive 8-0.

Lady Lion Gabby Ritchey started things off in the first inning when she was hit by a pitch. She stole second and moved on to third after a wild pitch. Ritchey scored on a hit by Addison Dant who managed to get on base after an infield error.

With two out in the second inning, Kelly Jo Stuckey made it to first on an uncaught third strike and then moved on to second and third again due to the Cardinal catcher being unable to stabilize the ball. Lady Lion Candace Dawson then drew a walk and advanced to second uncontested.

Her second at-bat Gabriel Ritchey is, again, nailed by a pitch and loads the bases. Addison Dant also draws a walk to allow Stuckey to cross home plate. Dawson and Ritchey both score on wild pitches and Remington Wagler popped a single to left allowing Dant to score. The Lady Lions were up 5-0 at the end of the second inning.

In the fourth inning and with one Ritchey drove a single to left field and stole second and third on a bad throw. Dant popped a deep fly ball to center field to score Ritchey. On Wagler's turn at bat, she reached first on a fielding error by the second baseman. She then quickly stole second and third on the next pitch and scored on a passed ball just before a sharp line drive single to left by Brooke Nonte. Nonte was 3 for 3 on the day. The score was 7-0 at the start of the fifth.

In the fifth, Kylie Raney landed on third after an uncaught third strike. Raney stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch, and scored on a Ritchey triple to right field.

Loogootee pitchers Remington Wagler and Gabrielle Ritchey combined to a no-hitter game. They were one walk away from a perfect game.

Both girls had six strikeouts and Ritchey had one walk; Wagler pitched three innings and Ritchey two.

4-H Shooting Sports second session held last Saturday at country club



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

One of the class leaders Eric Doane shows a student how to fire his pistol at the 4-H Shooting Sports session held last Saturday, April 10, at the American Legion Country Club.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

A student of the shooting sports class practices throw a hatchet. Students also worked with spears during the program which was held for two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our **SCHOOLS**

Loogootee Schools Tri Kappa Art Contest winners announced

The Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa recently hosted an Art Contest on Wednesday, April 7, for the Seventh and Eighth Grade Division and the High School Division at Loogootee High School. Judges looked over the 167 entries and would like to congratulate the following winners:

- 7th-8th Grade Division
- First Place 2D Drawing – Whitney Pendleton, \$25
- Second Place 2D Drawing – David Flowers
- First Place 2D Painting – Matthew Mofitt, \$25
- Second Place 2D Painting – Tyler Divine
- First Place 3D Sculpture – Sera Martin, \$25
- Second Place 3D Sculpture – Chantel Dobson
- First Place 3D Sculpture (recycled) – Brianna Greer, \$25
- Second Place 3D Sculpture (recycled) – Tyler Divine

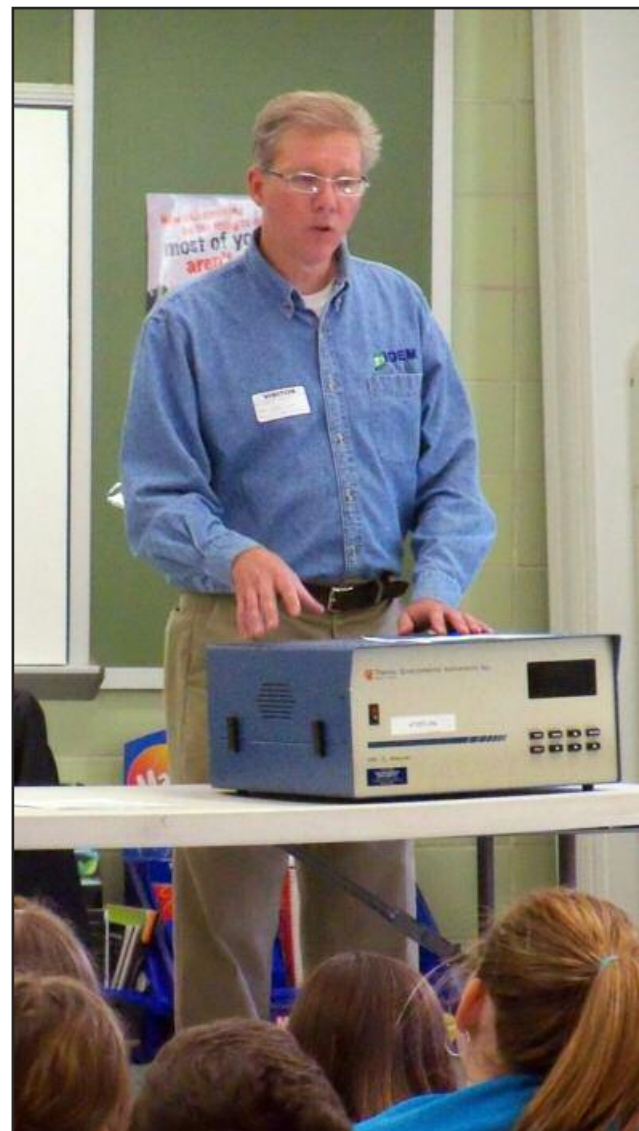
- First Place Crafts – Matt Mathies, \$25
- Second Place Crafts – Travis Craney
- 9th-12th Grade Division
- First Place 2D Drawing – Matt Hulsman, \$25
- Second Place 2D Drawing – Will Smith
- First Place 2D Painting – Melissa Ritchie, \$25
- Second Place 2D Painting – Danielle Love
- First Place 3D Sculpture – Melissa Ritchie, \$25
- Second Place 3D Sculpture – Shelby McAtee
- First Place 3D Sculpture (recycled) – No entry
- Second Place 3D Sculpture (recycled) – No entry
- First Place Crafts/Photography – Shelby McAtee, \$25
- Second Place Crafts/Photography – Melissa Ritchie



Shoals April Students of the Month *-Photo provided*

Each month each teacher at Shoals Elementary School picks a student from their class that meets their classroom criteria of being the Student of the Month. Those students are recognized for their accomplishment with a certificate and picture in the school's showcase. The April Students of the Month, from left to right, are front row Lance Asbell, Jackson Allbright, and Jacob Conrad. In the second row are Abbie Hampton, Clayton Harker, Madison Wilson, Clay Brett, and Patrick Tolbert. In the third row are Jonathan Sullivan, Angel Hampton, Mary Dixon, and Evan Wagoner. In the back row are Jaydon Hill, Rena Byers, Olivia Wells, Ben Clymer, and David Qualkenbush.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management visits East



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

IDEM stopped by Loogootee Elementary East last Friday, April 9, to discuss pollution, air quality, energy conservation, landfills, among other issues, with the sixth graders. In the photo above, Dave Abel, with IDEM fields some questions from Mrs. Wagoner and Mrs. Williams' classes. In the photo on the right Derrick Ohning, Compliance Enforcement Manager with IDEM, explains how the machine in front of him can measure the ozone levels. Both men gave the students several tips on conserving energy and being a good steward to the environment. Abel explained to the students that by recycling one aluminum can they could power a television for three hours. More information for students interested in recycling can be found at www.recycle.in.gov.

Happy Birthday

Love,
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Landon
& Sadie

Hoping your birthday is as amazing as you are!!

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Musical performed last weekend at LHS



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

The six brothers in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" were played by Dylan Wagoner, Ian Smith, Cam Chilton, Dylan Fuqua, Jared Crooks, and Travis Osborne. They are shown above surrounding "Milly" being played by Brooke Nonte in the Friday night performance.



-Photo by Marc Otto

The six brides were played by Brittany Eckerle, Kylie Sims, Diane McFeaters, Rachel Walls, Devan Arvin, and Jessie Seal. They are shown above gathered around "Milly" Becca Zines from Saturday night's performance.



Brooke Nonte as Milly Pontipee in Friday night's performance



Aaron Bridgewater as Adam Pontipee in Friday night's performance



Becca Zins as Milly Pontipee in Saturday night's performance



Luke Kidwell as Adam Pontipee in Saturday night's performance

Loogootee Schools honor roll announced

4th Grade High Honors

Ross Adams
Dylan Arthur
Marina Lents
Kenadi Rumble
Jody Seals

4th Grade Honor Roll

Julianne Bell
Anthony Bonte
Luke Callison
Anaya Carrico
Candice Clark
Josh Cook
Monica Cowin
Adam Greene
Cole Harmon
Cora Hedrick
Corbin Henninger
Lane Keller
Zach Lythgoe
Kristin Norris
Carson Rayhill
Haley Reinhart
Leighton Seals
Katie Sims
Elizabeth Stoll
Jayden Wagoner
Emily Whitworth
Cade Wilcoxon
Karika Young

5th Grade High Honors

Sara Bailey
Wilson Hatter
Mya Hedrick
Eden Jenkins
Tristan Jones
Breigh Lamar
Nolan Lottes
Meghan Mathies
Tokala Richardson
Mayson Riley
Martina Stevens
Justin Wagler
Abbie Williams
Blake Ziegler

5th Grade Honor Roll

Abbey Barker
Landon Bell
Tre' Blanton
Emily Brookshire
DeAnna Canell
Chase Carrico
Jordan Clark
Tye Collins
Jociah Earl
Kylie Hall
Breanna Hollaway
Megan Lampert
Kaleb Lyon
Tyler Lythgoe
Nathaniel Moffitt
Jacob Nonte
Wyatt Nonte
Nick Reinhart
Jake Simmons
Justin Swartzentruber
Clayton Thomas
Nick Thomas
Brandon Tolbert
Leah Wagler
Kaitlyn Wagoner
Mikayla Wolf

6th Grade High Honors

Nicole Ader
Macey Baxter
Trysten Booker
Kendall Burch
Jesse Divine
Caitlin Holt
Jonathan Krzesniak
Jordan Mann
Kendall Riley
Renee Whitman
Reed Ziegler

6th Grade Honor Roll

Kurt Bauer
Jake Blackwell
Renee Burch
Grant Carrico
Logan Carrico

7th Grade High Honors

Carly Combs
Amber Daniels
Bailey Davis
Jurnee Davis
Nate Duvall
Emily Eversole
Nicole Fahey
Taylor Hardwick
Brandon Hembree
Bailey Holt
Justin Horney
Ian Huelsman
Justin Kiser
Brandon Lindsey
Erin Nelson
Tara Pennington
Lindsay Potts
Reuben Ritchey
Sarah Stoll
Shayna Stuffle
Wyatt Wade
Patrick Wagler
Seth Wagler
Cole Walker
Emma Walters
Paige Walton
Joey Wilson
Gavin Wittmer
Landon Wittmer

7th Grade Honor Roll

Conner Bailey
Lauren Bowling
Ryan Howell
Kylie Leonhard
Gabe Nolley
Ashleigh Powell
Dylan Street
Waylee Wagoner
Allie Walker
Malorie Weisheit

8th Grade High Honors

Ben Blackwell
Kayetlyn Carter
Travis Craney
Hunter Crays
Aspen Crim
Mitch Daniel
Ronald Divine
Jace Dorsett
Dameon Earley
Cathy Hovis
Ashley Jones
Taylor Kaiser
Christian Kilburn
Ryan Knight
Kristopher Lyon
Salena Neely
Deidra Nolan
Kaelyn Nonte
Brandon Owings
Whitney Pendleton
Janson Sherer
Josh Sibre
Jesse Smith
Darian Stewart
Nolan Walker
Chase Wilcoxon

8th Grade Honor Roll

Michala Beasley
Webb Crane
Emma Graber
Dalton Jenkins
Matthew Mathies
Demi Richardson
Ryan Howell
Hannah Walters
Matthew Weitkamp
Abby Ackerman
Kyle Craney
Gabby Daniel Cox
Caleb Dant
David Donnersberger
Brooke Dunn
Gage Harder
Taylor Hayes
Josh Lampert
Adam Lark

9th Grade High Honors

Allison Lythgoe
Kelsy Seals
Tayler Smith
Dorothy Wagler
Christina Ziegler

9th Grade Honor Roll

Jesse Horney
Nicole Klee
Mandy Koontz
Waylon Matthews
Gabrielle Ritchey
Curtis Slaubaugh
Tyler Spears
Megan Ader
Blake Anderson
Tyler Booker
Garrett Carrico
Kenny Crane
Alyssa George
Trisha Moore
Will Nonte
Kylie Raney
Paige Schaefer
Miranda Searl
Cameron Wagler
Remington Wagler

10th Grade High Honors

Addison Dant
Hannah LaMar
Christina Powell
Sarah Richer
Emily Rogers
Natasha Trinkle
Wynter Wagoner
Lauren Walton
Mariah Weisheit

10th Grade Honor Roll

Aaron Bridgewater
Luke Jones
Brooke Nonte
Taylor Walker

11th Grade High Honors

Andy Fellers
Ben Hogan
Kirk Lengacher

11th Grade Honor Roll

Tia Pennington
Jill Taylor
Mary Ann Winger
Erin Wittmer
Allison Arvin
Chris Axsom
Amy Beasley
Stephen Bradley
Clinton Burch
Chelsea Clifton
Scott Duzan
Brittany Eckerle
Logan George
Tyler Hardwick
Victoria Hatter
Mallorie Layton
Leah Lottes
Megan Lottes
Travis Osborne
BreAnn Truelove
Matthew Tucker

12th Grade High Honors

Misty Bough
Kelci Mann

12th Grade Honor Roll

Bailey Anderson
Tia Beasley
Scotty Boyd
Brittany Chandler
Rebecca Craney
Josh Divine
Alyssa Dobson
Jade Frost
Travis Gibson
Andrea Hough
Lucas Kidwell
Diane McFeaters
Jeffrey Norris
Hannah Pruett
Melissa Ritchie
Jessie Seal
Vicky Searl
Andrea Vaupel
Zack Walters
Greg Woody

Election 2010

Over the past couple weeks the *Martin County Journal* has been working on putting together a special question and answer section with candidates in the upcoming primary election. In the next few pages you will find the contested races, the candidates, and their responses. The *Martin County Journal* would like to thank all the candidates who responded. We hope this helps the voters make an informed decision on Tuesday, May 4th. **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

Martin County Sheriff



ANDY BURKHARDT
DEMOCRAT FOR SHERIFF

Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Burkhardt: I am Thomas A. Burkhardt and was born on April 5, 1966. My parents are the late William J. Burkhardt and Elizabeth Burkhardt and Dorothy Burkhardt, all of Washington. My wife, Angie, and I have four children. We reside in Lost River Township. I have five brothers and one sister, I attended Vincennes University for Law Enforcement as well as the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. I began my law enforcement career in April of 1990 at Loogootee Police Department under the instruction of a great mentor, the late Paul E. Gee. I was with the Loogootee Police Department for three years. I then went on to be the Shoals Town Marshal for the next five years. Since 1998, I have been employed by the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

I have been greatly blessed by the Martin County citizens and the Lord has brought me to this point in my career to want to serve Martin County better as your next sheriff. During my career, I have attended countless schools to be able to perform better as a police officer and to be able to become more active to see that Martin County is a safer environment for our children and citizens overall. Some of the most memorable times as a police officer has been my active role with my K-9 partners Max and Amigo, going into schools and in the community putting on educational demonstrations to help deter our continual drug war in the county. It's very rewarding to see the kids you once helped educate in school, later on in life, living a decent and productive life.

Journal: Why do you want to be Sheriff? and What do you feel is the role of the Sheriff?

Burkhardt: (The following answers questions 2 and 3.) I want to be Sheriff to better serve my community. Serving my community has brought on a whole new meaning with Jesus Christ in my life. It brings on a new sense of seeing people differently and seeing my job differently. My job is not just about writing tickets and taking people to jail. My job is to be a positive role model, set the example so people will see that I am not just talking the talk, but walking the walk. Not just for the department, but for all whom I come in contact with. My job is to see people in need and help guide them in a positive way and place them back onto the road they need to be on. As a young rookie, I had several mentors that helped mold me into the officer I am today. I am ready to now help the younger officers in the area see how much more and how much better we can serve you as Martin County citizens.

Journal: Do you feel like the degree of

meth manufacturing is out of control in Martin County and if so, how do you plan to help eliminate it?

Burkhardt: Seeing the never-ending drug war our county has, we, as a department, always have to change tactics to deal with, not just meth problems, but other types of drug problems, like the prescription drug abuse epidemic the county has which is just as bad, and possibly worse, than the meth war. We as a department must educate ourselves more than take that education into our schools and into our communities. We must change our department work ethics and thinking and be a more pro-active department rather than a reactive department. We must get out more in our rural areas and schools to help educate with more presence and a more active role, so we can slow this drug war. We will never totally stop the war, but we can slow it down and push them, at least, out of our county. Eliminating would be nice, but these struggles will always be around. Let's start helping these people and show them that they can have a better life by saying NO to these temptations. Many are reaching out, but many are not being reached. I feel with Andy Burkhardt as the next Sheriff of Martin County, we as a department and as a community will reach out to more in need.

Journal: How do you feel about use of cell phones while driving and do you think there should be a law against it?

Burkhardt: As much traffic that is on our roadways and with the many more distractions we have, I do believe we don't need to allow other distractions to cause more accidents within our county. One fatality or personal-injury accident is one too many. The texting part while driving should be addressed, but as far as talking while driving, most cell phones do have hands-off capabilities to answer and talk. My question to the negative people that want to keep these distractions: What if a family member was severely injured or, yet worse, possibly killed because someone was paying more attention to driving than the road and to their vehicle?

Journal: If you are elected Sheriff is there anything you would want to change in the department?

Burkhardt: I don't feel that 'change' is the word. All new Sheriffs have their own thinking about what they would like to accomplish and the different ways of running things. I have always been fond of being more professional, whether it be myself, the deputies, the dispatchers, or the jail officers. I place myself at the top to say that we all have room for improvement. I would like all the staff to constantly be sent to more schools on a rotation basis. The more we learn the better we can serve our citizens. We are never done learning in our job and in life. I want the Martin County Sheriff's Department staff to do the best job they can possibly do for the department and for you. I would like to tweak various shifts around to possibly be safer and more productive inside and outside of the jail. I will have all the officers active in school education for our youth and for our different communities. We, as a department, must get out and see and meet the needs better. I am excited to share a program that I have wanted to start for years. A youth camp would meet a lot of wants and needs for our kids in this county. The camp will stay local and the kids will be from Martin County. All different police agencies, all different fire departments; we will have constant educational talks on these weekends as well as fun and fellowship. Our kids deserve better; let's work for them... our future. I would greatly appreciate your vote and support on May 4. Remember - 'Pray! Then Vote'



ROB STREET
DEMOCRAT FOR SHERIFF

Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Street: My name is Rob Street and I am 45 years old. I grew up in Rutherford Township and lived there most of my childhood years before moving to Loogootee. I graduated from Loogootee High School in May of 1983 and started working at the Martin County Sheriff's Department a few days later. I continued to work full time at the Sheriff's Department while I attended Vincennes University where I received my associates' degree in 1986. I continued to work my way through the ranks at the sheriff's department from dispatcher, jailer, deputy, corporal, sergeant, major, and to my current position of chief deputy, a position I have held for 8 years. During my 26 years I have worked at the sheriff's department I have completed countless training hours including being licensed as a FAA private pilot, a Novel Network Administrator, HTCI Computer Crime Scene Technician, jail management, jail medical for inmates, as well as training classes for newly elected sheriffs conducted by the Indiana Sheriff's Association. I am married to the former Dee Dee Helderman who is a registered nurse and we have 2 children, Dylan age 13, who is in seventh grade and Sara age 7, who is in first grade. We attend Saint John's Catholic Church in Loogootee.

Journal: Why do you want to be Sheriff?

Street: I want to be your next sheriff for several reasons but probably the main reason is Martin County has always been my home. I was born as a Martin County resident and I want to continue to live my entire life here. With that being said, all my family and most of my friends live in this great county so I have an obligation to continue to protect not only those people but the rest of the citizens who choose to make Martin County their home, their place to work, or their place to visit. I started my law enforcement career out at the Martin County Sheriff's Department and have worked my way up to Chief Deputy by working hard and maintaining great working relationships with the Sheriffs and by also being an employee that the Sheriff has confidence in to do the right thing.

Journal: What do you feel is the role of the Sheriff?

Street: I feel the sheriff has several roles to play and at the top of the list would be a great police officer. By being great I mean a police officer that will sit down with you and actually listen to your problem and then try to find a solution for the problem. Being an effective police officer means being able to have a 2-way conversation to determine

what the problem or need is. A lot of the time people simply just need someone to talk to and vent. Secondly, the Sheriff has to be a good administrator. The sheriff's department carries over a quarter of a million dollar budget and you have to be able to manage that money to ensure it is not wasted and will last through the year. Along with that you have several employees that have to be managed and be open to their needs as well. You have anywhere from 40 to 65 inmates that have to be cared for and their needs met. Fourth, you have to be a bit of a handyman. The jail was built in 1991 and is getting some age on it. There are problems that come up daily and have to be addressed. You simply cannot afford to hire someone to fix everything that comes up; you have to take the initiative to do some of it yourself. I feel that by being in the chief deputy's position the last 8 years, I have gained the experience needed to be the next sheriff. No other candidate has the 26 years of experience I have at the department and more importantly none have the 8 years as chief deputy to have gained the experience to run the department effectively.

Journal: How do you feel about use of cell phones while driving and do you think there should be a law against it?

Street: Methamphetamine is definitely a problem not only in our county but in the entire state. Most of the population in the jails today are a result of substance abuse and the expenses to tax payers are astronomical when you figure to costs associated with not only housing the inmate, but healthcare issues as well. Another huge problem that is sometimes overlooked and may be a bigger problem than the methamphetamine is prescription drug abuse. It has been on the rise for the past few years and poses similar problems as those with the meth. I think that we have made progress in both of those areas by aggressive law enforcement to catch those making the methamphetamine and selling the prescription drugs. I believe that keeping up with the aggressive stance on these violators and continued training for the offices in these areas; we will be able to maintain the upper hand in fighting the war on drugs.

Journal: How do you feel about use of cell phones while driving and do you think there should be a law against it?

Street: Cell phone usage and texting while driving can be summed up in one word: DANGEROUS. I have been to several personal injury and fatal accidents where the accident was a result of using the cell phone while driving down the road. Although I do believe with the lifestyles that we live today, you cannot get around needing to make or take a phone call while you are in the car so I don't necessarily agree with having a law that would prohibit the use of a cell phone in the car. I would however like to see some sort of law that would maybe limit the phone usage to a Bluetooth headset or similar device.

Journal: If you are elected Sheriff is there anything you would want to change in the department?

Street: If I am elected Sheriff there are a few changes that I would like to make at the department. One in particular, is the stability with employees at the department. We are faced with such turnover in the department that most citizens do not know many that work there. A lot of that has to do with the salary and the sheriff does not have much control over that since it is decided by another unit of county government. I do think there are things that as sheriff you can do to

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keep quality employees my making it a great work environment that workers will not focus on the salary portion and focus more on the positive issues of the job. I have discussed some of my ideas with a few of the employees and have had great feedback on the ideas. Another issue is that of county patrol. With the increased price of fuel, you don't want officers wasting fuel by not being effective with their patrols. However, you don't want to see the officer sitting at the convenience store their entire shift either. There has to be a balance there that will get the patrols back to the county roads and effective law enforcement back to the entire county, not just a select area of the county. As your Sheriff, I would like to look into the possibility of reinstating an aggressive K-9 program. I believe if you have an officer that actively works a K-9 program, you can achieve great results. Lastly, in the past the Sheriff's Department had terrific DARE program in both school systems in our county. I would like to work with our schools to reinstate that program or a similar program to maintain a relationship between the students and the police officers.



BRUCE HARDWICK

REPUBLICAN FOR SHERIFF

Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Hardwick: I am a lifelong resident of Martin County. I live in Shoals with my companion of 9 years. We have a "blended" family: 2 daughters, 1 son and 6 grandchildren. I graduated from Shoals High School in 1971 and joined the workforce upon graduation. I have been employed at National Gypsum for 39 years and currently hold the position of Board Line Foreman.

Journal: Why do you want to be Sheriff?

Hardwick: I have always been interested in a law enforcement career, but I had a family to raise and had to have immediate and secure employment, so a career change was not practical for me at that time. At this crossroads of my life, however, I have decided it is time to give it a try. I consider myself a down-to-earth person who is honest, stern yet fair, trustworthy, loyal, and very hardworking. All of these traits will help me to do a good job as Sheriff. I have nothing against our current law enforcement; I just think a change is needed. A different perspective sometimes will bring positive results. I would like to be given the chance to put some of my ideas to work and will strive to bring morale and budget matters under control. I will do my best to make Martin County a safe place for all residents to live and work.

Journal: What do you feel is the role of the Sheriff?

Hardwick: First and foremost, you have to lead by example. You also have to be dedicated to improving law enforcement and the character of your officers. The Sheriff has to pay very close attention to details in all aspects of the job. Whether it is writing up complaint reports, crime investigations, apprehending a suspect, serving a warrant, presiding at judicial proceedings, jail security, school functions, traffic citations and the tons of paperwork, details can make or break a case. The Sheriff must have a good working relationship with all levels of law enforcement, including city, county, state and federal agencies. The Department should consist of hard working people doing their jobs...to serve and protect.

Journal: How do you feel about use of cell phones while driving and do you think there should be a law against it?

Hardwick: Meth production is probably the No. 1 drug problem we have today. Everyone talks about it but no one really has an answer. If you bust someone for making it and he is sent to jail, it is likely that he will go back to making it when he gets out.

Also, there are the addicts that set up labs just to produce what they use. I think the key is to help the addicts break the habit. More money should be used in the drug courts to rehabilitate the ones hooked on the drug. If there is less demand for the drug, then the production of the drug won't be nearly as profitable. This is a very powerful and addictive drug so it won't be wiped out in the near future.

Journal: How do you feel about use of cell phones while driving and do you think there should be a law against it?

Shoals School Board District 1



CHAD CUNDIFF

Journal: Tell us about yourself (education, family, experience, etc.)

Cundiff: I am a 1998 Shoals High School graduate. I have worked for National Gypsum for the past nine years and currently hold the position of Relief Supervisor. I have an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Ivy Tech Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and another Bachelor's Degree in Integrated Supply Chain and Operations Management, both from the University of Phoenix. I have coached either 7th or 8th grade Shoals boys' basketball for three years, helped coached Shoals' Junior Basketball League the last two years (1st through 4th grades), and helped coach Shoals 3rd grade AAU this year. I love being involved and helping out with our youth in this community.

Journal: Why do you want to be on the Shoals School Board; did you have a desire to run or were you asked to run?

Cundiff: In 2005 I took a promotion for work and moved to Lorain, Ohio and was there for three years. I kept a subscription to The Shoals News and read the paper every week. After being away the first couple of years and reading each paper, I told myself if I was ever given the chance to move back to Shoals that I was going to get involved in politics and involved in our school system. I was transferred back to Shoals in June of 2008 and have been committed ever since to getting more involved in both areas. As being a Shoals graduate, you always want things to be better for the students coming through the school now and in future but to ensure that happens, you have to be part of decision-making process.

Journal: What do you think the school corporation should do about the recent funding cuts? Do you think there are areas that can be trimmed down?

Cundiff: When you have to cut funds, mostly in education, there is never a positive result. The first thing the school should concentrate on is being more efficient and lean. Efficiency comes in many ways and can be as small as shutting off lights when classrooms are not being used to more complex issues such as supply chain management. Reduction in workforce should be the last resort. Jobs in this community need to be cherished and preserved but at the end of the day our school's best interest must come first.

Journal: Would you be for or against cutting music, band, art, or sports programs to help with the budget? Why?

Hardwick: Whether you are talking or texting on a cell phone it distracts you while driving and has been the cause of many accidents. I would be in favor of legislation to stop the use of cell phones while driving.

Journal: If you are elected Sheriff is there anything you would want to change in the department?

Hardwick: A couple of complaints were consistently expressed to me by county residents. One was the need for more rural patrol. The second complaint was response time to the rural areas. If I am elected Sheriff, there will be changes made in the Department to provide more rural patrol and a quicker response time. I also believe that there is a need for more involvement with the children, whether it involves programs at school or workshops to help educate the

young people of the dangers and consequences of alcohol and drugs. I will always be available to listen to what people have to say and I will treat all with respect. I will do my utmost to manage the budget and to provide the county with personal and professional service, 24-7. I realize that I have not worked my way up the law enforcement career ladder, but I would be a hardworking Sheriff, doing my best to protect the citizens of Martin County. I do believe that the Sheriff's office is your best protection. As law enforcement officers, I think that we have to remember that even with the badge and uniform, we are people, just like you.

KEVIN BOYD
REPUBLICAN FOR SHERIFF
No response

Journal: How do you feel about school consolidation?

Cundiff: I would be against this. These programs are more than just something for our students to do but more as a way to grow as young adults. Many of these programs teach teamwork and responsibility which are both assets that our students need to learn before heading to college or into the workforce. As a past student athlete from Shoals, I can say that I had some of the most influential coaches that built strong work ethics and character into my personality during my high school years, which has led to me being goal-driven and successful as an adult.

Journal: Do you think Shoals Schools have any real problems such as with drug use, bullying, etc.?

Cundiff: I think Shoals Schools has a very well-balanced administration which looks for and handles every situation before the situation becomes serious.

Journal: How do you feel about school consolidation?

Cundiff: This is a subject that has always been discussed for years but could possibly happen in the near future. This will depend on how our government proceeds in its decision making in the future. My personal feelings are that we have a good thing now in this county.



CHRISTY FARHAR

Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Farhar: I graduated high school from Bedford North Lawrence in Bedford, Indiana. From there, I went on to Vincennes University where I earned a degree in Law Enforcement. I married Ed Farhar shortly after college. We have three children, Chad 22, Aimee 18 and Cole 14.

I have served on the Shoals School Board of Trustees for the past four years. I feel that the experience I have gained while being on the Shoals School Board has better equipped me to serve in this capacity for the years to come. The current state of the economy has brought with it problems that no one foresaw coming. Our teachers are expected to do more with less, and as a school board member, I feel we must support the teachers we have. Shoals Community Schools, I believe, have the best teachers around. They have adapted well to change and continue to work hard to provide the youth in our community with a quality education.

We have worked hard to continually enhance our technology to better serve the stu-

dent of this generation. We have also made many upgrades to our buildings which have forced them to work more efficiently for less cost. With the impending budget woes, we must continue to work hard to make sure, as a school, we operate in the best way to provide for our students. Serving on the board for the past four years has equipped me with the knowledge of the school corporations' inner budget principals.

Journal: Why do you want to be on the Shoals School Board; did you have a desire to run or were you asked to run?

Farhar: This question amused me in that I seriously thought about not seeking election in this position again however, I felt with the impending issues that we are facing, my experience could be of benefit to our community. I was asked by several members of the community if I would be running again but the ultimate decision was made by me and my family.

Journal: What do you think the school corporation should do about the recent funding cuts? Do you think there are areas that can be trimmed down?

Farhar: I think there are several areas in which we need to be looking to help combat the budget issues we are now faced with. We must come together as one unit to work hard to ensure the best education for our students. There are many areas in which can be trimmed down to make better use of our time and money but that being said we must be sensitive to the needs of our employees so that we can do the best for our students.

Journal: Would you be for or against cutting music, band, art, or sports programs to help with the budget? Why?

Farhar: I am not opposed to looking at any ways in which we can save money in extracurricular areas, however, we must keep in mind that not every student is interested in the same activities or learns at the same level. So, we must be open to many options where these areas are concerned.

Journal: Do you think Shoals Schools have any real problems such as with drug use, bullying, etc.?

Farhar: I do not feel we have a major problem with drug abuse in Shoals Community Schools. I am sure that it is prevalent in some ways but I do not feel it is something we must work hard at combating.

I do feel that we could benefit from some type of education for our students on the effects of drug and alcohol abuse.

Journal: How do you feel about school consolidation?

Farhar: If you would have asked me 5 years ago I would have said "no way" however, I am not totally opposed to it. I feel that it could benefit Martin County in several areas. I am not for sure if it would help the budget issues or not, that would have to be looked at initially. It would take a lot of open discussion between the two schools. Shoals and Loogootee are both very good schools with caring staff who wants the best for their students. It could offer the students more in the way of preparing for the next level. I would like to see the elementary schools remain separate and just consolidate the high schools though. This is not an area I would push for, but if we were forced to consolidate I would not be opposed to it.

Loogootee School Board District 3



SHAWN HOWELL

Journal: Tell us about yourself (education, family, experience, etc.)

Howell: Been married 18 years to Rhonda. I have two sons, Aaron 16 and Ryan 12.

Education – Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology and currently pursuing Master's Degree in Electronics and Computer Technology from Indiana State (only 1 class away from degree).

Journal: Why do you want to be on the Loogootee School Board; did you have a desire to run or were you asked?

Howell: My running is a natural progression in my volunteerism within the Loogootee community. I have spent the past four years on the Loogootee Little League Board, serving as president this past year (as well as being a coach/manager during that same period). I have co-coached the junior high cross country team two years ago, being named the head coach this year. I was asked to coach the junior high track team this year, before the task was passed to the high school track head coach because of small numbers of students that were to participate.

Beyond past experiences, running for a seat on the school board is all about getting "the rest of the story". In the past, I have had difficulty understanding decisions made by the board. I've wondered if the additional information they get may give them insight the community doesn't have, or how much they are influenced by administration, other board members or others. It's easy to question - but I would like to be a part of the process (instead of simply critiquing the outcomes) and play a role as a part of the ongoing exchange of information between the school and the community.

Journal: What do you think the school board should do about the recent funding cuts? Do you think there are areas that can be trimmed down?

Howell: Like many schools in the area, Loogootee has been affected by the recent \$300 million state budget cut in educational spending, with Loogootee being hit with almost a \$310,000 reduction in funds for the upcoming year. Loogootee should be able to weather the storm, not by an overflow of money in their budget, but by recent retirement announcements made by current teachers at the end of this school year. The money saved from salaries by attrition and reduction in force from the retiring teachers should make up for the money lost through the budget cuts.

No one likes to work harder for the same pay, but adding to the workload of the current staff (instead of hiring new teachers) to pick up those classes vacated by teacher retirements at the end of this school year, could be a step in the right direction. This will allow those teachers that are currently employed to keep their jobs without having teacher reductions.

There have also been talks of moving the middle school students (4th – 6th) out of their current building and using space in the junior/senior high school building. This would save money in current operating costs and to help keep the school system financially afloat.

The current administration has anticipated the current state budget cuts for this year (and also anticipate more budget cuts in FY '11) and have made moves to help absorb the money lost, all without raising taxes.

Journal: Would you be for or against cutting music, band, art or sports programs to help with the budget? Why?

Howell: I am not one to advocate cutting

programs/sports from the school for the sake of saving a few dollars. I think kids need an outlet from their school work to help develop a sense of something larger than themselves and being part of a team. If you begin to cut programs/sports from the budget, where do you start? Not everyone is interested or cut out to be a basketball, volleyball or a baseball player. Get out and watch some of the programs offered by the school and see how these kids enjoy doing what they love (did you get a chance to attend the high school play this past weekend and see how the kids worked hard for the past three months to put on a show for their school? Did you see the smiles on their faces?) Now tell them that you're going to cut these types of programs because it's not in the budget.

Journal: Do you think Loogootee Schools have any real problems with drug use, bullying, etc.?

Howell: Bullying can be a big problem among school-age children. It's hard to say with any degree of certainty if bullying at Loogootee Schools is a problem. Typically, most kids don't report this type of behavior to teachers or the administration. They don't want to be labeled a "tattle-tell" or "nark". From the age group my kids are (ages 12 and 16) I don't see it as being a problem. I haven't been privy to any conversations where this topic has come up. The "grapevine" or "gossip-fence" can be a very powerful form of communication and I haven't heard from anyone on this subject.

Drug use has no rightful place anywhere in society. They even have less of a place in schools where teens are impressionable and want to "fit in." Alcohol is one of the most readily available and abused drug by teenagers. I do believe that alcohol use is very prevalent among the school's students. I know of situations in the past where students were caught with alcohol and the punishment did not fit the crime. I have no tolerance for alcohol, especially when being used by those that are underage. The drug/alcohol policy needs to be seen by every student, signed by every student (and their parents) and be enforced by the administration. That way if a student is caught, there is no question about how that student will be punished.

Journal: How do you feel about school consolidation?

Howell: Mounting costs, state funding decreases and declining enrollment all point to school consolidation being a real possibility. With that said, I think that schools systems should decide on their own what is best for their students and taxpayers. Bigger is not always better. I am not opposed to consolidation, but the benefits must be there for it to be considered a viable option.

JASON ZIEGLER

Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Ziegler: My name is Jason Ziegler. My parents are the late Hinzie Ziegler and Norma Ziegler, of Rutherford. I have been married to Tammy (Noggle) Ziegler for 13 years, and we have five children, Reed-11 yrs., Blake-10 yrs., Ethan-8 yrs., Easton-6 yrs., and Mya-3 yrs.

I am a 1989 graduate of Loogootee High School, and I also attended USI. I currently work as an operator for Peabody Coal Company. I am a member of the Truelove United Methodist Church, and also a board member on the Loogootee Little League.

Journal: Why do you want to be on the Loogootee School Board; did you have a desire to run or were you asked to run?

Ziegler: I have wanted to be on the school board since my oldest son started in the school system. I didn't run prior to this year because I felt our current representative, David Lingenfelter, was doing a good job for our school and district, so I waited until his term was over to run. My father, Hinzie Ziegler, was on the school board and I really respected him and the job he did, so I would like to be there to represent not only my children, but all the children in the Loogootee School District.

Journal: What do you think the school corporation should do about the recent funding cuts? Do you think there are areas



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that can be trimmed down?

Ziegler: I believe the school corporation is doing exactly what needs to be done about funding cuts, like not replacing teachers and other employees that have retired or moved on. There are always areas that can be trimmed, but until I see the proposed budget with the available funds, I don't want to make specifics on the cuts I would make. I do support keeping class sizes small, because all the statistics support this is better all around for the children.

Journal: Would you be for or against cutting music, band, art, or sports programs to help with the budget? Why?

Ziegler: No, I do not think cutting music, band, art, or sports programs would be a good idea. I think these programs are good ways for students to express themselves and they need that, after all, the kids are why I am running for school board. I want to be able to do what is best for all the kids in the school system, and make decisions based on helping improve their academic and social future.

Journal: Do you think Loogootee Schools have any real problems such as with drug use, bullying, etc.?

Ziegler: I think that as long as a school has kids doing drugs and/or bullying other kids it is a problem, and unfortunately this is found in every school. With that being said, some schools are going to be worse than others. I think teaching children to avoid drugs, and discussing with them not to be bullies should start in the home. Then I believe the school should continue to encourage against behaviors such as drugs, and bullying, not being naive that it is occurring. I think we should reward positive behavior, and discipline negative behavior, and explore any and all avenues to try to ensure it is stopped they best we can.

Journal: How do you feel about school consolidation?

Ziegler: I don't like the idea of school consolidation. I think that consolidation is an absolute last resort. If schools in this area did consolidate, you would have kids on the bus for over an hour one way. I know we already have some that are close to that now, and then you add more bus time on to a school day, plus homework, it is just too much.

LORI MATTINGLY

Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Mattingly: Hello all. My name is Lori Mattingly and I have lived in Loogootee most of my life. I attended schools at Loogootee. My mother was Kolene Mattingly and my father is Norbert Mattingly. I attended some other schools as a child due to being in the foster care program. I had my first child by the age of 17 and did not graduate from Loogootee High School. I was too humiliated to return to school and I regret that I chose not to go back. I did get my GED. I then attended Indiana Business College in Vincennes. After having a few more children I became a single parent and knew that I had to go back to college and get my nursing degree. So I attended Vincennes University's Registered Nursing Program. I graduated in 2003. I now work at Dunn Memorial Hospital in Bedford, Indiana. I am fortunate because I get to do what I love for a living. I am engaged to Scott Seals and have been for ten years now. We have been in a committed relationship for 14 years. I have five children, Tasha Wagler, 18, graduated from LHS in 2009. Cameron Wagler, Catie Wagler, and Kimberly Seals—all age 15 are current students at LHS. Our



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youngest, Leighton Seals, 10, attends Loogootee Elementary East. We are very active with our children and their sports and activities that they participate in at Loogootee Schools.

Journal: Why do you want to be on the Loogootee School Board; did you have a desire to run or were you asked to run?

Mattingly: I decided five years ago that I wanted to run for school board in the future. Our school board representative for Rutherford Township is David Lingenfelter and I personally have been pleased with him and all that he has done while on the school board. I chose to run for the school board only after Dave chose not to run. I am a strong child advocate. I am running for the Loogootee School Board to advocate for all of the Loogootee students. I have had to overcome a great deal in my life to get to where I am today. I made a decision when I became a parent to be the best parent that I could be for my children. I love the youth in this community and I want to see all of them succeed. Lord knows that I have had many people help me along my journey to get to who I have become as an adult. The first words of encouragement and support came from my teachers at Loogootee. I had a teacher that didn't give up on me and, in fact, became my foster parent, Sandy Reeves. Unfortunately I wasn't very confident as a child . . . I was anything but. As a result of this, I have made the decision to put myself out there for the sake of all of our children.

Journal: What do you think the school corporation should do about the recent funding cuts?

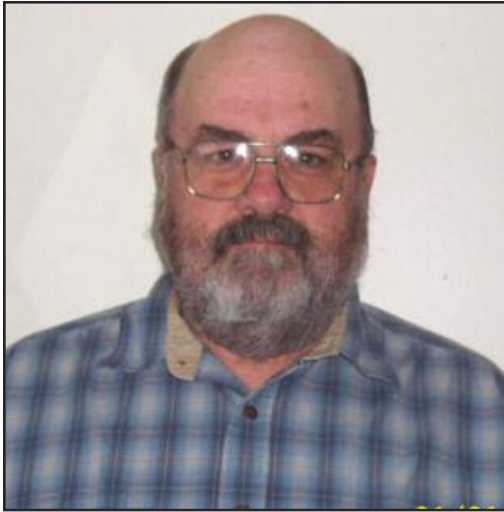
Mattingly: Do you think there are areas that can be trimmed down? I have not seen the budget or the funding the Loogootee School Corporation receives because I am not a current board member but I will tell you that I do not want to cut teachers or programs. Without our teachers, our kids will not be educated. We cannot afford to lose our teachers. Where would our children be? I do not want to cut any programs either. I remember as a child playing the tuba (because this was provided to me for free by the school) in my front yard (mom said I couldn't play inside). It gave me confidence. I know that at the last school board meeting the possibility was discussed of closing Loogootee Elementary East. As much as I don't want to do that I know that the reality of it is that they need the teachers more than they need that building. I have raised my children in a small modular home and they are all doing well and it hasn't hurt them to be closer to one another, so I suppose I support closing a school to save the teachers. I accept the reality that eventually with the finances the way they are, consolidation will probably happen. We must do what is best for our children. Education always comes first.

Journal: Would you be for or against cutting music, band, art, or sports programs to help with the budget? Why?

Mattingly: I strongly oppose cutting programs like music, band, art, and sports. Music always was and still remains my outlet. I love it. Through these programs our children learn self confidence and they discover who they will become as adults. It teaches them to be a part of something bigger than themselves. They learn to compete and support one another. This will be an important part of their lives later as adults. It is a part of their education process. I valued the experiences and memories that I got to be part of through my

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LARRY CRANEY

Journal: Tell us about yourself (education, family, experience, etc.)

Craney: I was raised in Martin County and grew up on a small family farm north of Loogootee. I am the second of three sons of Edmund and Virginia Craney. I attended St. John's grade school 1-6 and Loogootee Jr.-Sr. High grades 7-12. After graduation, I attended the Oakland City Vo-Tech program where I received a certificate in Auto-Diesel Technology. Growing up I was active in 4-H and farm work. I have been married to Toni Hawkins for 27 years and we have four children and two grandchildren. My son Eddie, and wife Jennie, have two daughters Mackenzie and Jocelyn.

My other three children Sarah, Rebecca and Travis are all at home. Eddie and Sarah graduated from LHS and Rebecca is a senior. Travis is a seventh grader. I have worked at U. S. Gypsum in Shoals for over 30 years in the engineering department. I work mobile equipment maintenance.

Journal: Why do you want to be on the Loogootee School Board; did you have a desire to run or were you asked to run?

Craney: I was on the Loogootee School Board from 2004 to 2008, and lost the 2008 election by 20 votes. I feel like I made a difference in listening to the concerns at the time and tried to always use common sense in my decisions and would like the opportunity to do this again. My only agenda is a good education for our children. So yes, I have a desire to be on the board. Yes, I had several people ask me to run again. They told me they thought I had good intentions while on the board and a common-sense approach to my way of thinking.

Journal: What do you think the School Corporation should do about the recent funding cuts? Do you think there are areas

that can be trimmed down?

Craney: The recent funding cuts are in my opinion not fair to our future. Our children are our future and, as a parent, I am not happy with it. We, not only as a board, but also as parents, need to get involved, not only on the local level, but when we vote May 4 to be sure our vote is for someone who cares about our future. But what can we do now? As a board member I would want any new hire to be versatile. While we want the best teachers we also should hire teachers and staff who can and will do more than one thing. With declining numbers of students we may not have a need for an all day teacher in some positions. Hopefully we can get people to fill in more than one position. We have had several retirements and their replacements should be carefully evaluated and we need to fill some from within our corporation.

Yes, every workplace has places that can be trimmed, this has already been done to a degree and, as long as people are doing the job they were hired for, I am against getting rid of anyone. In tough times (or anytime) people need to pull their own weight. People may be asked to do a little more but that beats not working at all.

Journal: Would you be against cutting music, band, art, or sports programs to help with the budget? Why?

Craney: I am against cutting these and many other classes that our children use and can help mold their future. We have had several people from Loogootee that are now making a living with the help of these classes. I would include shop classes, also, that I am against cutting, as people need to work with their hands as well as their minds. I make my living doing the things that were taught in the shop classes in LHS.

Journal: Do you think Loogootee Schools have any real problems such as drug use, bullying, etc.?

Craney: Do we have these problems? Unfortunately, yes, we do. I feel like they are being handled well for the most part but as a former board member and parent I know all is not perfect. Having talked to parents and board members from other corporations this is a problem elsewhere also and Loogootee is more fortunate than many.

Journal: How do you feel about school consolidation?

Craney: I feel that consolidation just for the sake of saving money is wrong! I remember consolidation when St. Johns and Loogootee consolidated. You lose some individuality when this happens. You gain opportunity that a smaller school cannot offer. Our Loogootee

School Corporation offers MORE to its students than many larger schools in the area. My opinion is we need to keep class sizes small so teachers can teach, especially the first six grades, so students can get some individual attention and get good study habits down pat and be better prepared for their future.

MARK SIMS

Journal: Tell us about yourself (education, family, experience, etc.)

Sims: I am Mark Sims, 45 years old, a 1983 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School. Married to Krista (Summers) Sims, my wife of 19 years; Daughter-Kylie Sims 16; Daughter Katie Sims-10. I am employed as a Civil Engineering Technician at Crane Army Ammunition Activity. Retired 20 years US Navy Seabee where I obtained my Certified Military Instructor Certification. A Member of Martin County Catholic Parishes and a member of Knights of Columbus. 6 year member of Martin County 4-H council, currently serving in fifth year as President.

Journal: Why do you want to be on the Loogootee School Board; did you have a desire to run or were you asked to run?

Sims: While serving my country all over the world I have always tried to be a positive role model and make a difference in the community and youth of that area by volunteering. Since moving back here in 2003, I have been actively involved in the 4-H program and with a lot of help from other council members, Extension agent, and the local community, we have brought the enrollment numbers from 120 members to almost 300 last year and are currently on track to surpass the 300 mark this year. I see being a member of the school board as another opportunity to further benefit our community and the Loogootee School Corporation.

Journal: What do you think the School Corporation should do about the recent funding cuts? Do you think there are areas that can be trimmed down?

Sims: I believe with the retirement of several staff members, we won't have to make cuts, but will not be able to hire as many staff members to fill these positions. However, I also feel that it is important to keep a good teacher/student ratio and keep the bar set as high as it is now with academic success. With this being said, I feel we could increase some of the class sizes and still maintain a high academic level. One solution is to close Elementary East. I would like to see the financial numbers and see how beneficial this would be. Along with this I have heard the proposal is to have grades K thru 4th in Ele-



MARK SIMS

mentary West and have grades 5 and 6 in the Jr./Sr. High School and as a parent this concerns me having such young children in with older ones and I foresee problems with bullying and hearing and seeing things from the older children that 5th and 6th graders should not be subjected to at that age.

Journal: Would you be against cutting music, band, art, or sports programs to help with the budget? Why?

Sims: I believe that the Loogootee Athletic Department has been very self sufficient. This is largely due to the success of various sports teams, extensive fan base, and very strong community support. I believe sports programs are very important and similar to the 4-H program, band, art, and chorus. All teach good sportsmanship, responsibility, team work, punctuality, and mental attitude; keeping today's youth constructively occupied, thus not adding to the burden on our local law enforcement agencies with mischief. For these reasons, I feel that there should not be any cuts to the band, art, chorus or sports programs.

Journal: Do you think Loogootee Schools have any real problems such as drug use, bullying, etc.?

Sims: I do not feel that our school system has any problems with drug use or bullying at this time, Mainly because of dedication of our educational staff and their care of our community's children.

Journal: How do you feel about school consolidation?

Sims: Once again this is something I would have to see the financial numbers on and what school we would consolidate with. In the long run this could be the answer to our funding problems, but without more info I cannot say rather I am for it or against consolidation. Thank you for your support, Mark Sims

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activities and sports in school. I know that it also helps me as a parent to keep them on track with their grades and behavior. Those things that my children value I do as well. I use these things to keep them in line so to speak. If they want to participate then they have to do chores, watch their mouths, do their homework, etc...

Journal: Do you think Loogootee Schools have any real problems such as with drug use, bullying, etc.?

Mattingly: I certainly do. All schools do. I am not nieve. Bullying happens and it should be dealt with, not only through the school, but through the parents. I remember being a freshman and being scared to death that the upperclassmen were going to give us swirleys to initiate us. At least that is what I think that they were called. It happens and it should be dealt with. In order for the staff to attempt to deal with the problems they need to be made aware that a problem exists. It is up to us, as parents and students, to tell someone. We should at the very least make our kids feel safe while attempting to get their education. Children who bully others should be punished, it's that simple. If not by the school then by their parents. Drugs are a problem everywhere not just in school. In order to keep it from our kids it needs to be taken off of the streets. I count on our officers for this. This is their job. I do not want my kids to become addicted to drugs and waste their lives. I have personally seen what drugs do to a family. I can't speak for anyone else but

it has personally affected my life. I am grateful everyday that I did not get involved with them when I was in school. I am sure that my life wouldn't be what it is today had I become an addict. As a parent I would be mortified if I found out that my child had a drug problem but I would want to know so that I could help my child before it was too late. As a board member I would have to insist that parents be notified if staff knew that a problem existed. Our children deserve this. Our parents deserve this.

Journal: How do you feel about school consolidation?

Mattingly: I realize that the economy has affected everyone, even our children. Times are tough financially for everyone. I do not know how we can avoid consolidation, so I am not going to pretend that it won't happen because I am sure that eventually there will be no choice. We will have to make tough decisions in order to give our children a strong education. This will probably include consolidation in the future. I only hope that we can utilize more buses to cut the bus ride down. My children are first on and last off the bus. They get on the bus now at 6:40 a.m. and I think that this is too early. So regarding the bus rides, I don't have an answer, but if we can somehow manage to shave some time off of the bus ride that would be great. My children ride the bus for two hours and forty minutes daily Monday through Friday. Excluding the days that I am off of work and can take them in the morning.

KEEVAN NEUKAM

Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Neukam: My name is Keevan Neukam and I am married to Brenda Neukam and have lived in Rutherford my whole life. I am a 1975 graduate of Loogootee High School and a member of the Christ Lutheran Church and formerly president and treasurer of the congregation. I have been a farmer for 35 years and I am semi-retired. I was named the National Conservationist for Martin County in 1991 and the Master Farm Conservationist for Martin County in 2007-08. I am the son of Fred and Martha Neukam and my wife and I do not have children.

Journal: Why do you want to be on the Loogootee School Board; did you have a desire to run or were you asked to run?

Neukam: I was asked to run for school board but, in the end, it was my choice. Now that I am semi-retired I feel that I have time to devote to being on the school board. I have always been a taxpayer and would like to see where the money is being spent and feel that I could help.

Journal: What do you think the school Corporation should do about the recent funding cuts?

Neukam: Without being a member of the school board it is hard to answer this question. I don't want to commit to anything and have to go back on my word. If elected, I will have to look at the numbers and make the best decision for the students.

Journal: Would you be for or against cut-

ting music, band, art, or sports programs to help with the budget? Why?

Neukam: I don't support cutting any of these programs because I feel that children should be allowed to run around and play sports. Education comes first, but I believe that there is a happy medium. These programs are part of the school experience that I think children should have.

Journal: Do you think Loogootee Schools have any real problems such as with drug use, bullying, etc.?

Neukam: I really don't know. I would sure hate to have an environment where kids are afraid to go to school. If bullying is an issue it has to be addressed because it's not right. Discipline needs to come from the top.

Journal: How do you feel about school consolidation?

Neukam: Well, they did it in the 1970s and a lot of people had hard feelings but time heals all wounds and a lot of people don't even remember it happened. I am not against it if it is beneficial and necessary. We need to do what's best for the children. There are a lot of things on the table and different opinions. I personally liked being in a small school because the kids know all the teachers and the teachers know all the students. When I was in school it was more rural and everyone worked on the farm. A lot more kids live in town now. Small schools allow children to get more one-on-one time with the teacher and if they have a problem smaller classes allow the problem to be identified faster. If we can get by I prefer smaller schools.