



Foggy morning

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

What a beautiful, foggy scene on West Boggs Lake last Wednesday. The birds in the water are American Coots which resemble ducks in the water but are more closely related to the Sandhill Crane. On land, American Coots look more like chickens than ducks because they walk rather than waddle and do not have webbed feet.

Shoals School Board pours through monthly business

Meeting minutes provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, Shoals Community School Corporation Secretary

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, April 10. Board member Christy Farhar was not present.

Superintendent Keller recommended the board approved a temporary teaching contract for Barbara Hager during the medical leave of Lisa Ader. The temporary teaching contract is for a period of 48 school days for a total of \$15,516. The board discussed the details of the proposed contract as well as possible alternatives that may be less costly to the school. Following discussion, a motion to approve Barbara Hager on the temporary teaching contract was made by Tony Cundiff, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 3-1 vote was given with Lorna Troutman opposing. Lorna Troutman stated for the record that the reason she opposed was nothing against Miss Hager, but only because of finances. Mary Lou Billings, stated for the record that she has noticed that we do have a lot of teacher absences across the board.

The board approved Terra Boyd to serve as

a substitute teacher during the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.

The board approved Luke Harmon to serve as a high school baseball volunteer.

The board accepted the resignation of Amy Quinn-Watson from the position of cafeteria cook/custodian. To replace Quinn-Watson, the board hired Miranda Beaver as cafeteria cook/custodian. Mrs. Beaver has previously served as a substitute in the cafeteria.

The board approved a staff development request from Tina Sullivan to attend a high ability conference at SIEC in Jasper on April 16, 2014.

Superintendent Keller recommended the board approve using Indiana Virtual Academy for summer school instruction during the summer of 2014. The school has used Indiana Virtual Academy in previous years and were pleased with the program. The board approved.

Superintendent Keller notified the board that a donation was made by an anonymous donor to purchase pedometers for Mrs. Adam's class. The board thanked the donor.

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Employee bonuses top commissioners' meeting

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins came before the commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night, April 15 to discuss the bonus money she received from the state for getting a "B" grade for community corrections' performance. She received \$13,815 and wants to give \$5,000 in bonuses to her five employees – three of which are part-time. \$3,000 is to be used for the juvenile detention program at both Martin County Schools, \$815 for staff training, and \$5,000 for hiring a consultant to help with quality assurance on policies and procedures. Collins said the policies and procedures are what knocked the department's grade down to a "B" so she wants to improve that.

Collins said the community corrections advisory board approved her usage of the bonus money but she was bringing it to the commis-

sioners as a courtesy for their approval as well. The commissioners asked if she would be splitting the \$5,000 between just the three part-time staff members since the full-time staff members received the five percent bonus and health savings account money recently from the county council. Collins replied that the money would be split between all five staff members – not just the part-time.

Commissioner Paul George said giving this bonus is not a precedent he wants to set in the county because other departments are not able to give bonuses to their part-time staff members. He went on to say that they appreciate what the part-time staff does, but they are still part-time.

Collins said other than \$9,000 the county puts aside for road crew, community corrections is completely self-sustaining, even with benefits. Community corrections is grant funded or makes money from its clients. (See 'BONUSES' continued on page two)

Health department looking for volunteers for mock disaster

The Martin County Health Department will be conducting a disaster exercise on Thursday, April 17 at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building located at the Martin County Fairgrounds on Hwy. 50, east of Loogootee. This exercise will be a simulation of a release of a biological agent that requires the health department to dispense medications to a large amount of citizens in Martin County.

One of the missions of all local health departments is to be ready to dispense large amounts of antibiotics, vaccines, or antidotes to every citizen within their county in the event of a disease epidemic, terrorist attack, or accidental release of biological or chemical agents.

This exercise will allow the Martin County Health Department to evaluate its readiness to respond to such an event.

The health department is inviting the pub-

lic to attend this exercise and to participate as mock "victims" for this event. The health department is using this exercise to determine how long it takes to process a certain number of people and having actual people come and go through a simulated process allows for a more realistic experience for the health department.

If any members of the public would like to attend, the Martin County Health Department is asking that you arrive at the Martin County Community Building at 6 p.m. on April 17. The process will involve going through a simulated situation that involves a registration process, a medical evaluation station, and a simulated drug dispensing station. Any assistance from the public will be greatly appreciated.

Any questions concerning this event can be directed to the Martin County Health Department at 812-247-3303.

Easter Services at area churches

Loogootee United Methodist Church,
208 W. Main Street, Loogootee

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday
7 pm

Friday, April 18: 2 p.m. Good Friday
Service at Loogootee Rehab Center

and 7 p.m. community Good Friday
Service at

Loogootee United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 19: 7 a.m. Sunrise
Service Youth

Group leading, 8 a.m. Easter continental
breakfast and 9 a.m. worship service.

Loogootee Revival Center Church,
Wood Street, Loogootee

Sunday, April 20: 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
breakfast, 9:30 a.m. service with commun-

ion, special music and children's skit and
special testimonies from Catrina Goldsberry
and Bill Berry.

Community Service

Area churches invite you to a Good
Friday Service at 7 p.m. at Loogootee
United Methodist Church, 208 W.

Main Street, Loogootee. The ex-

periences of this day will

be portrayed by the

"Sounds of Good Friday." A community choir

will also be singing on

this evening. Area churches represented

are: St. John's Lutheran, St. John Catholic,
New Beginnings, Loogootee Christian,
Hindostan United Methodist Church,
Truelove United Methodist Church and
Loogootee United Methodist Church.

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BONUSES

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Collins said that no other entity in the county is like community corrections, except the recycling center. Auditor January Roush said that the highway department pays their own benefits. Commissioner George said he is glad Collins got the money but part-time employees, like those at the highway department, have no way of generating a bonus. He said they worked hard with the council to come up with bonuses for employees recently and he just can't be okay with a group of employees then getting more or other part-time employees getting nothing.

Collins said that Dubois County gave their entire \$21,000 to employees. She said she could check around to other counties to see how they handled this bonus. She said George cannot always look at each department the same because they operate different. She said it's not fair to penalize her staff.

Commissioner Kevin Boyd agreed with Commissioner George saying he wanted to be fair to all part-time employees in the county.

Commissioner Gregory then made a motion to approve Collins plan with the bonuses.

Before making the second, Commissioner Boyd said this issue has come up in the past with departments having the money to give their employees raises but the council denied the request due to fairness. He said he knows it is not fair to the other part-time employees but seconded Gregory's motion. Commissioner George voted against but it passed 2-1.

Collins said if there is backlash or if there is an issue in the future, she would go as far as paying the county back for what the full-time employees recently got for bonuses so she could give something to her part-time people.

In other business, Collins told commissioners that there were comments on facebook about road crew not cleaning the sides of the road on the highway between Loogootee and Shoals. She wanted to let commissioners know that due to safety issues, road crew will never be picking up debris along the state highways. She said she welcomes residents to call in if they find dump sites in their portion of the county. She added that road crew has been working two times a week and each time picks up three to five truckloads of garbage. She said they will be going to just Saturdays for a while and soon mowing and weedeating will become a priority.

Collins also reported that she received a proclamation from the governor making May 4 through May 10 correctional employee week.

Brooke Gregory returned to the commissioners last night to get an update on what was researched regarding her landlocked property. Brooke went before the commissioners two weeks ago to explain that she had several acres of property, part of which contain a cabin and a barn, that she has been unable to get to due to it being landlocked. She had explained that she had been dealing with this situation for several years and just wanted a solution. According to a map dated 1978-1990, an unimproved County Road 85 had existed at one time on the north side of the property. Brooke said she wanted to use that road, updating it to county specifications, she just needed someone from the highway department to mark it for her.

Commissioner Paul George said in doing research they found that Brooke had gone to court with the property owner on the north side of her property to get an easement and lost. Brooke said the lawsuit had nothing to do with the unimproved county road she is wanting to use on the south side, it was regarding an easement on the other parties' driveway.

George then asked about an entrance to the south. He said by looking at the map, the south end looks like it would be closer to her property. Brooke replied that it was not closer.

George then asked for direction from County Attorney Dave Lett. George said he was under the assumption that the issue had gone to court and Brooke had lost due to there being another way into her property.

Lett said that this matter was brought to the commissioners in 2004 and 2007. In 2007 he said he advised the commissioners that there had been litigation between Brooke and the north side property owner for Brooke to get access to her property through their land. He said two property owners to the north have an easement by prescription granted through the Department of Natural Resources and back in 2007, DNR said they were not prepared to approve anyone else having access. Lett said he has not been in contact with DNR since so he is unsure of whether they would reconsider now.

Brooke replied that at one point they had a letter from the DNR stating the Department of Natural Resources could not legally keep her from having access to her land. She said that letter was filed with the courthouse years ago but cannot be found in the file now. She said she can get the letter again. She said she doesn't want new access, she just wants to improve the unimproved county road. Lett replied that this is not an unimproved county road, it is an old wagon trail. Gregory replied that if it's on the map, in the inventory of roads, and was never vacated by the commissioners, then it is still a county road. Lett again said it was an old wagon trail built along creeks and banks and could not be maintained as a county road.

After more discussion the commissioners told Gregory that she needed to talk to DNR since they own a majority of the land she wants to put access through.

Brooke replied that she knows unimproved county roads have been re-opened for other people.

Attorney Lett told commissioners that there is a process to getting the road usable again and it's not as simple as just saying yes, you can use it. He said the road would have to be brought up to county specifications at no cost to the county.

Commissioner George asked if it would be better for Brooke to request use of the unimproved county road as her driveway. Brooke replied that DNR probably would be more in favor of approving it if it was considered an unimproved county road as opposed to asking for use of it as a driveway.

"I've been landlocked for more than 20 years out there and I am done," said Brooke. George replied that he thinks DNR would be sympathetic to that. "Well, I thought I would get a little sympathy here too and it's not fallen my way for the past 15 years," said Brooke. George replied that this is the way they are going to have to handle it, by contacting the DNR first. "Well, I'm going to get a road in there if I have to go find Mr. Survance and find out who his attorney is," said Brooke. She ended by saying she will contact DNR and will report back with her findings.

In other business Surveyor Nathan Hoffman gave his quarterly report. He said he has been indexing maps and putting in old ones along with doing other updates. The commissioners asked Hoffman if he was out of money in his department to which Hoffman replied that he was. "I'm doing the best I can with what I've got," he said. Commissioner Boyd asked who updates the maps on the eGIS with 39 Degrees North. Hoffman said anyone who finds errors can contact him and he knows there are still several mistakes. He said it's an ongoing project.

Sheriff Rob Street presented a quote from Accurate Controls, of Wisconsin, for installation of a new control panel for the jail doors that has not been replaced since the jail was built in 1991. The cost would be \$78,456. The commissioners and Street discussed this being a safety issue with jailers that have to carry a set of keys into the cell area. Street said the main safety issue lies with the jailer being alone with the set of keys while in with inmates. The commissioners approved getting the repairs done and did so as emergency funding. The community capital development fund currently contains around \$95,000. Roush said she could take it from that fund or part could be taken from EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax). Commissioner George said it would have to be approved by the county council if any money came out of

EDIT. Roush said she would report back with where the money would come from.

Street said work can begin on the panel right away and would take around three months to complete.

Street also reported that one of the new vehicles the commissioners approved for pur-

chase earlier this year will be delivered today, an Impala. It takes the place of the vehicle wrecked by Deputy Baker. He also reported that the jail population stood at 49 as of Monday, none from department of corrections. The jail can hold 64 inmates. He said he is still in an ongoing effort to get DOC inmates.

SHOALS

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The board approved the following facility usage requests with all fees waived:

-Eric Doane/IDNR to hold active shooter training in portions of the school buildings on June 12-13, 2014

-SHS Alumni Association to hold annual banquet in the main gym as well as use a classroom to display memorabilia on June 28, 2014

-Robert Peoples 5K Run for Hope on September 20, 2014 with all fees waived. The event is held outdoors.

-A request from varsity boys' basketball coach, Matt Wolfgang, to hold Basketball Shootout fundraising events at the school on June 13, 14, and 20, 2014. The events will be for the boys 7th grade, 8th grade, and varsity basketball teams.

-A request from Terra Boyd to hold a Family Science Night in the multi-purpose room on the evening of April 23, 2014.

The board approved the following field trips:

-2nd grade to Marengo Cave on April 25

-Students to Special Olympics at Bedford on May 8 and 9

-4th grade to Indianapolis Children's Museum on May 12

-6th grade to Blue Spring Caverns on May 16

-Junior beta club to Holiday World on May 24

-Senior class trip to Indianapolis on May 31

Superintendent Keller submitted a request to the board from January Roush and the Shoals Baseball Program. Mrs. Roush was in attendance and discussed the request with the board. She explained that the Shoals Baseball Program is for students at the junior high age level, but is not affiliated with the school athletic program in any way. The Shoals Baseball Program would make banners available for purchase by local business, with the proceeds being used to fund the program. She requested permission from the board to display the banners at Harding Diamond during the baseball season. The banners would not cost the school in any way, and would be removed seasonally and stored in an off-site location. The board gave approval.

Superintendent Keller provided the board with the boys' basketball summer schedule in draft version. The board reviewed the schedule with Varsity Basketball Coach Matt Wolfgang who was in attendance.

The board approved the renewal of the operating agreement with North Lawrence Vocational Center for the 2014-15 school year.

The board approved cafeteria breakfast and lunch prices for the 2014-15 school year as follows: milk half pint \$.40, student breakfast \$1.45, adult breakfast \$1.85, prekindergarten through sixth grade lunch \$2.10, seventh grade through twelfth grade lunch \$2.20, and adult lunch \$3.00. Superintendent Keller explained that the recommended prices meet the state requirement that student lunch prices average \$2.15 for students in all grade levels.

Superintendent Keller asked for permission from the board to donate or dispose of outdated photography lab equipment and four liquid warmers. She explained that the items have been stored in the high school chemistry area and are no longer useful to the students. The board approved.

The board held a second reading of the job description for the position of athletic director. Superintendent Keller noted that only one recommended change to the wording of the job description was suggested since the first reading was held by the board. The board approved the job description.

The board held a second reading of the policy for the senior class activity fund which

outlines how money can be spend from class funds following graduation. The board approved the policy.

The board approved renewal of the license with the FCC for operation of the school's radio system. The renewal period is for ten (10) years.

The board reviewed a draft version of updates to the non-teaching handbook. Superintendent Keller asked the board to contact her if they had any questions or suggestions concerning the handbook prior to the first reading which will be held at the next regular meeting.

The board held a first reading of the updates to the elementary and junior/senior high school student handbooks for the next school year. Candace Roush, junior/senior high school principal, and Austin Malone, elementary principal, discussed the recommended changes with the board. A second reading will be held at the next regular meeting of the board.

Austin Malone, elementary principal, and Candace Roush, junior/senior high school principal/assistant superintendent, reported on several events including:

-All teacher classroom observations should be completed by April 28

-5th grade students graduated from Project LEAD

-ISTEP testing resumes on Monday, April 28th

-IREAD3 results are very good - available online

-Elementary science fair scheduled for May 23

-More than one field trip had to be cancelled or postponed due to recent heavy rains

-NWEA, ISTEP, ECA, AP, and Accuplacer testing going on in the junior/senior high

-Charlie Applestein will visit for professional development on April 17

-They are proud to be sending 13 students to the Crane Science Fair on April 23

-Junior/senior high ISTEP celebration scheduled for May 2

-High school awards ceremony will take place on June 4 at 6 p.m.

-Junior/senior high teachers are creating professional learning committees to focus on school improvement and learn new teaching methods

Superintendent Keller reported on the following:

-Wayne Underwood and Roger Wraley successfully completed the training at Purdue and passed the examination for licensure to spray fertilizers on the grounds.

-Dr. Keller asked the board if they would agree to change the date of the May board meeting in order to allow more time to hold interviews for the position of athletic director as well as several open coaching positions. The board agreed by consensus to schedule the next regular meeting on May 15, 2014 at 5 p.m. with an executive session prior at 4 p.m.

-Language Arts textbooks are scheduled for adoption this year. They plan to adopt Spanish textbooks in May, but would like to postpone the adoption of other language arts textbooks in order to better align with state teaching standards.

-The gym floor is scheduled to be repainted this summer. Superintendent Keller asked the board if they had any preference regarding the color of the area inside the basketball foul lane.

-Superintendent Keller asked for approval from the board to post the position of summer IREAD remediation teacher. The board approved.

-Superintendent Keller shared results of the recent staff survey regarding the length of the school day.

OBITUARIES

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal

LESTER "NORMAN" WININGER

Lester "Norman" Winger passed away at 2:25 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Raglesville for 53 years, he was 83.

He was born December 11, 1930, in Martin County; the son of Roy and Bertha (Collins) Winger. He married Betty (Woodling) Winger on May 31, 1959 and she survives.

He attended Shoals Schools. He was a member of Frady Memorial United Methodist Church, Raglesville Men's Club, and Local 859 Carpenter's Union. He served on the Raglesville Community Board and the Evans Memorial Raglesville Park Board.

He worked for J.L. Wilson Contracting Co. for 25 years and then for Weddle Brothers Construction for 10 years before he retired in 1994.

He is also survived by his children, Terry Winger of Washington, Rick (Julia)

Winger of Jasper, Anita (Charles) Cooper of Bloomington, Scott (Jeannie) Winger, Gregory Winger and Troy (Amber Bennett) Winger, all of Odon; 11 grandchildren, Penny, Nick, Ashley, Lindsey, Morgan, Macy, Jordan, Allison, Nicole, Leigh and Addie; nine great-grandchildren, Deacon, Violet, Hadley, Laura, Branden, Catalina, Walter (the 5th), Riley and Madison; one sister, Vonda Winger of Loogootee; two brothers, Kenneth (Anita Terrell) Winger of Loogootee, and Wilson (Louise) Winger of Shoals.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 17 at Frady Memorial United Methodist Church, with Pastor Jann Hese-man officiating.

Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, April 16 and from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorial donations may be given to the Frady Memorial United Methodist Church, Evans Memorial Raglesville Park c/o Kate

Parsons 9954N 1150E Odon, IN 47562, or Raglesville Cemetery Fund, c/o Sue Fisher, 9987 N. Cross St., Odon, IN 47562.

Arrangements are being made through Ed Lee Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.edleemortuary.com.

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

Did you know that if you burn a mere 100 extra calories a day you could lose up to 10 pounds a year? You can do this very easily by just playing with your children and including them in other daily activities. The whole family will stay fit, experience fun memories, and learn to love the feeling of being active. Here are 10 simple ways to be active with your children and burn those 100 calories:

Dance during TV commercials (10-15 minutes), kick around a soccer ball (10-15 minutes), walk the stairs while counting (10-12 minutes), play at the park (45-50 minutes)

Clean/vacuum/mop the floors (25-30 minutes), rake leaves (20-25 minutes), shovel snow or sand (10-15 minutes), take a walk (15-25 minutes), wash and wax the car (45-50 minutes), put on music and dance around the house (10-15 minutes) (Indiana WIC)

So the moral of the story is keep moving!!! The WIC program provides supplemental nutritious foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin County WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

11:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of drug activity.

3:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

8:34 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on U.S. 231.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

8:08 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 7

4:10 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

5:17 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 231. Driver was located and cited.

9:24 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person at IGA.

9:48 p.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on East Main Street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

3:05 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up on Terrace Drive

6:09 a.m. - Received a report of a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

10:20 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Bloomfield Road for a tree on a power line.

6:08 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a do-

in Loogootee.

6:27 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Shoals.

11:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

1:57 p.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm in Shoals.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male on County Road 950 South.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic

mestic dispute.

11:44 p.m. - Female caller requested assistance in getting some of her property back.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a trash complaint.

12:15 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Pomp's Tire for an overheated motor.

8:34 p.m. - Caller reported a civil matter.

8:40 p.m. - After a report of a disturbance, Officer Nolan arrested a 17-year-old female. The female was later transported to Southwest Youth Village.

9:25 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on East Broadway Street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

11:55 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted school officials with a deviant student.

12:42 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

2:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

12:48 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

8:10 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

8:25 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

9:50 a.m. - Caller reported road rage. Driver was operating a black truck. Driver was later located.

3:57 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

8:13 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female sitting in a van on SE 2nd Street.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

11:34 a.m. - Caller reported property damage.

1:15 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

2:05 p.m. - Caller reported having problems with her son. Captain Hennette responded.

8:38 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

8:12 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on SE 1st Street.

11:16 a.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of loud music in Shaded Estates.

dispute in Loogootee.

11:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

7:41 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

6:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:15 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Crane.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

No calls reported from sheriff's department

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

No calls reported from sheriff's department.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

No calls reported from sheriff's department.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

3:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Brassine Lane. Martin County

Ambulance and Williams First Responders responded.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of a theft on West Broadway. Loogootee Police Officer Hennette responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a dog complaint on McCormick Street. Deputy Harmon responded.

11:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Public Square Apartments. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

8:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on St Joseph's Road. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:35 a.m. Received a request for an ambulance on Nobles Court. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Daviess Community Hospital. Loogootee First Responders were also on the scene along with Deputies Dant and Keller.

ISP reminds public about dangers of meth lab trash

With favorable spring weather coming our way, people are taking advantage by walking, jogging and bike riding on our local roadways. The potential exists that some people may come across trash left behind by those who have manufactured methamphetamine (meth). The Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Section wants to remind citizens that this trash may contain chemicals that are toxic, flammable, corrosive, and acidic. The combination of these chemicals could cause an explosion, fire or burns if they come into direct contact with the skin.

The Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Section, have identified some points for the public to keep in mind.

- Meth cooks are using a variety of containers to manufacture their product. A popular container is the one and a half gallon gas can. These cans appear to be new and have been found along the roadside by unknowing people who believe that they have found a new gas can and end up with a working meth lab.

- Other items to be aware of include battery casings, Ziploc-style bags, empty blister packs, and containers (pop-bottles, jars, etc.) that contain a granular material. They may or may not have a tube extending out of the top depending on whether it is a hydrochloric gas generator (HCL) or a one pot reaction. Both of these are extremely hazardous.

- Be aware of any type of cylinder found in an odd place (middle of a field, ditch line, wooded area) that has a modified valve. The valve will typically be modified in some way and will have a bright blue color to it. These cylinders are used to store or transport anhydrous ammonia, which is an extremely dangerous gas when direct contact

or inhalation has occurred.

If someone comes across this type of trash, they should not handle it. Instead, contact the local Indiana State Police Post, which can be found at the following link: www.in.gov/isp/2382.htm.

Any questions or concerns about meth can be directed to the Meth Suppression Section at (877) 855-METH or online at www.meth.in.gov.

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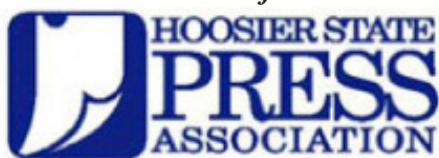
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Indiana State Police partners with the DEA in Eighth Drug Take-Back Day

This spring, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) offers residents a chance to get rid of pills, cough syrup, and other unwanted medications that have been piling up around their homes during the eighth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

Held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 26, 2014, the event is one of the few days of the year where residents can drop off expired or unused prescription medications without having to wonder whether they will be accepted—even controlled substances, such as ADHD drugs, are taken. This program WILL NOT ACCEPT NEW OR USED NEEDLES. The collection is intended for liquid and pill medications only.

Past Take-Back Day events have been hugely successful, collecting more than 324 tons of prescription medications nationwide last October alone. Citizens wishing to participate in this program may drop off their prescription drugs for disposal at any Indiana State Police Post throughout the state (except the Toll Road). This includes the Jasper and Evansville Posts on Saturday, April 26, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dubois County will host two additional sites: The Saint Anthony Fire Station, 4068 E County Road 450 S, Saint Anthony and the Dubois Fire Station, 4579 N Second Street, Dubois. These two sites will be open from 10 a.m. until noon.

To locate the state police post closest to your home or business, click this link: www.in.gov/isp/2382.htm

To find other locations participating in the Drug Take Back initiative, use this link to the www.dea.gov website: www.dea.gov/ntbi/ntbi-pub/pub?_flowExecutionKey=cB914A6DD-38D6-5822-35ED-D6544029B790_kFCD8CA69-FDF2-F45A-0C02-B2B1D6864170

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING April 2

Diona D. Hand, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 817 days suspended and credit for 139 actual days previously served plus 139 days for day-for-day good time credit. Defendant received 817 days of probation.

Sylvan R. Martin, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class C Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 401 days suspended and credit for 73 actual days previously served plus 73 days for day-for-day good time credit. Defendant received 401 days of probation.

April 7

Matthew C. Ochs, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony. Sentenced to serve 10 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 1,446 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 days for day-for-day good time credit. Defendant received 1,446 days of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED March 25

Donald L. Gibson, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 31

Corey L. Carnagie, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 2

Diona D. Hand, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony, dismissed.

Sylvan R. Martin, dealing in a sawed-off shotgun, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

April 7

Matthew C. Ochs, visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

April 7

Matthew A. Bullock vs. Chelsea S. Bullock, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Brocksmith Funeral Home and against the defendants Justin Crosby in the amount of \$3,097 and Tiffany Crosby in the amount of \$3,915.52.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 9

Cleverson John Robert Punturi of Loogootee and Kristin Marie Smith of Loogootee.

Jail bookings

MONDAY, APRIL 7

2:30 p.m. - Robert Neal, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee City Officer Nolan on preliminary charge of driving while suspended and on a Martin County warrant.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

6:58 p.m. - Charles A Kline, of Loogootee, was arrested on preliminary charges of domestic battery, criminal confinement, and criminal recklessness with a firearm.

Gerald Montgomery to run for office of clerk

Gerald D. Montgomery, of rural Shoals, announces his candidacy for the office of Martin County Clerk, in the Republican Party.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Montgomery, of Shoals, and the late Mary Tedrow, of Montgomery. He graduated from Shoals High School in 1973.

He is married to Exzelia Nelson Montgomery and they have three daughters, Mrs. Clark (Jnell) Gray, Mrs. Amos (Melinda) Graber, and Mrs. Ben (Elizabeth) Caudill; and six grandchildren.

Montgomery serves on the board of Hoosier Uplands, is a member of the Shoals Lions Club and served 10 years as a member of Gideon's International. Currently he pastors The Bloomfield Southside Wesleyan Church. He is employed as a bus driver for Shoals Community School Corporation and has operated his own business, Montgomery Electrical and Construction. In the past six years, he has served as Martin County Recorder.

Montgomery said he has enjoyed meeting people from all over the county. He said he knows the clerk's office will be a challenge but believes he can bring needed experience to the office. "I feel the citizens of Martin



GERALD MONTGOMERY

County have every right to expect the clerk's office to provide professional, confidential, and courteous service."

Montgomery urges each resident to exercise their right to vote. And he would appreciate your vote in the May 6 Primary Election and again in the November 4 General Election.

Emergency planning committee looking for input, volunteers

The Martin County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Martin County Fire and Rescue Building, at the fairgrounds between Loogootee and Shoals. Developing a method for notifying the public, and establishing evacuation procedures in case of a leak or explosion of hazard materials is one of the primary goals of the LEPC. The committee is working with all emergency response agencies that would respond throughout the county, and these agencies will be performing practical exercises over the next few months to verify that the methods being discussed will in fact work.

The LEPC will also be coordinating with local and regional communication systems, including radio, television, ham radio operators, and other methods to make sure information is distributed as quickly and accurately as possible. Martin County has been fortunate that no major hazardous material accidents have occurred considering

the major transportation routes, both highway and rail, which cut across the county. But being lucky in the past does not mean that such an emergency will never occur. The members of the LEPC are striving to keep the county, and all residents, as accident free as possible, and to do all they can to reduce loss of life and property if an accident should occur.

Anyone interested in the local emergency planning process, or anyone who has experience in emergency planning and response, is welcome and encouraged to attend the LEPC meetings and offer input and assistance. The committee is always looking for ideas that will help everyone in the county. This is not a government function, although the LEPC is a subset of the Indiana Emergency Response Commission. The LEPC is looking for all types of skill-sets: firefighter, medical, communications, public safety, hazmat experience, and all residents concerned about the safety of themselves and neighbors.

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Shoals High School 2014 SENIOR Spotlights



HANNAH LAND

Hannah Rose Land was born on August 21, 1995. She is the daughter of Aaron and Terri Alcorn. Her siblings are Nici Land, Olivia Alcorn, Jalie Walt, and Chase Fromme. While in high school, Hannah participated in IM-PACCT, SADD, and dance. Her favorite song is "You'll be in My Heart" by Phil Collins. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Stephenson. Hannah plans to attend Vincennes University for Child Development.



CODY MCKIBBEN

Cody Dean McKibben was born on April 29, 1996. He is the son of Shealby and Beth McKibben. Cody has one brother, Mitch. While in high school, he participated in soccer and track and field. He also enjoys playing video games. Cody's favorite song is " Savior " by Rise Against. His favorite teacher is Mr. Abel. Cody plans to attend Oakland City University and major in Business Management.

Lady Lions Tennis kick off season

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis team took on North Daviess last Wednesday, April 9. The varsity finished with a win, 4-1 and the junior varsity won 3-2. According to head coach Mike Tippery, "After losing a tough match last night, it was nice to get in the win column. We got off to a great start winning first sets at all five spots. We were able to keep that momentum throughout to get the win."

Varsity results

Loogootee 4, North Daviess 1
#1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Nicole Woodruff 6-1, 6-0
#2 Singles Erin Nelson (L) defeated Brytni Bray 6-2, 6-3
#3 Singles Tara Pennington (L) defeated Megan Schenck 6-3, 6-0
#1 Doubles Taylor Jeffers/Madison Reed (ND) defeated Ashley Lindauer/Eden Jenkins 3-6, 6-2, 6-1
#2 Doubles Ashley Jones/Kendall Riley (L) defeated Caitlin Chestnut/Macey Mowery 6-4, 7-5

Junior varsity results

Loogootee 3, North Daviess 2
#1 Singles Emma Walters (L) defeated Abby Hollis 8-1
#2 Singles Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Abbey Hollis 8-6
#3 Singles Madalaine Riggins (ND) defeated Kaitlyn Dickens 8-2
#1 Doubles Kaylee Wagler/Hannah Beasley (ND) defeated Kayetlyn Carter/Abbie Williams 8-2
#2 Doubles Moriah Bussinger/Deedra Fields (L) defeated Lacey Carr/Alexa Stuffle 6-2

On April 8, the ladies played at home against Linton. The varsity team was defeated 1-4 while the junior varsity got a win, 3-1. "It was nice to have decent weather to play tennis. Tara played well at #3 singles. Our doubles got off to strong starts but couldn't sustain it. Linton has a lot of experience and was able to use that experience to overcome early deficits to win the match," said Coach Tippery.

Varsity results

Linton 4, Loogootee 1
#1 Singles Mercedes Shafford (L) defeated Emily Bateman 6-3, 6-3
#2 Singles Brenna West (L) defeated Erin Nelson 6-0, 6-1
#3 Singles Tara Pennington (Loog) defeated Chelsea Budd 6-2, 7-5
#1 Doubles Natalie Swihart/Sydney Alltop (L) defeated Ashley Jones/Eden Jenkins 6-3, 6-0
#2 Doubles Selena Bowman/Kayla Cole (L) defeated Ashley Lindauer/Emma Walters 7-5, 6-0

Junior varsity results

Loogootee 3, Linton 1
#1 Doubles Breanna Hollaway/Kendall Riley (Loog) defeated Hunter House/Morgan Sparks 6-4
#2 Doubles Rylee Hollingsworth/Taylor Moore (L) defeated Meghan Mathies/Kaitlyn Dickens 7-5
#3 Doubles Kayetlyn Carter/Abbie Williams (Loog) defeated Brittany Morin/Alli Walton 6-1
#4 Doubles Breanna Hollaway/Kendall Riley (Loog) defeated Morgan Sparks/Becca Wheelock 6-3

Shoals Elementary School Honor Roll

Third grading period

FOURTH GRADE

High honors: None

Honor roll: Cheaney Archer, Keegan Brock, Haley Fischer, Malin Haviland, Carter Roush, Ashten Tedrow, Syndell Watson, Jared Wright, Levi Albright, Victor Dillon, Bailee Jones, Jaden Jones, Chloe Qualkenbush, Darcy Soke, and Kelton Williams

FIFTH GRADE

High honors: Olivia Alcorn, Faith Doane, Mya Miller, Hadliegh Scott, Noah Stoll, Adam Sukup, Cassidy Witt, Elijah McCarty, Alan Cook, Alyssa Howell, and Madyson Rich

Honor roll: Ty Downey, Aaron Greene, Jocelyn Harder, Clayton Harker, Emma Hert, Levi Pendley, Alana Royston, Rionna Royston, Nic Sango, Kaydence Sutton, Shyla Taylor, Silas Bauer, Blaine Brett, Brooke Dobson, Collin Hampton, Brooklyn Jones, Zane Lake, Madison Ping, and Mallory Waggoner

SIXTH GRADE

High honors: Bryce Baker, Dalton Roush, Zetta Gore, Cassidy Shaw, and Maggie Shaw

Honor roll: Clay Brett, Hannah Davis, Jasie Sipes, Delani Armstrong, Jocelyn Davis-Berger, Max Fischer, Hunter Hightower, and Robert Sullivan

Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

LOGOOTE ELEMNTARY

Breakfast

Thursday, April 17

Breakfast pizza, peaches

Friday, April 18

Sausage tornado, apple

Monday, April 21

Whole grain Pop Tart, banana

Tuesday, April 22

Biscuit and gravy, pears

Wednesday, April 23

Donut, sausage links, applesauce

Lunch

Thursday, April 17

Grilled chicken, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, apple, milk

Friday, April 18

Cheese pizza or French fries, corn, pineapple, milk

Monday, April 21

Breaded tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, milk

Tuesday, April 22

Chicken patty, macaroni and cheese, carrots, pineapple, milk

Wednesday, April 23

Hot dog, baked beans, SunChips, pears, milk

LOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, April 17

Grilled chicken or pizza, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, apple, salad plate, milk

Friday, April 18

Shrimp or pizza, French fries, corn, pineapple, salad plate, milk

Monday, April 21

Breaded tenderloin or pizza, scalloped potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, April 22

Chicken patty or pizza, macaroni and cheese, carrots, pineapple, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, April 23

Hot dog or pizza, baked beans, SunChips, pears, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, April 17

Cereal, graham cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, April 18

Biscuits with jelly, yogurt cup, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, April 21

Banana muffin, orange slices, juice, milk

Tuesday, April 22

Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, April 23

Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, April 17

Beef and cheese nachos, refried beans, lettuce and cheese boat, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: nachos or chef salad

Friday, April 18

Whole grain Bosco sticks with marinara sauce, salad boat, peaches, juice cup, brownie bar, milk

Monday, April 21

Breaded chicken sandwich with whole grain bun, salad boat, broccoli and cheese, peaches, milk

Tuesday, April 22

Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit cocktail, corn bread muffin, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: ham and cheese or chef salad

Wednesday, April 23

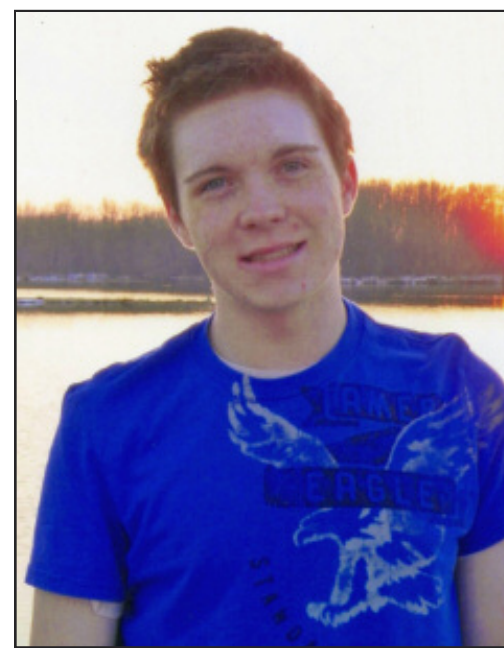
Chef salad with diced ham, shredded cheese, carrot sticks and cucumber slices, whole grain crackers, pears, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: pepperoni pizza

LOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL 2014 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



AARON MEANS

Aaron Thomas Means is the son of Rick Means and Angela Sheppard. While in high school he served as an intern. He is undecided about his plans after graduation.



TYSON SANDERS

Tyson C. Sanders is the son of Michelle Hunt. While in high school he was a member of the Spanish Club. Tyson plans on becoming president and changing the world.



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Dedication

Last Saturday evening the Martin County Humane Society held their annual dinner and auction at Loogootee High School. During the event, Joshua Hughett, society president, presented plaques to Terri Dye and Linda Sherfick who recently retired from the board of directors. Linda has been with the humane society for more than 30 years and was one of the original names on the articles of incorporation. She served as treasurer and secretary during her tenure. Terri has volunteered with the society for more than 10 years and served as the organization's treasurer for several of those years. The ladies plan to continue to volunteer when they can. Around \$5,500 was raised at Saturday night's dinner and auction.



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Members of the VU Walk for MS team include, in the front row from left to right, Kelci Mann, Loogootee; Kelly Mehringer, Missy and Eli Schwenk, all from Jasper; Hannah Richardson, Vincennes; and Angie Abbott, Evansville. In the second row, from left to right, are Casey Meeks and Janesa Henry, both from Wheatland; Jennifer Dove, Elhona; Kramer Sweeten, Lawrenceville, Illinois; Adam Ketterhenry, Jasper; Thomas Lovvorn, associate professor Natalie Graves, Tim Graves, and Byron Page, all of Vincennes; and John Page, Evansville.

VU students organize team for MS Walk

Vincennes University students majoring in physical therapy participated in the Walk for MS in Evansville on April 12.

VU student Kelly Mehringer, Jasper, served as captain for the team that raised more than \$1,200 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the more than 7,500 Hoosiers living with MS throughout the state. Mehringer was joined by other VU students, alumni, and family members.

"I started to become close to MS because I am doing research about this disease. When I found that this walk was close to Jasper, I knew I had to do it to help raise money to help find a cure. I also knew I had

to do this walk because our professor's mom, Arlene Page, recently passed away from fighting this disease and our team is in honor of Arlene," Mehringer said.

Dollars raised at the event support life-changing programs and cutting-edge research to improve the lives of people living with MS.

"I thank my VU family for their support and donations. This has eased some of the pain of losing my mother to this horrible disease," said Natalie Graves, chair of the VU Physical Therapy Program. "I'm so grateful to work with such an awesome group of future therapists."

Calendar of Events

Church mission presentation

Ever wanted to go on a church mission? On April 30, at New Beginnings Community Church, Dave and Deb Wilson along with Jim Shields, team leader, Highland Lakes Baptist Camp/State Convention of Baptists of Indiana, will speak about international mission trips and how they were changed forever. Dave and Deb have made trips to Ecuador and will be coordinating mission trips with Jim and his wife, Lana. Come hear how you can be involved in international missions. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. The church is located at 200 W. Main Street in Loogootee. For information, contact Pastor Ernie Canell at 812-709-0258.

Head Start preschool classes

Head Start is now taking applications for the fall preschool classes. Head Start is a kindergarten readiness program at no-cost for qualifying families. Please call 812-295-4700 to enroll your child.

Loogootee Comprehensive Plan meeting

The next meeting of the Loogootee Comprehensive Plan Committee will be May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. There is no meeting tonight; due to conflicts it was rescheduled. The public is encouraged to attend.

Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next scheduled talk to a lawyer telephone clinic is set for Thursday, May 1 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST. Volunteer lawyers will be available to answer general legal questions asked by the public. This service is free and is available to anyone. To access the telephone clinic, the numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and toll free (888) 594-3449. This service is in collaboration with the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include a first reading of the 2014-15 student handbook, opening proposals for Elementary East, and

a first reading of the facility use policy. The meeting is open to the public.

Boy Scouts

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

GED exam fees

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Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

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Memorial Hospital announces 2014 LCM Outstanding Physician Award Recipient

Dr. William Lehmkuhler has been named the 2014 Little Company of Mary Outstanding Physician Award recipient at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. This award is named in honor of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, the sponsors of Memorial Hospital. The LCM Award is given annually to a physician on Memorial Hospital's active medical staff who has been nominated through a hospital- and community-wide nomination process with the winner being chosen by a selection committee from a group of six finalists. The award is based on outstanding performance reflecting Memorial Hospital's mission statement and the core values of Respect for Human Dignity, Compassionate Caring, Stewardship, Quality and Justice. The top six nominees for this year's award included Dr. Lehmkuhler, Dr. Mary Burgeson, Dr. Marc Campbell, Dr. Joseph El-Houjairy, Dr. Mark Luff, and Dr. Kevin Lusk.



DR. WILLIAM LEHMKUHLER

Dr. Lehmkuhler, a native of Dubois County, graduated from Jasper High School and received his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed a residency in internal medicine at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, and a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at University of Louisville. After returning home to Dubois County to provide general cardiovascular care, he enrolled in an interventional cardiology and peripheral intervention fellowship at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. Dr. Lehmkuhler is certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, and interventional cardiology. He has been on Memorial Hospital's medical staff for 18 years and is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He is the son of Ed and Mary Lehmkuhler. He and his wife, Jill (Kunz), have two sons, Abe, 11, and Eli, 8.

State Board of Education moves spring CoreLink test, updates standards process

Student assessments and teacher evaluation topics dominated the discussion of the State Board of Education's (SBOE) monthly meeting. The SBOE voted to postpone the CoreLink assessment administration currently scheduled for May, given the impending adoption of new college and career ready standards and some implementation questions that have yet to be addressed.

Members agreed to task the newly-formed assessment committee with considering appropriate transition testing specifications and timing to meet state and federal requirements. Dr. Brad Oliver noted students could see as many as four tests throughout the next year, and the board agreed the new committee could best determine appropriate testing options.

An update on the recently released data for teacher effectiveness provided hearty discussion. A 2011 state statute required school corporations to evaluate their teachers, utilizing a state model evaluation system called RISE or a local evaluation system independently developed by each corporation. Data released by the Indiana Department of Education (DOE) on Monday showed 87 percent of the state's teachers rated effective or highly effective, 2 percent "needing improvement", and less than 0.5 percent rated as "ineffective".

At-large SBOE member Gordon Hendry called the data release "A Lake Wobegon moment," adding "the existing system was not fair to our kids and our teachers. We have to find a new way to get accurate results for our teachers to continue to improve what's in the classroom." Seventh District member Dan Elsener requested staff provide a correlation of schools at a future meeting, comparing data for all teachers effective/highly effective with ISTEP+ grades. He was also interested in the evaluation models schools used for the calculations, a choice determined by local school corporations.

"Children that are achieving at high levels should have highly effective teachers," Elsener said. "Student learning outcomes are what we want to see, so let's look at the data where they have been successful."

Updates were also provided on the conditions at Roosevelt High School in Gary, a turn-around academy run by Edison Learning. State law provides that the Gary School Corporation will maintain the facilities, but complaints about mold in classrooms and leaking pipes were brought to the SBOE's attention earlier this year. At the direction of the board, SBOE staff accompanied inspectors on-site to review the conditions and to

collect estimates on the potential remediation and repairs needed. Staff recommendations included the Gary School District's consideration of a state general fund loan.

District One representative Tony Walker said he remained hopeful that the state would continue to think innovatively regarding options to potentially address the situation, given the financially distressed nature of the Gary system.

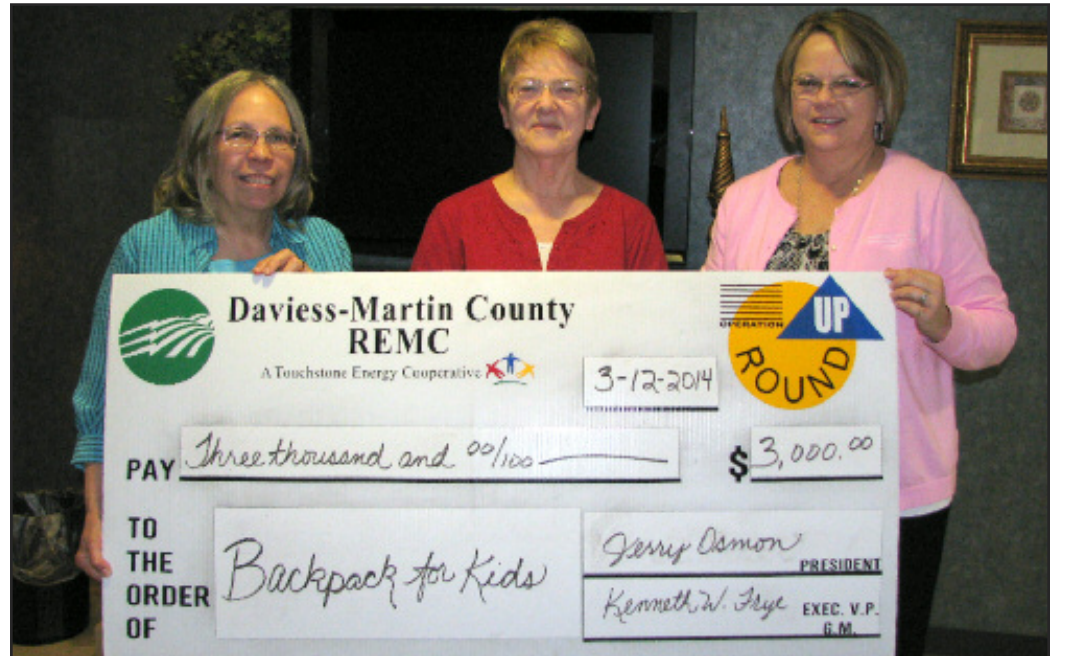
Board members heard updates from the DOE regarding the Lead Partners who assist the state's lowest performing schools, considered updates to teacher licensing requirements, and also set precedent in a transportation reimbursement appeal between school corporations in Fayette County and Hamilton Heights.

Recommendations to modify the adjunct permit for teachers under the REPA 3 licensure rules were deliberated, but tabled until the next meeting as members discussed a variety of perspectives including monitoring issues regarding pedagogy training, and maintaining the existing language as an option for principals to recruit subject matter experts in unique fields.

An update on the ongoing academic standards evaluation was provided by DOE and SBOE staff, noting public release and on-line posting of the final draft of proposed standards, national evaluator reports, and public comments would occur next week. The final meeting of the College and Career Ready Panel will be held this Friday, with panel members making any adjustments. The proposed standards will be presented to Education Roundtable on April 21, and their recommendations presented to the SBOE on April 28. Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz, Dr. Oliver and Hendry all expressed appreciation for the many hours invested by educators, staff, and CCR participants in crafting the new standards.

The SBOE's newly formed Assessments Committee met following the formal board meeting to begin discussions on assessments to align with the incoming academic standard changes. Superintendent Ritz chairs the committee, and the initial meeting focused upon a review of existing state assessments as well as committee members' visions and goals for a comprehensive state assessment system. Future meeting dates for the committee will be announced.

The board's next meeting will be held on April 28 at 9 a.m. at the Indiana State Library's History Reference Room to consider the adoption of the new academic standards for math and English/ELA.



-Photo provided

The Backpack for Kids Program was awarded a \$3,000 Operation Round Up grant. The program provides weekend food to students on free or reduced lunch program (as confirmed by the school corporation) to help with nutritional needs. Board members Judy Singleton, secretary, left, and Debbie Breeden, center, accept the check from Theresa Showalter, Daviess-Martin County REMC Administrative Assistant.

REMC Community Fund elects new trustee, officers and distributes awards

The Daviess-Martin County REMC Community Fund, Inc. recently elected a new board trustee and officers. Outgoing trustee is Vernon Sutton. New trustee is Greg Edwards. Board officers elected are President, Jerry Osmon, Vice President, Danny Compton, Secretary, Marsha Boyd and Treasurer, Jean Corbin.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary, convenient and effective way for electric co-op customers to help the community in which they live. Participants consent to have Daviess-Martin County REMC round up their electric bills to the next whole dollar. Operation Round Up then puts the customers' nickels and dimes to work in their community.

The latest allocation - \$7,500 - was presented to recipients chosen by the community fund's board of trustees for the first quarter of 2014. Recipients were:

- Backpack for Kids Weekend Food Program: \$3,000
- Lost River Township Volunteer Fire Department: \$2,500
- Senior and Family Services, Inc.: \$500
- Washington Carnegie Public Library: \$500
- Southwest Indiana Power House, Inc.: \$1,000

Groups in the community may submit applications to the Operation Round Up program. The board of trustees evaluates those applications and distributes funds. The funds are allocated according to the program's by-laws to benefit organizations for community service projects, economic development, education and youth programs, environmental projects, and emergency assistance or disaster relief.

For more information on the Operation Round Up program or the application process, contact Theresa Showalter at the REMC at (812) 295-4200 or (800) 762-7362. The deadline for second quarter applications is May 30.

VU golf outing will support surveying program

The Vincennes University Surveying Alumni Group will host its 6th Annual Vincennes University Land Surveying Alumni Equipment Fund Golf Outing on April 25. Registration is underway now for the outing at Eagle Valley Golf Course in Evansville. Tee time is noon CDT (Evansville time) and 1 p.m. EDT (Vincennes time).

The golf outing is co-sponsored with the Southwest Chapter of the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors. The fee is \$85 per player or \$340 for a team of four and includes cart rental, entry fee, green fees, 18 holes of golf, lunch, snacks, and beverages. To make a reservation, or to be a sponsor, go to www.alumni.vinu.edu/golf-tour, call 800-945-ALUM, or email slinenburg@vinu.edu.

Hundreds of students have graduated from the VU Surveying Technology program over the years. According to William Clark, RLS, associate professor of surveying, "In order to sustain our hands-on approach to learning through real-world

projects, we must purchase new equipment to stay on the cutting edge of technology."

"This golf outing is a fun-filled way to raise funds for land surveying equipment," states Savannah Linenburg, associate alumni director. "Not only do we get a chance to catch up with alumni and friends of the program, we are able to support current and future VU students."

SICIL to host craft sale

The Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living (SICIL) is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities. SICIL and the town of Orleans are cooperating to present an opportunity for craftspeople with disabilities to market their wares. SICIL will be hosting a craft sale on Saturday, April 26 on town property in Orleans. This will be during the town-wide yard sales. Any crafts person who has a disability may set up free of charge. Crafters must furnish their own tables and chairs. The space is available on a first-come first-served basis. Anyone wishing to participate should contact SICIL Orange County Outreach Coordinator Ralph Purkhiser at ralph@sicilindiana.org or by calling the SICIL office at 277-9626.

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Cabinet manufacturer expanding operations in Dubois County

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann joined MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc. (MBCI), a manufacturer of home cabinetry products, to announce the company's plans to expand its operations in Dubois County, creating up to 262 new jobs by the end of 2016.

"Governor Mike Pence and I congratulate the team at MasterBrand for their success that makes this announcement possible today. Today we celebrate more economic development in Indiana and more jobs for Hoosiers. Our business friendly tax and regulatory policies make Indiana a great place for businesses to start, expand and prosper," said Ellspermann. "I take special pleasure in this announcement because MasterBrand is expanding in my hometown of Ferdinand, with its headquarters in Dubois County as well."

The Jasper-headquartered company will invest approximately \$8 million in equipment that will add additional capacity and expand the product offering at its 500,000 square-foot facility located at 624 W. 3rd St. in Ferdinand. MBCI, which currently employs more than 3,500 associates at its six Indiana facilities and more than 1,500 in Ferdinand, plans to begin hiring cabinet assemblers, component pullers, shipping helpers, supervision and quality positions later this year.

"MasterBrand is committed to strategic growth that positions us to drive market share and increase our value proposition," said Dave Randich, president of MBCI. "As we expand our Ferdinand manufacturing operations, we provide both new and current employees with opportunities for development and advancement. We are proud to be a member of this community and support our local craftsmen who develop and produce high-quality, innovative cabinetry

products used by consumers across the United States."

This week's announcement marks MBCI's second Indiana expansion in recent years. In March 2013, the home cabinetry manufacturer announced plans to add 76 new jobs in Goshen. As of March 2014, the company has exceeded that goal, adding more than 109 associates at this location.

Founded in 1954 in Celestine, MBCI is a subsidiary of Fortune Brands Home & Security and manufactures standard to custom made cabinet brands such as Aristokraft®, Decorá®, Omega®, Homecrest Cabinetry® and Diamond®, which are sold directly to kitchen and bath dealers, home centers, wholesalers and large builders. MBCI actively supports the local community through partnerships with Habitat for Humanity, The Nature Conservancy, American Red Cross and Junior Achievement. MBCI operates more than 25 manufacturing facilities, distribution centers and retail stores throughout North America and employs more than 10,000 people.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc. up to \$1,250,000 in conditional tax credits and up to \$100,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The city of Ferdinand approved additional tax abatement at the request of Dubois Strong.

"The town of Ferdinand is thrilled and honored that MasterBrand made their determination to expand their business here," said Ken Sicard, president of Ferdinand Town Council. "MasterBrand and their employees are an important asset as we work to grow our community."

Statement from attorney general's office on TRO ruling in marriage case

On Thursday in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Chief Judge Richard L. Young granted a temporary restraining order (TRO) instructing the Indiana State Department of Health on how it should issue a death certificate concerning two plaintiffs, Nikole Quasney and Amy Sandler, in *Baskin et al. v. Bogan et al.*, a legal challenge to Indiana's marriage law, and instructing the state to recognize the marriage of those two plaintiffs only. Thursday's TRO applies solely to Quasney and Sandler only; it does not apply to the other plaintiffs in the Baskin case, nor to any of the plaintiffs in four other legal challenges to Indiana's marriage law, nor to anyone else in Indiana. The temporary restraining order is in effect only until May 8 and the court will schedule a preliminary injunction hearing soon on the plaintiffs' request to extend the order indefinitely. At the preliminary injunction hearing, both sides will have the opportunity to make their argu-

ments.

Because the temporary restraining order involves two plaintiffs and one death certificate only, it does not apply in any way to marriage licenses of others. County clerks in Indiana will be notified that there is no change in legal requirements for granting marriage licenses as a result of this TRO. County clerks still are prohibited by law from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Defending the State of Indiana, the State Department of Health and the marriage statute is the State's lawyer, the Indiana Attorney General's Office. At Thursday's hearing in federal court in Evansville, Solicitor General Thomas M. Fisher of the Attorney General's Office presented the State's legal argument that under the current rule of law, the marriage statute does not allow for hardship exceptions, and the relief the plaintiffs sought could not now be granted. Temporary restraining orders can-

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



Providing for public safety in the digital age

When it comes to the roles and responsibilities of government, they should be few in number. Public safety has been a critical function of our state government for many years. In fact, the first law enforcement agency in Indiana to have statewide jurisdiction was created in 1921.

Our duties regarding public safety are essentially two-fold, both to protect the public and keep them informed during the aftermath of an emergency and also to help prevent such emergencies all-together, when possible. What makes this so complex is the fact that an emergency can take on many different forms, whether it's naturally occurring, like a spring flood, or a human-caused disaster. In the digital age, the way that we address public safety has to be adjusted as well. This session, in our efforts to improve public safety in Indiana, we addressed the ever-evolving role of technology and made some necessary adjustments.

With tornado season in Indiana right around the corner, where is the first place you would look for information if a tornado struck close by? Many Hoosiers would turn on the television or the radio. But what happens when those modes of communication have been damaged in the storm? When a tornado struck Marysville in 2012, that is exactly what happened, and some people went without radio information for more than two days.

You're probably wondering how that could be, but did you know that under current Indiana law, broadcast engineers and technicians can be arrested for entering disaster-affected areas that haven't first been cleared by first responders? This makes it more difficult for these workers to do their job, and subsequently more difficult for peo-

ple in those areas to get the information they need. To alleviate this, I supported House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1037 which will allow the appropriate personnel access to make any repairs necessary, ensuring that the public has quick access to emergency information.

This session, I also supported legislation to draw a line between reasonable and unreasonable searches and seizures when it comes to telecommunication devices. HEA 1384 provides that law enforcement would be prohibited from searching through telecommunication devices without probable cause that a crime has been committed and that your phone is involved.

Law enforcement will still be able to confiscate and download information from telecommunication devices if there is a valid search warrant or if there is probable cause that the device was used in the commission of a crime. This is important, as we do not intend to come between law enforcement and their job. In essence, this legislation simply aids public safety while protecting your individual liberties as well.

As you can see, regardless of what type of emergency situation we're dealing with, technology has changed things dramatically. One of the most difficult tasks we are faced with in this age is making sure the public has the information they need without compromising their safety and also ensuring law enforcement have fast and easy access to pertinent information without compromising the fundamental rights that we are all given in the Constitution.

This session, I think we made strides towards striking this balance, and as technology continues to evolve, we will continue to make necessary adjustments.

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

I-69 Section 5 contract finalized

The Indiana Finance Authority and Indiana Department of Transportation have finalized the contract with I-69 Development Partners to design, build, finance, operate and maintain I-69 Section 5. The project involves rehabbing and upgrading 21 miles of the existing, four-lane State Road 37 to interstate standards between Bloomington and Martinsville.

The private activity bonds that will finance the project are expected to be issued by I-69 Development Partners in late June. The state's payment structure makes rising construction costs and the risk of operations and maintenance the responsibility of the private developer, and requires the developer to meet performance standards for quality, schedule and maintenance to avoid reductions in recurring payments.

Two payments to the private developer for I-69, Section 5 are tied to completion of safety improvements in Bloomington, such as interchanges at Fullerton Pike and Tapp Road, and overpasses at Vernal Pike and Rockport Road.

Construction Preparations
INDOT contractors completed tree cutting on March 31 within the land available so far for I-69 Section 5 in the Bloomington area. Utility relocations will continue until construction begins later this year. Crews will continue to mulch and haul off trees that were previously cut, and clear underbrush.

This spring and summer utility crews will begin installing new lines where existing service conflicts with the new I-69 footprint. Utility companies hire their own crews to perform this specialized work. Citizens with any questions or concerns about

the work should contact the utility company directly.

The 21 new miles of interstate are scheduled to open by the end of 2016, several years ahead of schedule.

About Interstate 69
The new I-69 between Evansville and Indianapolis is a key component to the future economic vitality of southwestern Indiana, and will connect an entire region with improved access to jobs, education and healthcare. The 142-mile I-69 corridor was divided into six independent sections in the Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement, which was approved with a record of decision in March 2004.

The first three sections opened for business in November 2012 - under budget and years ahead of schedule - and save motorists more than 30 minutes travel time in the 67 miles between Evansville and Crane. Construction is underway on all 27 miles of I-69 Section 4 between Crane and Bloomington, which is expected to open to traffic in phases during late 2014 and 2015.

More information about the I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis project may be found at www.i69indyevn.org.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Just when it seemed that spring had finally arrived, cold returned to the Hoosier Hills. I have had many questions about the effects of the recent cold snap and frost.

Actually, since our frost-free date in this area is not until May 10, such incidents of frost are not unusual, and the effect should be minimal. Of course, for those who jumped the gun and had tender plants already in the garden, the cold presented a challenge. If the plants were not covered, it is likely that the frost killed the plants.

We have had several shrubs in bloom over the past week. The good news is that most of these shrubs normally bloom when the weather is still cool, and the frost should have little effect. At worst, the blooms may turn brown and fall off sooner than we would like. More tender shrubs have buds forming and the extent to which they have budded will be the key to the effect of the frost. At Sandhill Gardens, the fruit trees and lilacs are still in tight bud and should be able to withstand temperatures in the low 30s. Actually, in tight bud, should we have temperatures in the low 20s, the effects should be minimal. In fruit trees, there may be some natural thinning of the fruit, but that is usually helpful, allowing the remaining fruit to grow larger.

With last week's warmth, the late season daffodils have burst into bloom. These daffodils include many butterfly and double selections. Cooler temperatures will actually keep the blooms fresh longer. Squill and

muscari have added their touches of blue and purple in rock gardens and lawns. Native sweet William and blood root blooms dot the shady spots, where the hostas are sending up the spires from which the leaves will unfurl in coming weeks. Frequent walks in the garden are necessary to fully appreciate the wonder of the awakening garden.

When weather and life allow, it is a good time to work in the gardens. Some work done now will make things easier the rest of the summer. One important task is putting down new mulch. Mulching around trees and shrubs will hold down weed growth and will help regulate moisture levels in the soil. I find that putting down about eight layers of newspaper first will help smother out existing weeds and will help stretch the mulch. With the newspaper under-layer, one need only put down a couple of inches of shredded bark mulch, instead of the four inches recommended when not using the newspaper. As I have cautioned before, keep the mulch back from the base of the tree or shrub and avoid the "mulch volcanos". Such piles of mulch will actually cause more harm than good. The mulch will promote give cover to voles and other pests which may gnaw at the bark and may cause rotting at the tree base. When I see such piles in parks and other locations, I know that the landscaping has not been done by a true horticulturalist. While designers may know what looks good, they

often do not understand the needs of the plants. Treated right, the plants will supply their own beauty.

As we celebrate Easter this week, we will

Almost 1,900 acres to open in HRI areas

Beginning Friday, almost 1,900 new acres will be open to the public in two project areas of the DNR's ongoing Healthy Rivers Initiative (HRI).

The DNR has purchased more than 11,800 acres through HRI, a program launched in 2010 to secure permanent conservation protection of nearly 70,000 acres along Sugar Creek, the Wabash River, and the Muscatatuck River.

The new openings increase HRI purchases to 8,242 acres, including a 3,500-acre purchase of land previously leased as part of Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area. The remaining 4,700 acres are in three locations – the Austin Bottoms (Muscatatuck), Sugar Creek and Wabash River conservation areas.

In Austin Bottoms CA, 673 new acres will open on Friday, bringing the total in that area to just over 3,000 acres. Five parking areas have been completed at Austin Bottoms with two more under construction. Austin Bottoms is along the Muscatatuck River in Scott, Jackson and Washington counties.

In Sugar Creek CA, 1,221 new acres will open on Friday. There are three newly constructed parking areas. Sugar Creek CA is

continue to see a resurrection of nature in Southern Indiana. Take time to get out and enjoy a walk in a garden or woods. All creation worships the creator.

in Parke County.

Last year, a 419-acre site was opened in the Wabash River CA in Vermillion County near the town of Montezuma.

Maps for all three conservation areas are online at dnr.IN.gov/healthyriver/6502.htm.

Allowable activities include fishing, hunting, trapping, bird watching, nature photography and observation. Mushroom hunting is allowed after 1 p.m. EST during the spring turkey hunting season (April 19-20, youth season; April 23-May 11, regular season).

HRI is a partnership of resource agencies and organizations working with landowners to provide a model that balances forest, farmland and natural resources conservation; connects separated parcels of public land to benefit wildlife; protects important wildlife habitat and rest areas for migratory birds; opens lands to public recreational activities; establishes areas for nature tourism; and provides clean water and protection from flooding to downstream landowners.

To date, more than 31,300 acres are protected through DNR purchase, landowner enrollment in the federal Wetlands Reserve Program, or lands already under DNR management prior to HRI.

ELECTION 2014

Primary Election candidates

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

UNITED STATES REP. (DISTRICT 8)

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

INDIANA SENATE (DISTRICT 39)

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

INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 62)

Matt Uebelhor (R)
Jeff Sparks (D)

INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 63)

Mike Braun (R)
Richard Moss (R)

CLERK

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

ASSESSOR

Carolyn S. McGuire (R)

SHERIFF

Robert F. "Rob" Street (D)

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

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

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Randy Winger (D)

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

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

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Barbara D. McFeaters (R)

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

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

CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Charles S. Hamilton (R)

HALBERT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Exzelia Montgomery (R)

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Mildred C. Brown (R)

MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE

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

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

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

RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Terry J. Street (D)

CENTER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

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

HALBERT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

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

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

Alice Dianne Butler (R)
Bruce Fithian (R)

MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

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

PERRY TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for 3)

Julie Green (D)
Sue Hunt (D)

STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES (vote for 4)

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

DEMOCRAT PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN

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

Election 2014 Calendar

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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

Friday, April 11, 2014

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

Monday, April 21, 2014

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

Thursday, April 24, 2014

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

Saturday, April 26, 2014

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

Polling sites

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

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

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

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

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

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



Monday, April 28, 2014

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

Saturday, May 3, 2014

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

Monday, May 5, 2014

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

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

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

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