



## Shoals Schools looking to cut teacher, classes

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Several parents turned out at the Shoals School Board meeting last Thursday night, April 14 to express their concern about the cutting of a third grade class next year. The parents were afraid the class sizes would be too large and learning would be affected. There are currently 52 second graders in three classes at an average of 17 students per class. Next year, those class sizes would be upped to 26 students per class in two classes. The parents said they would like to see a third teacher but if funding is not available for that then they would like each class to have aides. "We're concerned too," said board member Bill Shobe. "We want to provide the best education we can for our kids; we have to look at that and look at where the money is coming from."

"Well, you've made some good points and I think everybody in this room will agree that education of our children is the most important thing," said board member Mary Lou Billings to the audience. She added that no decision has been made on the reduction in classes or staff. "It's still under advisement," she said.

"As Bill said, we're all concerned too. We live here, we have kids here, I have kids in this community and this school and it's concerning to me. You don't know how many countless hours I've been up wondering how we are going to educate our kids with what we're given," said board member Christy Farhar. "It is concerning and I appreciate you guys coming, I really do."

Shoals Superintendent Dr. Tony Nonte explained to the room of parents that, according to current news from the legislature, the school's budget is to be cut \$800,000 over the next two years - through 2013. He said that his recommendation at this point, without knowing what the state legislature will do, is to reduce the third grade classes from three to two. "We're to a point financially where we need to make serious study of how we spend every dollar," he said. He said that when the opportunity came to reduce a class and reduce a teacher he felt that option should be explored.

An audience member asked if there was anything that parents could do to help. Dr. Nonte replied that citizens could call their legislators to voice their opinion.

Dr. Nonte also touched on the fact that Shoals Schools has lost an average of 15 to 20 students per year over the past several years. The state used to decrease funding for lost students gradually over a period of years. Now, under the new formula, the funding for withdrawn students is eliminated immediately.

He said that the only true way to save money over the long term is to close buildings or consolidate. "What we want to do is keep the Shoals building open for a long time," he said. He added that the school does have cash reserves and the board will be looking at those after the school receives a final report from the state on what the funding will be. He said that the money has to be spent with a lasting effort in mind. "We can accelerate and spend and when we get to zero turn our keys over to the state; I don't want to do (See 'SHOALS SCHOOL' on page three)



-Photo by Courtney Hughett  
Megan Lampert, 12-year-old Loogootee sixth grader in Mr. Sanders' class, stands behind the counter during her open house last Saturday. Megan's jewelry designs are currently being displayed and sold in her mom's photography studio.

## Loogootee pre-teen starts jewelry business

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What were you doing when you were 12 years old? Did you have a talent that you were fostering? Did you consider starting your own business? Well, that's what Loogootee sixth grader Megan Lampert is doing. Megan, the daughter of Steve and Jessica Lampert, has recently taken her talent of making jewelry and turned it into a business that she calls Megan's Masterpieces.

Megan said that she loves jewelry and thought starting her own business would help make extra money - money that she can use to buy a computer, something she really wants. She also said that this is a fun way to bring in the extra cash. Megan said she received her first bead kit when she was in the second grade and that is when she became interested in designing jewelry. "My mom is creative and I guess I get it from her," she said. Megan's mom is a photographer who owns Lampert's Photography.

Although Megan said she is not artistic, she has 100s of different jewelry designs. She said that with the help of her mom they were able to stock up on inventory in just a few months.

Megan's future with the business is still

uncertain. She held her first-ever open house last weekend only a few months after starting Megan's Masterpieces. Although she was disappointed in the low turnout, she said she has several people who are interested in placing orders including her friends.

Megan offers necklaces, bracelets, earrings, toe rings, and ankle bracelets and the jewelry is made of bead work such as stone and glass, miscellaneous metals and sterling silver. The earrings are a modest \$2.50 a pair, bracelets are \$4 each, and most necklaces run just \$8. Megan said she makes a majority of the costume-like jewelry but she does buy a few things that are already made, such as toe rings.

Megan said her inspiration is her mom but also gets inspiration from movie stars. "I am always looking at what people like and wear," she said. "Sometimes I just throw stuff together and if I don't like it then I do something else."

Megan's shop is currently located in her mom's studio at 1310 St. Rd. 550 just outside Loogootee. The phone number is 812-295-3297 and she can be contacted at [meganlampert@yahoo.com](mailto:meganlampert@yahoo.com). Her hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. Megan's Masterpieces can also be found on facebook.

## Ribbon-Cutting to be held at former Loogootee East

The Martin County Alliance in conjunction with the Mayor's Office for the City of Loogootee is pleased to announce that a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held the week of April 25th at the former Loogootee East building located at 510 Church Street. The event is open to the community.

The Loogootee School Corp., City of Loogootee - Mayor's Office, and the Martin County Alliance has worked diligently together to identify business activity that fit within the long-standing history of the former Loogootee East location. The building will now serve as a facility for workforce development and training of NSA Crane's employees. A partnership was reached between STIMULUS Engineering and the Loogootee School Corp. with the signing of a 24 month lease for the facility. "I am most appreciative of the fact that our Loogootee School System no longer has to worry about having a very valuable building sitting idle," according to Mayor Don Bowling.

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-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Loogootee Basketball Coach Mike Wagoner is shown above with his wife Marsha at last night's Loogootee School Board meeting to find out why his contract was recommended not to be renewed after a 17-5 season.

## Mike Wagoner still Loogootee coach for now

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Dozens of Loogootee residents came out in support of Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach Mike Wagoner at the Loogootee School Board meeting Tuesday night, April 19. Coach Wagoner's contract is up for renewal and LHS Principal John Mullen recommended to the board that they not renew it for next year.

Lori Mattingly, a resident, started the patron input off by making a request that the placement of patron input on the agenda be placed toward the end of the meeting as opposed to the beginning to allow residents to voice their opinions on certain matters. Board president Eric Ackerman stated that the patron input used to be at the end of the meeting but several years ago it was requested to be moved to the beginning. Mattingly then asked for it to be moved back to which Ackerman responded that no, it would not be done at last night's meeting.

The discussion moved to the agenda item of personnel with audience member Nancy Jones asking what personnel was to be discussed. Joe McAtee then spoke up saying that 90 percent of the audience was in attendance to discuss Coach Wagoner's position so it might as well be talked about at that time. "Do the right thing besides you guys' agenda," McAtee said to the board. "Are you speaking for the community about what you are ready to do tonight?"

Board member Ackerman replied that he has spoken to 100s of people with some telling him they will never attend another basketball game if Mike Wagoner is fired and some telling him they will never attend another basketball game if Mike Wagoner is kept as coach. "The five of us have to take the input from our administrators to make a decision," he said. "We're going to walk out of here one way or another and we're going to be SOBs, that's just the way it is."

McAtee then asked Ackerman if he looked at Wagoner's evaluation from last year to which Ackerman replied that he had. McAtee asked then why there was a 180 degree flip on the outcome of that evaluation. "And the guy who did the evaluation. (See 'WAGONER' on page two)



# WAGONER

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tion didn't even show up to the board meeting tonight," he said. Ackerman then replied that John Mullen was not the only one doing the evaluation he said Athletic Director Bill Powell did one also.

Ackerman stated that one of the reasons for Mr. Mullen's recommendation not to renew Wagoner's contract was due to the negative feedback from coaches in the lower grades regarding Wagoner.

Pat Wagoner, who was in the audience, asked Ackerman if he also spoke with those coaches and received the same negative feedback. "Pat, that's not my job and I really don't care what you say," replied Ackerman.

Coach Mike Wagoner then spoke saying that he had five meetings with Mr. Mullen and after

each he thought things were getting better. He said he filled out an 11-page report. He said that the evaluation he had was John Mullen's and not Mr. Powell's. He said Powell said two words during the meeting and those were 'thank you'. He said he received a "5" in the rating for how well he got along with administrators but then the evaluation states that he doesn't have a rapport with the principal. "That's a contradiction," he said. "You cannot tell me that the negatives outweigh all the positives. This is one man giving you a description of what he thinks went wrong." He said he talked to all the other coaches and everything was fine. "If they told John something different that would be very unnerving to me," he said.

Wagoner went on to say that he was trying to build the program back to where it was supposed to be. He said he worked under the best coach in the state for 20 years, games were being won and he doesn't do the job for the money or the prestige. He said if the decision not to renew his con-

tract rests solely on one man, John Mullen, then he feels for the next coach. "I think you have the bar set too high," he said.

"Why don't you guys let the community vote?" asked Joe McAtee.

"That's what you are elected to do," said Lori Mattingly.

"No, we're elected to represent the community," responded Ackerman.

Nancy Jones then asked the audience how many were asked by the board what they thought about renewing Wagoner's contract. "Of the hundreds Eric talked to is there anyone in here?" she asked. No hands were raised. "I don't know who the hundred people were but they are not here tonight," she said.

"Nancy, are you suggesting that I didn't talk to anybody, I mean seriously?" asked Ackerman.

Jones replied that she was just asking those in the room if any of them had been asked and she wasn't suggesting he didn't speak to anyone. "I just thought it was odd that no one here raised their hand," she said.

"Eric, believe it or not I'm not here to save my job," said Coach Wagoner. "I'm here to find out why after three years of almost 24/7, 365 days a year doing this, all of the sudden everything I've done in a year when you go 17-5 and you have great rapport with the players and you have a good season, things have gone sour."

"Why has John turned 180 degrees the other way?" he added. "I don't understand."

Kevin Wood spoke on behalf of Coach Wagoner and the positive things he has done since being head coach. "He bleeds black and gold and everyone should know that," he said.

Denny Wagoner spoke saying that he hopes John Mullen and the board uses the

same evaluation criteria with all the coaching positions and not just varsity basketball. Ackerman replied that basketball is different when it comes to the passion of the community. He said that when the basketball program doesn't meet expectations his phone is ringing off the hook - even with a 17-5 season. "It's easier to come in here and support someone publicly then it is to come in here and say 'oh mike you're a terrible guy,'" said Ackerman.

Jim Bateman then spoke agreeing with Coach Wagoner when he said if the sectional had been won there would have been no meeting on whether to renew his contract. "I don't know why you go through all these he didn't meet the qualifications, the evaluations, leadership things cause bottom line is if he'd won the sectional we wouldn't be here," he said.

Lacy Jeffers said that rumors have been going around for months that if Loogootee didn't win the sectional then Wagoner was going to be fired. She said it was discussed among the players. Jeffers added that it takes longer than three years to build a program. She added that if someone was to come in under the scrutiny that is given they would probably have to be offered more money and a longer term contract.

Nancy Jones then said that the school doesn't want to be known to get a new coach every three years. She also added that it seems the reasoning behind letting Wagoner go as coach seems to be secretive. "I guess I would just like to know something more than some younger coaches' evaluations would cost a man his job; I guess that just doesn't get it for me," she said.

Ackerman stated that Wagoner's contract renewal is not based on his record. He said it is based on things that the board is not allowed to discuss. Ackerman said he would recommend to the board tabling the decision on the contract until he had an opportunity to speak privately with Wagoner. Wagoner replied that he appreciates that

but he thought that is what he was doing over the last few months in the five meetings he has had with John Mullen and his 11 page report. "I have to restate everything to you guys; my opinion is if you read that you'll understand where I'm coming from," he said.

"We have a paper here that says not to bring you back as a coach and I'm sitting here getting bits and pieces from you and I'm offering you the chance to sit with us and talk," said Ackerman to Wagoner.

Jeff Bledsoe, who is one of the younger coaches, spoke saying he was never approached by John Mullen to offer his evaluation of Coach Wagoner and he doesn't know why because he has a favorable report.

More audience members discussed the fact that John Mullen is not from Loogootee and questioned why he was allowed to make such weighted decisions regarding the basketball program. Joe McAtee commented that Mike Wagoner was born and raised in Loogootee and John Mullen has only been a part of the community for six years. "Let your community vote," said McAtee.

"I'm sorry Joey, that's not going to happen," said Ackerman.

Several residents speaking at once asked Ackerman why those against Wagoner didn't come to the meeting to voice their opinion. Ackerman replied that it is easier to voice your opinion for something instead of against it.

"The people that are against it won," said Pat Wagoner.

"Pat, I don't listen to you, I don't care what you say, just shut up," replied Ackerman.

A member of the audience then told Ackerman that he felt it was pretty odd that he just told a voter to shut up.

"That's fine, I don't care," replied Ackerman.

Lacy Jeffers then asked why none of the other board members had input and why none of them were talking. The board replied that Ackerman as president does the talking for the group.

After more discussion it was again stated that a meeting would be set up with the board members and Wagoner and a decision made on his contract at a later date.

Lori Mattingly asked the board when John Mullen's contract was up for renewal. Ackerman said that he is on an automatic roll-over every two years unless the board takes it away. Mattingly then asked what the community had to do to get the automatic roll-over taken away. "There's nothing you can do unless he's not doing his job," said Ackerman which got a reaction from the audience. Mattingly went on to explain that she has already taken her complaints to the superintendent and wanted to know what the next step was. "There have been other issues in this community that haven't been discussed and I would like to discuss it," she said. "Not publicly, we're not doing that, I told you that," replied Ackerman. "We don't discuss that stuff publicly."

"You have a host of people who feel this way, I'm not the only one," said Mattingly.

"You also have a host of people that don't feel that way," replied Ackerman.

"I'd like to meet one," said another audience member.

Mattingly then addressed board member Shawn Howell who represents her district asking him what needs to be done to bring issues before the board. Howell replied that a meeting needs to be set up with the superintendent and if the complaints are actionable they will be brought before the board.

Mattingly then addressed the crowd telling them if they had complaints to make an appointment with Mr. Weitkamp.

Ackerman said that all administrators' contracts are up in June which would be the appropriate time for residents to attend a meeting if they are interested in the evaluations of administrators.

## Executive Meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold an executive session on Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m. This meeting is NOT open to the public.

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**BERNICE JONES**

Bernice P. (Butler) Jones died at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes. A resident of Washington, she was 92.



She was born January 27, 1919, in Lost River Township in Martin County; the daughter of Joel and Ethel (Hensler) Butler.

**BERNICE JONES** She was a 1937 graduate of Shoals High School. She married Alexander "Zan" Jones on August 20, 1939 and he preceded her in death on May 27, 1968. She was a former seamstress at Reliance Manufacturing Company, Loogootee

Textile, and UniRoyal and retired from NASCO.

She cared for the elderly after retirement. She was a member of Hudsonville United Methodist Church and Omega Alpha Chi Sorority.

She was active in her church as a Sunday school teacher, treasurer and played the piano and organ. She was very interested in family genealogy.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Bruce Colbert of Washington and Mary and Robert Doane of Shoals; grandchildren, Michael Colbert, Danny Doane and Eric Doane; six great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two step-great-great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Betty

Butler of Shoals.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mable Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Lloyd and Irene Butler; and brothers, John and Howard Butler.

The funeral was held Saturday, April 16 at Hudsonville United Methodist Church, with Jean Corbin officiating. Burial followed in New Veale Creek Cemetery. Gill Chapel in Washington was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Hudsonville United Methodist Church. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.gillsince1872.com](http://www.gillsince1872.com).

**JON SIMS**

Jon Sims passed away peacefully at his home at 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12,

2011. A resident of Trinity Springs, he was 42.

He was born April 26, 1968 in Washington; the son of Rita (Warren) and Allan Sims and they survive in Shoals. He was a graduate of Shoals High School and attended Dover Hill Christian Union Church. He married Carolyn (Reynolds) Baker on March 2, 2011 in Shoals and she survives. He was employed by Sims 1 Collision.

Other survivors include a brother, Gary Sims of Shoals and grandmother, Thelma Shute of Bloomfield.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Souerdike; paternal grandparents, Fred and Frankie Sims; and maternal grandfather, Joe Shute.

Graveside services were held Thursday, April 14 at Trinity Springs Cemetery.

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that." Dr. Nonte added, "This is not a speech I planned for tonight. I mean I don't want you to walk out of here tonight thinking that I'm just hanging crepe and want to pass out Kleenexes, this is true, we really don't know, but we've been told with the best information that the state has that we're in trouble."

Dr. Nonte went on to say that he doesn't understand why, during the state's economic downturn that so much advocating is being done for charter schools and vouchers for private schools. "Taking even more money away from a low pot of money," he said. He said that the state's formula for public schools changed which negatively affected some and positively affected others – most favorably the urban schools with growing enrollment. "I am not unsympathetic to your concerns; I am concerned about kids' education. I am also concerned about keeping the school corporation solvent," he said. He added that the state is going to have to increase funding for public schools or dramatic decision will have to be made. He said that funding may increase down the road but the school has to figure out how to operate until then.

"We are concerned and we have a good school here; we've turned out some great kids. And, we want to keep the school here. The way things are going with the state, one of the things they are pushing for is consolidation and we'd like to keep our school here. So, we have got to cut wherever we can," said board member Shobe.

Another audience member said that she would like to see cuts made in other areas instead of with teachers and aides. "When you start putting that many kids in a classroom, parents are going to start going to other places," she said. "We don't want that either. We are here at this school because we love this school; this is where we want our children to learn at. We don't want to have to take them other places."

Shobe commented that the board is looking at other areas and not just at teaching staff. More discussion on the matter will take place at the May 12 board meeting.

The board then moved on to other business including grass mowing bids. Two were received, one from Boomer's Lawn Care

with a base bid of \$200 per mowing of the front area of the school only and \$405 for all the mowing except for the athletic fields. T&T Mowing had a base bid of \$200 and a

full-mowing bid of \$400 per. After discussion from the board on whether the school staff had time to do the mowing since the school just bought a second mower, it was decided hold off on hiring anyone at this time.

A motion was approved 4-1 to notify third grade teacher Kendra Hovis about the possibility of reducing her hours. With the recommendation by Dr. Nonte to eliminate one third grade classroom, Ms. Hovis, who has the least seniority, must be notified of the consideration of reduction in force by May 1. Dr. Nonte recommended that Ms. Hovis

**Special Meeting**

The Shoals School Board will hold a special meeting Monday, April 25 at 5 p.m. to discuss cost-saving measures. This meeting is open to the public.

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be transferred to the position of half-day pre-school teaching only for next year. A final decision on the matter will take place at the May 12 school board meeting. Board member Christy Farhar was opposed.

The board approved the following personnel changes:

- The transfer of April Sutton to the Jr. Sr. High School for next year to replace Marilyn Kent who is retiring at the end of the 2010-11 school year.

- Rachele Atkins to serve as a substitute teacher during the 2010-11 school year.

- Kevin Harder as girls' varsity softball volunteer for the 2010-11 school year.

- Josh Fuartado as boys' high school track volunteer for the 2010-11 school year.

- Melinda Armstrong as cook/head cashier to replace Julia Tow who is retiring at the end of the current school year.

- Miranda Albright to work on the cleaning crew during the summer of 2011

- Miranda Albright to move to the position of cook and increasing her scheduled working hours. She will be scheduled to work 5 to 6 hours daily. Mrs. Albright will replace Misty Davis who has been approved to take over the position of head cook following the retirement of Lois Robbins at the end of the current school year.

- Mona Boyd-Fischer to serve as a junior high softball volunteer during the 2010-11 school year

- Jennifer Walls resignation from the position of varsity/JV assistant volleyball coach was accepted by the board. Board member Billings stated that Jennifer did a great job and will be greatly missed.

The board approved requests from Tim Sorrells and Charla Ivey to use the multipurpose room to hold practice for their little league teams during the spring and summer of 2011 if needed due to inclement weather. Also approved was a request from Dennis Dahlen to use the high school media center to hold a VUJC Comp II night class on April

20, 2011 with fees waived.

The board approved the girls' track team to sell spring messages and candy April 15-22, 2011.

The board approved the following field trips:

-Art class to Chicago, Illinois on March 18, 2011

-3rd grade to Loogootee to watch musical on Thursday, April 7, 2011

-Mrs. Kent's class to Mitchell and Bedford on Tuesday, April 19, 2011

-Chorus to Loogootee Nursing Center on a date to be announced

-Special education students to Special Olympics on Thursday May 5, 2011 and Friday May 6, 2011

-6th grade to Vincennes University on Friday, May 6, 2011

-Elective PE class to Washington bowling alley on Tuesday, May 10, 2011

-5th grade to Spring Mill State Park on Wednesday, May 11, 2011

-3rd grade to Lincoln Boyhood Park on Thursday, May 12, 2011

-4th grade to Bluespring Caverns on Monday, May 16, 2011

The board approved the ratification of the contract with the Shoals Teachers' Association for the 2011-12 school year. The agreement includes a zero percent increase in contract and ECA salary. They also approved the salary schedule for non-certified staff and administrators remain at the current amounts with zero percent increase in salary amounts for the 2011-12 school year.

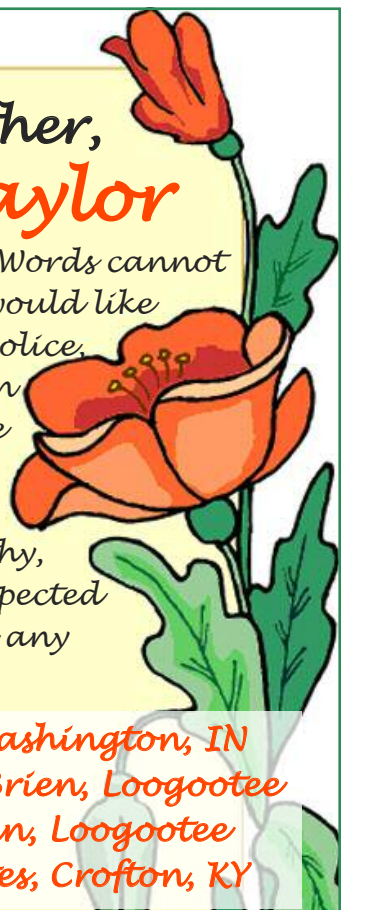
Dr. Nonte notified the board that there was an accident on Monday, April 4 involving the pre-school bus. Kelly Springer was driving pre-school students home when the accident occurred. No one was injured in the accident, but some minor damage was done to the bus.

Elementary principal Carolyn Eubank reported that 50 kindergarten students were enrolled at kindergarten round up which was held on April 8.

*In Memory of our Mother,  
Pauline "Fern" Taylor*

*She went to the Lord on March 16, 2011. Words cannot express how much we miss you Mom. We would like to sincerely thank the Washington City Police, Washington Fire Department, Washington EMTs, Daviess County Coroner, Queen-Lee Funeral Home of Shoals, Chastain's for the beautiful flowers, and our friends, neighbors, and relatives for your sympathy, support, and kindness through our unexpected great loss. It was appreciated more than any words of thanks could ever express.*

*Anthony "Brad" & Stacy Taylor, Washington, IN  
Cynthia "Cindy" Taylor & David O'Brien, Loogootee  
Donna Taylor & Christopher Dunn, Loogootee  
Regina "Ilene" Taylor & Lupe Cortes, Crofton, KY*





# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

## Tuesday, April 12

12:45 p.m. - Received a call about possible drug activity.

4:28 p.m. - Received a call about a possible suspended driver and possible drug activity.

5:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Orange County Hospital.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:40 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance for a subject in Shoals.

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on Butler Bridge Road.

7:28 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Shoals.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

10:00 p.m. - Received call about a dog running loose in Crane.

## Wednesday, April 13

12:24 a.m. - Received a report of a battery in Shoals.

5:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in West Baden. Orange County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

6:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn on Bear Hill Road.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle that had run off the roadway at the intersection of U.S. 50 and 1100 East. Daviess County was contacted.

4:52 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Mt. Calvary Road.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

8:51 p.m. - Received a complaint of a dog running loose in Crane Village.

9:09 p.m. - A female came on station to speak with an officer about a custody dispute.

## Thursday, April 14

10:44 a.m. - A female caller reported attempted residential entry.

1:30 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm north of Loogootee.

2:39 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary from a recreational vehicle.

3:02 p.m. - Received a call about a sighting of a bald eagle in the Alfordsville area.

4:02 p.m. - Received information about a controlled burn in the Scenic Hill area.

5:26 p.m. - Received a 9-1-1 call about a dispute east of Shoals near the U.S. 50 and S.R. 650 Junction.

8:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Martin County Health Care Center. The patient was transported to Daviess County Hospital.

8:43 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism at the Truelove United Methodist Church on Truelove Church Road.

8:47 p.m. - Received a request for assistance getting into a locked residence in Odon. The Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

8:51 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in a field just off Sherfick School Road.

9:22 p.m. - Received a call from a male subject about debris in the roadway on U.S. 50, just east of Max Warren's Curve.

10:19 p.m. - Received a call from a subject in Crane about a pit bull fighting with his dog.

## Friday, April 15

1:40 a.m. - Received a report of stolen medication.

3:07 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity on Rama Dye Road.

4:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:10 a.m. - A female caller requested to speak with an officer about her grandchild.

12:02 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee. Daviess County was contacted.

12:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess County Hospital.

12:49 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm south of Loogootee on U.S. 231.

3:17 p.m. - Received a report of a borrowed car not being returned.

5:00 p.m. - Received a call that water had risen over Butler Bridge Road.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Brooks Bridge Road.

6:12 p.m. - A male subject came on station to report he had an accident, involving a vehicle and moped on Second Street in Shoals.

8:00 p.m. - Received a call from a male subject in Shoals regarding a property dispute.

8:21 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at the Coon Club building on Coon Club Road.

8:38 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver westbound on U.S. 50 from Montgomery.

9:58 p.m. - Received a report of juveniles inside a building belonging to the Christian Church in Shoals.

10:09 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle, eastbound on U.S. 50 from Loogootee.

11:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

## Saturday, April 16

10:54 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection on Brooks Bridge Road.

11:02 a.m. - Received a report of a break in at a residence on Mill Road.

11:07 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn on Cale Road.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Qualkenbush Springs Road.

7:09 p.m. - A female caller advised that someone had hit her garage with a vehicle.

7:20 p.m. - Received a call about a domestic situation in Shoals.

11:45 p.m. - A female caller requested assistance with an intoxicated subject she had given a ride to.

## Sunday, April 17

12:40 a.m. - Received a report of a subject in the Weisbach Road area, stopping their vehicle and knocking on doors at random.

5:29 a.m. - A caller advised of a man in all black walking in the northbound lane on U.S. 231, just north of the water tower south of Whitfield.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen off-road vehicle.

2:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:22 p.m. - Received a call about a domestic dispute on Progress School Road.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of two reckless drivers on four-wheelers on S.R. 550.

4:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

6:26 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in the area of Scenic Hill.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of a subject in Trinity Springs, causing a disturbance and threatening individuals.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious car behind the Truelove Church.

9:11 p.m. - Received a report of a house fire. The caller advised the fire had been extinguished, but he requested the fire department to check the residence.

9:21 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231, south of West Boggs.

## Monday, April 18

8:50 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on Day Road, just off of U.S. 231.

9:00 a.m. - An anonymous caller advised that there were cows out on Hickory Ridge Road.

9:15 a.m. - A male caller reported flooding at the Mustering Elm Park, due to beavers. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources was contacted.

10:10 a.m. - A female caller wanted to

follow up on a report of a runaway juvenile.

10:55 a.m. - A male caller reported theft of medication.

11:40 a.m. - A female came on station to report unauthorized use of her debit card.

11:49 a.m. - Received a report of a possible suicidal subject just outside of Loogootee.

3:11 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee.

4:03 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Brooks Bridge Road.

5:14 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, near Huron. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

6:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:50 p.m. - Received several calls about possible drug activity.

8:19 p.m. - Received a call from a male subject that reference a dog running loose in the area of Bear Hill Road.

8:56 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute on U.S. 231 in reference to an individual attempting to retrieve personal property.

## Tuesday, April 19

9:00 a.m. - Received a call about a dog running loose at the Shoals School Corporation.

10:08 a.m. - Received a complaint regarding ongoing issues with a neighbor.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Karen Hilderbrand**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jason Robbins**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 19 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the town of Shoals, formerly West Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 20 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the town of Shoals, formerly West Shoals, Indiana.

**Susan Ann McAlpin**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ronald D. Cox**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 2.60 acres.

**Cheryl A. Eisele**, of Charlotte Hall, Maryland; **Nancy Kidwell**, of Geneva, Alabama; **Mary Francis Hohl**, of Huntington, Indiana; **Sandy Borders**, of Jasper, Indiana, and **Terri Buchta**, of Loogootee, Indiana to **Mark Borders**, of Dubois County, Indiana, Lot Number 2 in Risacher's First Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Matthew Lark and Lenore Lark**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Galen Graber and Marilyn Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the west half of the Southeast

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**Jon Patrick Brown and Lisa Golay to Timothy C. Sorrells and Cynthia G. Sorrells**, a part of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 11.68 acres, more or less.

**Tampa Renee Holt**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Trena G. Truelove**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east one-half of Lots Numbered 118, 119, and 120 in Chenoweth's Extension to West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

**Tommy E. Roberts**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tommy E. Roberts and his daughter Sharon Sue Pender**, of Martin County, Indiana. Parcel I: part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 12.63 acres, more or less. Parcel II: part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing .71 acres, more or less.

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# Loogootee Police log

## Monday, April 11

9:15 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol on Park Street for speeding vehicles.

12:26 p.m. - Female came on station to request an ambulance for a male with difficulty breathing.

3:27 p.m. - Caller stated a stray dog was on her property and would not leave. Animal was picked up.

4:33 p.m. - Female reported a domestic dispute in Bowling Trailer Court. Sgt. Norris responded.

## Tuesday, April 12

4:09 p.m. - John Baugh reported his vehicle had been struck by a rock from a lawn mower. Captain Akles completed a case report.

5:09 p.m. - First responders were requested at the Marathon Station for a female with trouble breathing.

5:23 p.m. - Caller reported four wheelers in Shaded Estates.

## Wednesday, April 13

6:18 a.m. - First responders were requested in Shaded Estates for a male with chest pains.

5:50 p.m. - Loogootee Police Department assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department with a fight in progress on US 231 North.

8:09 p.m. - First responders were requested on Park Street for a Lifeline call.

9:27 p.m. - Male reported harassing text messages.

## Thursday, April 14

Unknown time - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

## Friday, April 15

1:40 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at McDonalds.

4:16 p.m. - Female caller reported a possible theft.

4:25 p.m. - Loogootee Police Department assisted DCSD with a traffic stop on Hwy 50.

8:21 p.m. - An employee at Marathon reported a drive off. The person later came back and paid for the fuel.

8:39 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated

driver on Hwy 50.

10:00 p.m. - Male reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50

10:30 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up on SW 2nd Street.

## Saturday, April 16

1:13 a.m. - Caller reported a disturbance at Country Place Apartments. Captain Akles responded.

9:29 a.m. - Caller reported a green Mustang speeding on SW 3rd Street.

9:44 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette completed a VIN check.

7:17 p.m. - A male came on station requesting transient assistance.

9:10 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

11:51 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a male refusing to leave a residence on Queen Street. Sgt. Norris responded.

## Sunday, April 17

12:20 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a vehicle with taillights.

2:17 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at Country Place Apartments. Sgt. Hennette responded.

2:41 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a drug overdose.

4:32 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute involving firearms.

5:01 p.m. - First responders were requested at Country Place Apartments for a female with difficulty breathing.

7:31 p.m. - Female reported a possible intoxicated driver.

7:49 p.m. - An employee at Marathon reported a broken down vehicle.

8:11 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance at Country Place Apartments. Sgt. Norris responded.

8:37 p.m. - Sgt. Norris completed two VIN checks.

9:12 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a structure fire at 405 East Main Street. Loogootee Fire was dispatched.

# Martin County vehicle accident reports

## Tuesday, April 12

2:06 p.m. - Kathy S. Fears, of Otwell, was operating a 2006 Chevy and attempting to turn into McDonalds. At this time, Donald L. Yancey, of Washington, was operating a 2007 Ford and failed to see the Fears' vehicle in front of him turning. Yancey's vehicle stuck the rear of the Fears' vehicle. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill investigated.

## Thursday, April 14

7:00 a.m. - John Pfender, 44, of Washington, was traveling north on U.S. 231 just north of Raglesville Road in a tan 1997 Mitsubishi Diamante when he struck a deer in the roadway. The deer caused significant damage to the front, front driver side fender, door, and windshield. The investigating officer was Sergeant John Fischer.

## Friday, April 15

4:25 p.m. - Jamey L. VanMeter, of Loogootee, was operating a 2004 Dodge and backing on the T&R parking lot when he backed into a Chevy owned by Ernest Mar-

tin, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

## Monday, April 18

9:04 a.m. - Charles E. Diamond, 20, of Shoals, was traveling west on Dover Hill Road in a blue 2003 Chevy Cavalier, when

# Martin County Court News

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

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed

### April 6

Benjamin A. Kent, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jacob Paul Friede, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Braden G. Henson, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joshua Maurice Jones, domestic battery, a Class D Felony; operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; neglect of a dependent, a Class D Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony; unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Class B Felony.

### April 11

Billy Craft, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### April 12

Joshua M. Jones, sex offender internet offense, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Dustin S. Perry, sexual misconduct with a minor, a Class D Felony.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### April 6

Michael R. Harden, forgery, a Class C Felony, dismissed.

### April 7

George Alan Wade, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

### April 6

United States of America vs. Rhonda Hardwick, et al, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

### April 11

Sharon Letterman vs. David Letterman, petition for dissolution of marriage, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suit Filed

### April 12

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ryan and Cheryl Spencer, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Angela Barragan, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Neal J. Andrews, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. April L. Ranard, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Michael Cochran, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Benjamin L. Edwards, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Susan K. Short, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Shanda and Brian Allender, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Amber and Greg Thomas, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Douglas E. Bennett, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Gleeda Lasher, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Bradley and Miriam Joliff, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Susan and Frankie Busby, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ronald D. Olsen, Jr., complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Marvin Holt, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

### April 11

Rheta Shaw vs. Ronald and Shaquille Crowder, complaint, dismissed.

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

### April 6 - April 12

Gary Cooper, Shoals, failure to possess valid hunting license, \$119.

Wallace Devine, Willisburg, Kentucky, speeding 55 in a 40, \$119.

James Edwards, Loogootee, speeding 66 in a 50, \$124.

Lisa Love, Loogootee, speeding 40 in a 25; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

James Plano, Mitchell, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Calvin Saulman, Corydon, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

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

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

### April 8

Michael Joseph Newton of Loogootee and Bonnie Lynn Johnson of Loogootee.

# Martin County jail bookings

## Tuesday, April 12

8:30 p.m. - Juanita Moffitt, 61, Juan Terry, 36, and Arthur Terry, 39, all of Shoals, were arrested and charged with resisting arrest. Juanita Moffitt and Arthur Terry were also charged with battery on a police officer.

## Saturday, April 16

9:48 p.m. - Frederick Morgan, 39, of Shoals was arrested and charged with resisting, intimidation, domestic battery, and invasion of privacy.

## Sunday, April 17

7:28 p.m. - Darrell Baker, 55, of Shoals,

was arrested and charged with intimidation.

## Monday, April 18

11:40 p.m. - Anna Arvin, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.



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## One arrested for an alcohol-related offense in crackdown

The Martin County Sheriff's Department recently announced that officers made one alcohol-related arrest during the Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. March crackdown.

In all, agency officers dedicated 14 hours of overtime towards Indiana's annual mobilization against impaired and dangerous driving. One operating while intoxicated (.08) arrest was made during the 17-day mobilization. Citations were also issued for various other violations, including seatbelt, child restraint, and failure to signal.

"The goal of this campaign is prevention, not arrest," said Corporal Keith Keller. "Our enforcement efforts may have increased over the last 17 days, but drivers should remember - our commitment to keeping roadways safe from impaired and dangerous drivers is a year

round effort," Corporal Keller continued.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), there were 103 crash fatalities on St. Patrick's Day in 2009. Of those crashes, 37 percent involved an impaired driver and/or motorcyclist with a (BAC) of .08 and higher.

Operation Pull Over Blitz 66 was supported by federal funding allocated to the Martin County Sheriff's Department from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). More than 250 Indiana law enforcement agencies participated in this annual, statewide enforcement effort, which generally occurs around the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

To learn more about Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest enforcement efforts, visit [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org).

## Be cautious in construction zones

The warm temperatures of spring mean the unofficial start of the highway construction season in Indiana.

According to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), there are over \$1.5 billion in new highway projects slated to begin construction throughout the state. This will create the need for numerous construction zones throughout Indiana.

These zones will require motorists to constantly observe and be prepared to react to ever changing road conditions.

Reckless driving in a construction zone is not only a life threatening hazard to highway workers; it often proves deadly to the motoring public.

In 2010, 12 people died and 602 people were injured in work zone crashes throughout Indiana.

In an effort to reduce deaths and injuries in work zones, the Indiana State Police have assigned troopers to work overtime in construction zones to aggressively enforce Indiana's traffic laws.

If motorists are stopped for a traffic infraction in a construction zone, they should expect to be issued a citation. Motorists should be warned that steeper fines and penalties await drivers convicted of speeding or reckless driving in a work zone. Signs posted in most work zones warn speeding drivers that they can face fines up to \$1,000, reckless or aggressive drivers can face fines up to \$5,000, and drivers whose reckless behavior cause injury or death to a highway worker can face up to 8 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The Indiana State Police encourage all

motorists to drive responsibly and voluntarily comply with Indiana's traffic laws. Troopers offer these tips to keep all workers and drivers in construction zones safe.

Watch for orange "Road Construction Ahead" signs and be prepared to react to stopped or slowing traffic. Follow all lane restrictions as posted.

Do not tailgate and keep your brakes maintained so you can stop in time. Most injuries and deaths in work zones are caused by rear-end collisions. Obey the posted work zone speed limit.

Do not cut other vehicles off or change lanes across solid white lines. Signal all lane changes.

Make sure all occupants in your vehicle are properly secured with a seat belt or child safety seat. Seat belts save lives and help prevent minor crashes from becoming major catastrophes.

Do not engage in distracting behavior such as talking on a cell phone, texting, changing radio stations, eating, applying makeup, or talking to passengers.

Drivers are encouraged to avoid the congested road conditions often associated with construction zones by seeking alternate routes of travel.

Drivers can learn the locations of road construction zones before they depart by calling INDOT's TrafficWise at 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or on the internet at [www.TrafficWise.IN.gov](http://www.TrafficWise.IN.gov).

Portable and permanent electronic message signs are also utilized to communicate messages to the public

## ISP Commercial Motor Vehicle Division wins safety award for fourth year

On Monday April 11, 2011 the United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, (FMCSA), honored the Indiana State Police with the presentation of the "2011 MCSAP Leadership Award" for safety enforcement during 2010.

This award is in recognition of the State of Indiana achieving the most effective commercial vehicle safety enforcement program in the United States within the large states category.

This is the 4th consecutive year the Indiana State Police has received this top honor.

The FMCSA looks at inspection levels and safety enforcement efforts geared toward reducing serious crashes involving commercial motor vehicles. This award recognizes the collective efforts of the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) and the Governor's Office in reducing Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) related crashes.

The Indiana State Police Crash Reduction Program has caught the eye of the federal government as an exceptionally responsive initiative that places enforcement efforts in areas where crashes are occurring. The ability to adjust on a monthly basis if needed is seen as "revolutionary" and beyond what most states have accomplished. The Indiana State Police will expand this model to incorporate their Commercial Vehicle Safety

Plan.

Total Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Inspections for 2009/2010 Calendar Years:

2008 - 79,918 (provided as an indicator of the substantial increases due to training additional troopers)

2009 - 94,203

2010 - 95,987 (increase of 1,784 inspections from 2009)

2011 - On target to exceed 2010 numbers

The average number of certified CMV inspectors has increased over the years to 404 ISP certified CMV inspectors as of end of 2010. This number reflects the department's commitment to increase commercial vehicle safety through inspections. The increase is attributed to the training of troopers in the Level 3 Commercial Vehicle Inspection process, which focuses on CMV drivers, their driving habits, hours of service, log books and other issues inclusive of fatigued and distracted driving.

Indiana State Police Superintendent Paul Whitesell commented, "Traffic safety is a flagship consideration of the state police efforts. By identifying high crash areas and high crash causation factors the state police can effectively employ aggressive traffic enforcement and identify problem areas and behaviors for the motoring public in an effort to gain voluntary compliance with traffic laws."

## Prescription Drug Take Back Day, April 30

On Saturday, April 30, The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be sponsoring the second nationwide "Prescription Drug Take Back" initiative. The "Take Back" initiative seeks to prevent increased pill abuse and theft. Collection sites will be set up nationwide as collection points for expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction. This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) sponsored the first National Take Back Initiative (NTBI) in partnership with over 2,900 law enforcement agencies nationwide. During the initiative over 242,000 pounds of unused

prescription drugs were collected and destroyed. In Indiana efforts totaled over 4,800 pounds at over 50 locations.

Citizens wishing to participate in this program may drop off their prescription drugs for disposal at the Indiana State Police Post at Evansville or Jasper on Saturday, April 30, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

In Dubois County there will be two additional sites one at the Ferdinand Fire Station located at 221 E 4th Street and one at the Huntingburg Fire Station located at 501 E 1st Street. At these sites collections will take place from 10 a.m. to noon only.

This drug take back is for pills and liquids only. No sharps will be taken.

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## Martin County sits at 81st in the state for unemployment

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County fell in the state rankings for March unemployment going from 84th place to 81st despite the slight decrease from 7.3 percent to 7 percent. 11 counties finished with a lower jobless rate than Martin County. The county had 5,372 residents in the workforce for March with 375 of them without jobs. A year ago the county's unemployment rate sat at 8.2 percent with 5,144 residents and 420 of them jobless.

Daviess County's jobless rate dropped slightly from 5.7 percent in February to 5.3 percent in March keeping them in the top spot for the state's lowest unemployment rate. For March, Daviess County had 14,620 residents in the workforce with 774 without jobs. One year ago the county's jobless rate was 6.6 percent with 14,841 residents in the workforce and 986 unemployed.

Dubois County's rate also fell slightly from 6.4 percent in February to 5.9 percent in March, tied with Knox County. Dubois County's rank is 90th. In March, the county had 21,007 residents in the job market with 1,237 of them without jobs. In March of 2010 Dubois County's jobless rate sat at 9.1 percent with 22,007 residents in the workforce and 996 without jobs.

Orange County's unemployment rate too fell for March going from 10.4 percent to 9.7 percent in a four-way tie with Dearborn, Grant and White counties for 37th place in the state. In March, the county had 10,467 residents in the job market and 1,020 unemployed. A year ago Orange County had a 12.9 percent unemployment rate with 10,293

residents in the workforce and 1,331 without jobs.

The five lowest unemployment ranking counties for March were Daviess County at 5.3 percent, Hamilton at 5.8 percent, Knox and Dubois at 5.9 percent, Monroe County at 6.2 percent, and Gibson County at 6.4 percent.

The five highest unemployment ranking counties for March were Fayette County at 12.5 percent, Vermillion County at 11.7 percent, Crawford County at 11.6 percent, Tipton County at 11.4 percent, and Franklin, Jennings, and Newton counties at 11.3 percent.

Indiana's preliminary seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped 0.3 percent, to 8.5 percent in March. Indiana's rate is below the national average of 8.8 percent and below that of all neighboring states for the second month in a row. In addition, the state added 9,700 jobs in March.

"We haven't seen the unemployment rate drop by 1 percent in a quarter since 1993," said Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development. "We also saw solid job growth in March, particularly in the manufacturing sector."

**Employment by Sector**  
Sectors showing significant employment gains in March include: Manufacturing (5,200), Leisure and Hospitality (3,000), Private Education and Health Services (1,900) and Financial Activities (1,800). The Professional and Business Services (-2,200) sector showed a significant decline. Total non-farm employment increased (10,000) in March.

*This article was written in part with a press release from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.*

area during peak training time. "This is an opportunity to invite our neighbors that work in the northern part of the county at NSA Crane into the Loogootee and Shoals area, but also to show our support for the great things they do," said Tim Kinder, Executive Director of the Martin County Alliance.

The financial impact of this project will have a very positive effect on Martin County. "This opportunity will inject hundreds of thousands of dollars into the local economy," Kinder concluded.

STIMULUS Engineering will make an announcement of the date and time of the ribbon-cutting.

### RIBBON CUTTING

(Continued from page one)

"The joint agreement between the Loogootee School Corporation and STIMULUS Engineering is one we are very proud of and excited to announce. In addition to providing adult education and workforce training at our East campus, our community stands to benefit immediately via an increased employment base and large "non-traditional" student population that, in turn, spurs local economic growth throughout Martin County," said Larry Weitkamp, Loogootee Superintendent.

STIMULUS Engineering will begin training in late summer of 2011. The project creates 10 full-time and 40 plus part-time positions. In addition, this project will welcome more than 250 people per week into the

### Grant received to remove log jams from Lost River

Martin County Commissioners received word on Friday April 8 that their grant to clear log jams on County waterways was approved. In an e-mail message from Laura Nading of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs stated that the County would receive \$566,900.00 in grant funds from the Disaster Recovery Program established after the severe flooding of 2008.

The project will remove one large log jam on Lost River and one log jam on Indian Creek. Removing the log jams are important because they are destroying farmland, increasing the 100 year flood zone and inhibiting emergency access in Lost River, and Mitchelltree Township.

Past public hearings concerning the project revealed the high priority of removing these log jams. Commonwealth Engineers Inc. completed the preliminary engineering on the project and Southern Indiana Development Commission wrote and will administer grant. The Commissioners will be allowed to start construction in September but the removal of the log jams will have to coordinate with the appropriate weather conditions to safely remove the debris. It is anticipated that the grant will be completed in December of 2011.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



Exciting news for education and jobs in Indiana

We are quickly approaching the end of session and we are optimistic that we will accomplish our goals to strengthen Indiana by promoting job creation and expanding educational opportunities. Bills from the House and Senate are making progress including one of my bills, House Bill 1007. HB 1007 is going to help create jobs in Indiana by giving communities the necessary tools they need to attract new business. Specifically, HB 1007 will create new tax abatement schedules and allow rebating of local option income taxes to help attract new companies or help existing companies grow. HB 1007 has passed the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee by a vote of 8-4 and will now move onto the full Senate for consideration.

In a press conference held last Friday, Governor Mitch Daniels, Senate President Pro Tempore David Long (R-Fort Wayne) and Speaker of the House Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) announced that revenue forecasts for the past several months have continued to show increased numbers. This is great news for Hoosier children and we will be using an additional \$150 million and direct it towards education including the extension of full-day kindergarten across the entire state.

Full-day kindergarten has been shown to have a significant impact on a child's education. Full-day kindergarten programs allow for more appropriate challenges for children at all developmental levels, and most importantly teachers report considerably greater progress for full-day kindergarten children in literacy, math, general learning skills and social skills.

With this announcement it is clear that Indiana is leading the way out of the recession across the nation. Education makes up over 50 percent of the state's budget, and a portion of K-12 education was cut in the 2009 fiscal year due to fiscal revenue being severely low. But while many other states have had to continue to continue to make dramatic cuts to education funding, Indiana will carefully begin to increase funding.

We are continuing to fulfill our promise for budget integrity and some of the money will remain in our fiscal reserves. With the pro-

posed budget we would have a 4.5 percent reserve, and ideally, as a good business practice, we should keep at least 5 percent in our reserves. The increased revenues will help us reach that goal more quickly than expected.

Finally, the General Assembly's Budget Committee announced that Vincennes University (VU) has been granted approval to construct a \$12 million Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Technology at the Jasper Campus. The two-story building will include at least six large group areas, 14 classrooms, lounges, an auditorium, conference rooms, and office space. This will be a wonderful addition to the campus and I am very happy that the General Assembly can help provide the resources to start this project. VU is a great asset to our community and I look forward to the benefits this building will provide to their students, faculty, staff and our community.

We are quickly approaching our April 29th deadline to finish the legislative session but I welcome and greatly appreciate your continued feedback.

### Messmer applauds funding for VU-Jasper campus project

The General Assembly's Budget Committee announced that Vincennes University (VU) will receive \$8 million to construct the Jasper Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Technology.

"This will be a wonderful addition to the campus and I am pleased that the General Assembly can help provide the resources for this project," said State Rep. Mark Messmer (R-Jasper).

"The advanced manufacturing and technology programs the building will help provide in Jasper will be a great boost to the economy and draw more students and businesses to the area. VU is a great asset to our community and I look forward to the benefits this building will provide to their students, faculty and staff and also the community."

The total cost of the project will cost approximately \$12 million. The project is aimed to enhance the ability to serve as a technical and specialized training center for southwestern, south-central and south-eastern Indiana.

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CHAD GIBSON and AUDREY GARRETT

**Chad Gibson to wed Audrey Garrett in June ceremony**

Pat and Denise Garrett, of Shoals, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey Paige Garrett to Chad Gibson, son of Gary and Joy Gibson, also of Shoals.

Audrey is a 2005 graduate of Shoals High School and a 2008 graduate of Oakland City University with a B.A. in Elementary Education. She is currently employed by the Warrick County School Corporation.

Chad is a 1999 Shoals High School graduate and a 2003 graduate of the University of Evansville with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He currently works for Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates in Evansville.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at Shoals United Methodist Church. Formal invitations have been sent.

**Calendar of Events**

**Relay for Life happenings**

Relay Meeting: There will be a committee meeting at 6 p.m. and a Captain meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 in the Martin County Learning Center. These meetings are open to the public. NOTE: All teams must be registered by April 28. So, if you're registering your team on paper registration forms, they must be turned in at the Thursday meeting. Online registrations will be accepted until the 28.

Relay for Life Fundraiser: Team "Crusading for a Cure" (captain - Jennifer Randolph) will be hosting "Fishing for a Cure" on Saturday, May 21 from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Two-person teams will catch three fish at the location of their choice. Winners will be determined by weight of live fish. Teams will meet at the St John's parking lot at 6:30 to go over all rules.

Relay for Life Fundraiser: Team "Radical Relayers" (captains - Renee Street and Tina Welp) is hosting a 9-pin bowling fundraiser at the Strike Zone Bowling Alley in Loogootee on Saturday April 30 from 7-10:30 p.m.

**Rabbit Tattoo Workshop**

A Martin County 4-H Rabbit Tattoo Workshop will be held at the fairgrounds on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Humane society meetings**

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

**Youth football meetings**

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

**Recovery support group**

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

**Martin County ABATE meetings**

The Martin County Chapter of ABATE of Indiana meets the third Saturday of every month at 4 p.m. at Sandy's Dining

Room on Main Street in Shoals. The meeting for May, however, is scheduled for May 25 at 6 p.m. in Loogootee Family Restaurant.

**US Route 50 Yard Sale**

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

**Baked Potato Days**

Martin Council on Aging will be hosting a fundraiser at each of the Loogootee senior centers. Loaded Baked Potato Days will be held on Friday, April 22 at the Loogootee Senior Activity Center (located in the old Loogootee School on SW 1st Street). Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meal consists of a BIG baked potato with your choice of 10 different toppings, dessert, and a drink for only \$5. Side salads will be available for \$1. You may dine in or carry-out. Delivery will be available for area businesses with advanced order. Orders may be placed by calling 295-3130. Baked goods and craft items will be for sale. An outdoor bicycle plant stand will also be given away. This is an annual fundraiser with all proceeds supporting activities at both centers.

**Taste of Martin County**

On Tuesday, April 26, the Martin County Community Foundation will host the second annual "Taste of Martin County". This is an event where people can sample menu items from area food vendors. The event will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Martin County Community building. Admissions at the door are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students K-12; children five and under are free. Pre-sale tickets are available at discounted prices at The Shoals News, German American Bank in Loogootee, or the Cartridge Depot in Loogootee. Pre-sale costs are \$10- adult, and \$3- Students K-12. Proceeds will go to support the operations of the Martin County Community Foundation. Anyone with questions should contact the MCCF office at 812-295-1022 or mccf@rtccom.net

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**CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION**

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 will be City Election Day. It seems like such a short time since the last municipal election. The last seven years have been an incredibly interesting and exciting time.

Many very good things have happened. At least five major projects have been completed in our city and several more are on the verge of being officially announced. The completed projects include the Surface Water Project, The Sidewalk Project, Larkin Apartment Building, Downtown Building Facade Project which involved 16 buildings, and The Ritz Building. In addition, quite a few smaller projects have come about during the last seven years. Many of the completed projects have been the result of dogged perseverance with mayoral follow up and attention to detail.

Other personal involvement have included the most recent Crane BRAC Hearings in St. Louis, West Gate @ Crane Tech Park (which is on the verge of a major expansion), I-69 committees and input, Loogootee Elementary East School, and negotiations for the Perfect Fit Building.

Much is happening in the Loogootee area and all of Southwestern Indiana. This is my reason for the decision to again be a candidate for the Mayor of Loogootee. Only you, the voters, can make it happen. Go to the polls on Tuesday, May 3rd and

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

I've done my best with the online newspaper over the past year but it's time that I come clean and start being honest with you all.

I have received numerous, and I mean numerous, emails, phone calls, etc. asking why I do not cover much related to Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School. Sometimes, if I know the person asking, I tell the truth, but most of the time I make excuses.

The truth is that Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School administrators will not let me cover the students. It seems that every time I make a request, I am given some law or policy that prevents me from being allowed to gain access. For example, I really wanted to honor the 2011 seniors in a weekly spotlight, just like I do the Shoals seniors, but I was told that I cannot because each and every parent must sign a consent form releasing the photos and bio information to me. Exclusive rights have been given to one media outlet only so I have been told. So, it looks like I won't be doing a graduation issue this year - this new "release form" does not include my publication.

I have been lied to regarding when "media day" is; which is the day that all media outlets are invited to get photos of the sports teams. I have been told that there wasn't a media day or not told anything at all.

I am required to pay to get into every sporting event regardless of the fact that I, or my husband, just stops in to snap a few pictures. And that first year cost us a fortune which is not easy considering I don't charge for subscriptions. I am also required to pay, per copy, for stat sheets from the games.

All I have wanted is to receive the same treatment as anyone one else. I have quite a few subscribers and I know, I've been told, that you expect the coverage of LHS. There is nothing I can do about it. I have a hard time even getting the high school lunch menus so you can just imagine what everything else is like. I just can't fight anymore; operating this newspaper takes time and fighting the Loogootee Principal just takes up way too much of it.

I don't want any of you to think that I haven't fought this. I have. Since the first day I started the *Martin County Journal* on March 3, 2010 I had kept on the administration. I have over 50 pages of email correspondence between me and the principal and several coaches, teachers, etc. I have gotten nowhere - actually, I may have gone backwards. The school administration has made it painfully obvious that they do not want the *Martin County Journal* to promote their school or the students. I have asked for a formal statement from the superintendent asking why, but received no answer - because

there just can't be a good reason. Our/your students deserve to be recognized whenever possible and I just wanted to do that for everyone. I'm not charging people to read my publication, so a profit is not made for promotion of our children. I am simply trying to provide a community service - that's why this is all just so ridiculous.

Sure, it's embarrassing to admit that all this has been going on. After doing some soul searching however, I realized that there is another school in Martin County and organizations, clubs, etc. that welcome the publicity with open arms and actually want it and ask for it. I have spent so much time fighting with Loogootee High School that I have neglected to just lick my wounds and move on.

I know you want to see your children in this publication; I would like to see mine too. But the politics and outside relationships that are involved in the school system are just too much for any one or two people to take on.

I started the *Martin County Journal* with the best intentions possible. I know some of you really enjoy it and I am incredibly thankful and proud for that. I enjoy doing it. I didn't want to tell the Loogootee subscribers the truth about what has been going on because I was afraid of losing you, but if this confession causes you to unsubscribe than please know that I completely understand. You are welcome to contact the school yourself if you would like to express your opinion on this matter. Just email me at [courtney@martincountyjournal.com](mailto:courtney@martincountyjournal.com) and I will provide you with the email addresses to school administrators.

I apologize to each of you for making up excuses about all this. I kept thinking that the situation would resolve itself but 14 months is a long time. I would like to note however that there are a few coaches in the school that have bypassed all of the politics and worked with me, and that is a huge deal, it meant a lot. These are the educators I want around my children teaching them right from wrong. I have no desire however to put any teacher or coach in a position where they have to defy their authority figure so I am officially backing off the fight. Maybe someday things will change for the better.

**LETTER POLICY**

The *Martin County Journal* encourages letters to the editor. Letters, however, should refrain from defaming anyone and must be signed. A phone number must also be included with the letter for verification purposes. Send letters to [courtney@martincountyjournal.com](mailto:courtney@martincountyjournal.com) or fax to 1-877-471-2907 or mail to P.O. Box 148 Loogootee, IN 47553.

**Attorney General will defend House in any lawsuit over fines**

In response to an inquiry from Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma, last Friday, Attorney General Greg Zoeller issued a statement about defending the Indiana House of Representatives from any lawsuit filed over the fines the House imposed. Since the possibility of near-term litigation exists, a formal advisory opinion will not be issued. Zoeller's statement is as follows:

"Assessing fines against House members is an issue exclusively for the legislative branch of state government to decide. Under the constitutional separation of powers, neither the judicial branch nor the executive branch has the authority to prevent

the House from imposing sanctions. Since the Indiana House is on strong legal ground in imposing fines and in doing so through payroll deduction, the Office of the Attorney General as state government's lawyer will defend the authority of the legislative branch to determine its own rules for House members," Zoeller said.

"My office previously has defended the Indiana General Assembly and individual legislators from lawsuits and we will do so again if requested. The ability of the House to administer sanctions is indisputable and my duty to defend that government body from lawsuits is clear," Zoeller added.

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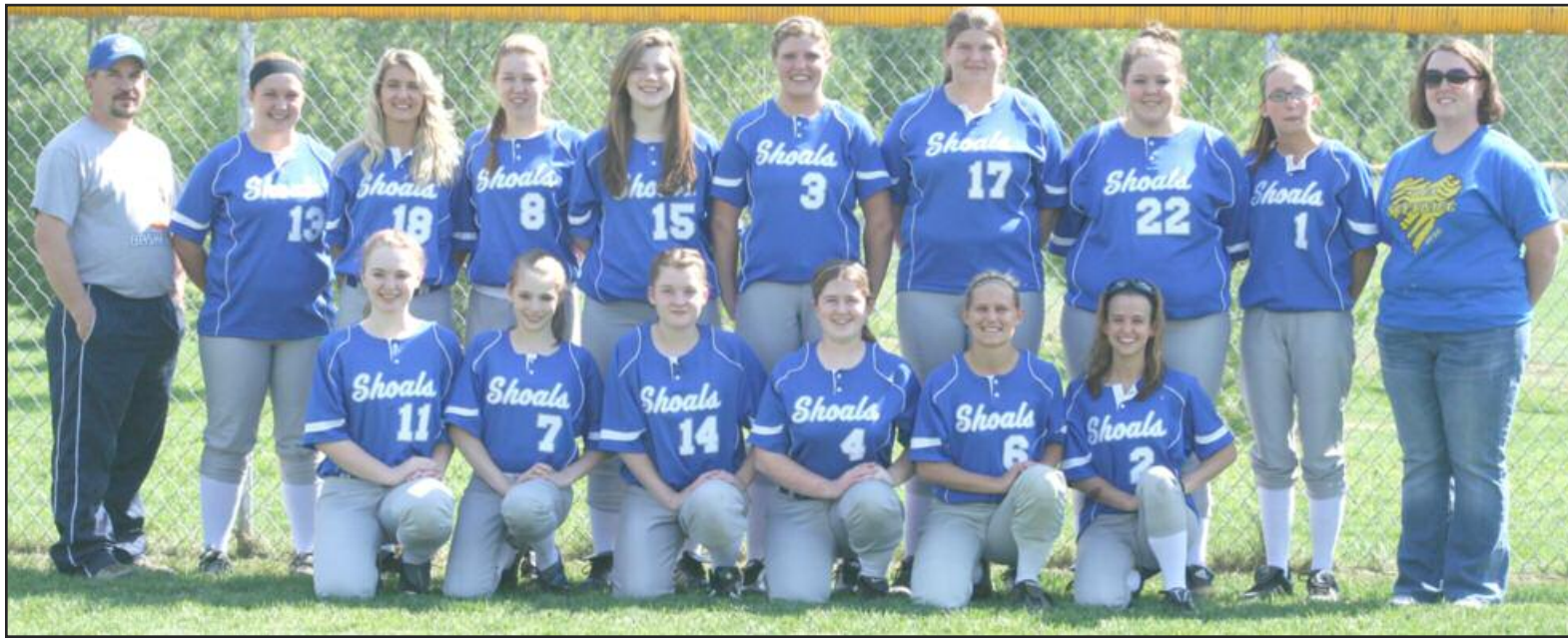
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**Shoals Softball**

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Shown above are members of the Shoals Softball team. In the front row, from left to right, are Kristen Waggoner, Tia Sanders, Ashley Payne, Tristan Bennington, Chelsey Baker, and Kelsey Hardwick. In the back row, from left to right, are Coach Ed Farhar, Mandi Stewart, Jess Jenkins, Rachel Harder, Sabrina Rossi, Lezlie Hart, Beth Abel, Miranda Mullins, Kenzie Graves, and Assistant Coach Jessie Haulk. Not Pictured: Assistants Aimee Farhar, Brian Harder, and Kevin Harder



**JILL BRADLEY**

Jill Ann Bradley is the daughter of Waylon and Kirstie Bradley, JD Troutman, and Storm Bradley. Her favorite hobby is reading. While in high school, Jill has been involved in Pep Club, SADD, Spanish Club, Student Council, Academic Team, Spell Bowl, and cheerleading. One memory she will always remember at school was when Rachel tried to help Gus take off his shirt in 4th period History and his nose started to gush blood. Jill plans to attend Indiana University or the University of Southern Indiana and receive a four-year degree in nursing. She says she may go on to become a pediatrician later.

**Classes, programs at the Martin County Learning Center**

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

USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder) - The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the Federal government's of-

icial website and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an online resume training session and will provide applicants with information and advice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshop will be held on April 19 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Call the learning center to sign up.

Résumé Writing and Career Planning - Need help with your résumé? Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting will

offer Résumé Assistance-Level One on April 28. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and cost is \$25. This is a basic course designed for an applicant needing help with the application process for government civilian and/or government contractor positions, specifically for NSWC Crane. Applicants need to pre-register no later than the Friday before the scheduled class date. Contact Kathy at the learning center to pre-register.

24/7 Dads - Are you a father or soon to be father who would like to meet with other men and discuss what it takes to be a great dad? "24/7 Dads" is a free, innovative fatherhood mentoring program that focuses on identifying and developing the personal characteristics that every father needs. The program hones fathering skills as the individual learns about himself and the important roles he has with his children and what makes a positive home environment. The class will meet on Wednesdays, April 27 through June 15 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call the learning center for more information!

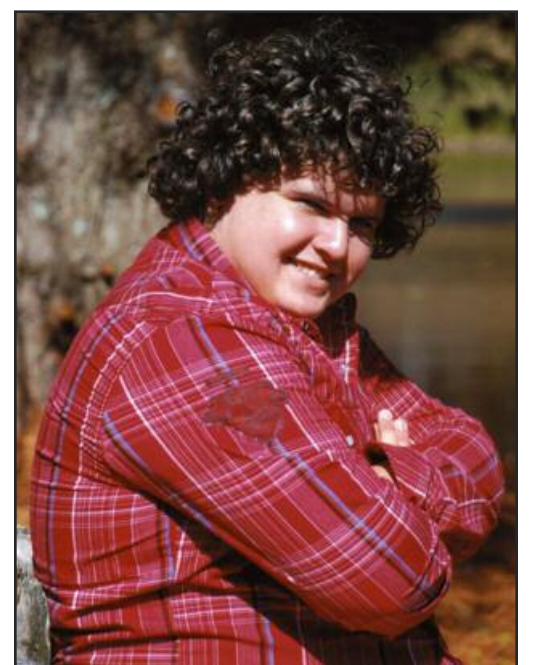
Overcomers' group - Indiana Drug Education and Awareness Solutions is conducting an ongoing Overcomers' Recovery Support Group at the center. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and newcomers are invited. There is no cost for participation. For further information, contact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

Adult literacy and education - Do you know someone who could use some help with his or her reading skills? Anyone interested is encouraged to contact SOAR! at 812-709-1618 for further information.

For GED-Adult Basic Education, call Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881.

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

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**LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY**  
**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, April 21**  
 Cereal, sausage, muffin, juice  
**Friday, April 22**  
 Good Friday – No School  
**Monday, April 25**  
 Sausage, biscuit, fruit  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
 Breakfast pizza, egg  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Biscuit and gravy, sausage, juice  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, April 21**  
 Hamburgers, French fries, fruit  
**Friday, April 22**  
 Good Friday – No School  
**Monday, April 25**  
 Chicken sandwich, carrots, pineapple, cottage cheese  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
 Hot dogs, baked beans, applesauce  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Chicken nuggets, corn, peaches, bread  
**LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, April 21**  
 Chicken fajita or pizza, rice, corn, apple-sauce, salad plate, milk  
**Friday, April 22**  
 Good Friday – No School  
**Monday, April 25**  
 BBQ sandwich or pizza, chips, baked beans, cottage cheese, salad plate, milk

**Tuesday, April 26**  
 Taco salad or pizza, corn, applesauce, salad plate, milk  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Country fried steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk  
**SHOALS SCHOOLS**  
**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, April 21**  
 Cereal, muffins, juice, milk  
**Friday, April 22**  
 Good Friday – No School  
**Monday, April 25**  
 Cereal, granola, juice, milk  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
 Pancakes with syrup, sausage, juice, milk  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Cereal, muffins, cheese stick, milk  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, April 21**  
 Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, peaches, roll, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza  
**Friday, April 22**  
 Good Friday – No School  
**Monday, April 25**  
 Chicken sandwich, French fries, fruit, cookies, milk  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
 Corn dog, mashed potatoes, baked beans, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Fajita chicken over rice, green beans, fruit, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza



## Shoals Prom Royalty

-Photo by Joni Harder

Shoals Prom was held last weekend with a theme “Far Away”. Shown above is the Prom Royalty. From left to right are Prom Queen Deidre Pennington, daughter of Mark and Brenda Pennington; Prom King Sam Hovis, son of Alan and Terri Hovis; Prom Princess Victoria Bauer, daughter of Bill and Lisa Bauer; and Prom Prince Jondavide Hopkins, son of John and Dottie Hopkins.

## U.S. Senator Richard Lugar to be honored at VU Commencement

Vincennes University will award degrees during commencement ceremonies on April 30 at the Physical Education Complex. U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, will receive an honorary doctorate in public service and address the Class of 2011. VU President Dick Helton will also address the graduates. VU’s 205th commencement will begin at 2 p.m. EDT and will be broadcast live on the VU website, www.vinu.edu, and local viewers may tune in to VU’s public television station WVUT.

Senator Lugar built bipartisan support for 1996 federal farm program reforms, ending 1930s era federal production controls. He has promoted broader risk management options for farmers, research advancements, increased export opportunities, and higher net farm income. Senator Lugar initiated a bio-fuels research program to help decrease U.S. dependency on foreign oil. He also led initiatives to streamline the U.S. Department of Agriculture, reform the food stamp program and preserve the federal school lunch program.

In addition to conferring associate degrees and certificates, this will be the fifth year that VU will also confer baccalaureate degrees.

Combining his experiences on the Foreign Relations and Agriculture Committees and recognizing that energy security impacts every aspect of life in the United States - from the cars we drive and how much we pay at the gas pump to our vulnerability to foreign terrorism and our relationships with other countries - Senator Lugar launched the Lugar Energy Initiative.

Lugar is an unwavering advocate of U.S. leadership in the world, strong national security, free trade, and economic growth. This fifth generation Hoosier is the U.S. Senate’s most senior Republican and longest serving member of Congress in Indiana history.

Senator Lugar has promoted policies that spur economic growth, cut taxes, lead to job creation, eliminate wasteful government spending and reduce bureaucratic red tape for American businesses.

He is the Republican leader of the Foreign Relations Committee and a member and former chair of the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1976 and won a sixth term in 2006 with 87 percent of the vote, his fourth consecutive victory by a two-thirds majority.

He has been recognized many times, including such awards as Guardian of Small Business, the Spirit of Enterprise, Watchdog of the Treasury, and 40 honorary degrees from colleges and universities in 14 states and the District of Columbia. He was the fourth person ever named Outstanding Legislator by the American Political Science Association.

Senator Lugar graduated first in his class at both Shortridge High School in Indianapolis and Denison University in Granville, Ohio. He attended Pembroke College at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, studying politics, philosophy and economics. Senator Lugar volunteered for the U.S. Navy in 1957, ultimately serving as an intelligence briefer for Admiral Arleigh Burke, Chief of Naval Operations.

Lugar and his wife Charlene were married in 1956, and have four sons and 13 grandchildren.

Senator Lugar manages his family’s 604-acre Marion County corn, soybean, and tree farm. Before entering public life, he helped manage the family’s food machinery manufacturing business in Indianapolis with his brother Tom.

As the two-term mayor of Indianapolis (1968-75), he envisioned the unification of the city and surrounding Marion County into one government. Unigov, as Mayor Lugar’s plan was called, set the city on a path of uninterrupted economic growth. He served three terms on the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, including two terms as the Vice-Chair of the Commission, and served as President of the National League of Cities.

Senator Lugar has been a leader in reducing the threat of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. In 1991 he forged a bipartisan partnership with then Senate Armed Services Chair Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), to destroy the weapons of mass destruction in the former Soviet Union. To date, the Nunn-Lugar program has deactivated more than 7,500 nuclear warheads that were once aimed at the United States.

As chair of the Agriculture Committee,



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Loogootee’s Brittany Eckerle returns the serve during her match-up with Wood Memorial’s Sierra Youngblood.

## Lady Lions Tennis defeat Wood Memorial

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis teams defeated Wood Memorial Tuesday, April 19 at home. “After the tough loss to BNL last night, it was nice to get back out on the court and get a victory. Considering this was our 6th match in 6 days, I felt we played well tonight. The team has earned a much needed day off tomorrow,” said Coach Mike Tippery.

Varsity - Loogootee 5 Wood Memorial 0  
 #1 Singles Jill Taylor (L) defeated Sonja Cox 6-0, 6-0  
 #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (L) defeated Sierra Youngblood 6-0, 6-3  
 #3 Singles Allison Kiser (L) defeated Samantha Heironimus 6-3, 6-0  
 #1 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins (L) defeated gina Strickland/Shelby McGregor 6-0, 6-1  
 #2 Doubles Kylie Sims/Erin Wittmer (L) defeated Robin Strickland/Rebecca Mullen 6-3, 6-0  
 Junior Varsity - Loogootee 4 Wood Memorial 1  
 #1 Singles Emily Sutton (L) defeated Sara Hornby 6-0  
 #2 Singles Abby Ackerman (L) defeated Audrey Tepe 6-1  
 #3 Singles Sara Hornby (WM) defeated Hannah Walters 6-4  
 #1 Doubles Devan Arvin/Emilee Lannan (L) defeated Alex Houchin/Lexi Robbins 6-1  
 #2 Doubles Paige Schaefer/Dana Sibrel (L) defeated Audrey Tepe/Alex Houchin 6-4

Record: 6-1  
 Blue Chip Conference 3-0  
 The ladies traveled to Washington last Thursday. The varsity girls took the win 3 to 2 the junior varsity fell 1-4. The varsity record jumped to 5-0 overall.  
 Varsity - Loogootee 3, Washington 2  
 #1 Singles Jill Taylor (L) defeated Hanna Mattingly 6-0, 6-2  
 #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (L) defeated Joselyn Ivy 6-2, 7-5  
 #3 Singles Rachel Chatten (W) defeated Allison Kiser 6-3, 6-3  
 #1 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins (L) defeated Brooke Gress/Morgan Whitehead 6-0, 6-0  
 #2 Doubles Justine Johnston/Hannah Rodimel (W) defeated Kylie Sims/Erin Wittmer 6-2, 6-1  
 Junior Varsity - Washington 4, Loogootee 1  
 #1 Singles Kayla Mercer (W) defeated Devan Arvin 3-6, 6-3, 6-4  
 #2 Singles Audra Stallman (W) defeated Sabrina Stuffle 8-2  
 #1 Doubles Emily Sutton/Emilee Lannan (L) defeated Brittany Pierson/Amber Showlater 8-5  
 #2 Doubles Tiffany Ervin/Kyla Miles (W) defeated Hannah Walters/ Abby Ackerman 8-6  
 #3 Doubles Sarah Dykes/Haley Baxter (W) defeated Paige Schaefer/Dana Sibrel 8-4

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### Look what we found . . .

-Photo provided

Lauren Holt, daughter of Lori Hembree and Tony Holt and Isabella Taylor, daughter of Josh and Heather Taylor found these mushrooms at their Nana and Papa's (Ed and Jackie Holt)homestead on Sunday April 17.

### Hovey and Dogwood lakes open to more boaters

More boaters can use Hovey Lake and Dogwood Lake now. The horsepower limit on the size of outboard motor permitted has been removed.

Now, boaters with 10-horsepower motors and larger are allowed on the two lakes, located in Hovey Lake (Posey County) and Glendale (Daviess County) fish & wildlife areas, respectively.

A speed limit of 10 mph will now be enforced instead. The purpose of the change is to allow more anglers the opportunity to

enjoy these popular fisheries. As always, boaters should use caution and go slower under certain conditions because of water hazards like submerged tree stumps.

Boaters should not power-load boats, a practice that damages ramps.

After boating on Hovey and Dogwood, as on all water bodies, boaters should remove plants, mud and other debris from their watercraft after they take it from the water. This helps prevent transferring aquatic invasive species to other water bodies.

### Summer Girl Scout Day Camp offered at West Boggs Park

All girls entering grades one through twelve this fall are invited to attend the Daviess/Martin County Girl Scout Day Camp from July 20 through 22 at West Boggs Park.

The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Day campers will enjoy wholesome activities in a beautiful outdoor setting, a "beginning" camping experience, special camaraderie with friends and

meeting new friends, learning to work in a group and develop teamwork skills, games,

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## Safety tips for youth turkey season

Conservation Officers with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources encourage youth turkey hunters participating in the April 23 and 24 youth season to review the following basic 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 before taking a shot. Never shoot at movement or sound.

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

Persons 17 years old or younger may hunt wild turkeys during the 2011 spring youth turkey hunt but must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old. The youth may use any legal shotgun, bow and arrow or crossbow and must be properly licensed.

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



### Shooting sports part two

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The second session of 4-H Shooting Sports was held last Saturday amidst the rain. Students learned how to shoot shotguns, tomahawks and atlatl (an ancient spear).



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## New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL  
Pastor's wife

The New Kind of King  
Luke 19:28-44

As we think about Easter and how God has made available to the world a way of peace and blessings, you wonder why the world is in such turmoil. This time of the year is when we remember the greatest thing that God has done for us. He died on the cross, giving His life then rising from the dead and showing us that He truly is God. Easter should be Christian's greatest celebration of the year, without Easter, Christmas means nothing, without the Resurrection, we have no Christianity.

People are putting their trust in everything but God. The self-centeredness of people is overwhelming, the economy and the political sense create discouragement and discontent. Gas prices are rising, food prices are going up, people struggling to make ends meet but yet less people are taking their kids to church. Bible studies are decreasing. If people would put their faith in a God, who wants them to have peace and joy, then He would walk with them and be the kind of fulfillment they are looking for.

God is in control of everything! Jesus knew the exact time. He was the perfect fulfillment to the prophecy. In the sovereign plan of God, everything worked out as foretold in scripture. All along He had told people not to tell others who He was and what He had done. But now in perfect timing, He proclaimed Himself as Messiah publicly. Even though Jesus knew identifying Himself as Messiah was going to end up with suffering and His dying on the cross. He was purposeful. He knew everything. He was in total control of His fate.

When we meditate on Jesus' deliberate march into Jerusalem, the march that would seal His fate on the cross as the atonement for our sins, our hearts have to praise Him. We realize from scripture many praised Him for the miracles He had done. Many times we praise God only for what He can do for us. When things go to our advantage we say praise the Lord. What about praising Him when things are troubling us; when things don't go so well, when we are going through trails.

We need peace more than ever these days. There is no peace in the world today between nations because they don't understand what gives peace. True peace comes from Heaven not from power, money, land,

or control. When there is no peace in the heart with God, there is no peace in relationships. Peace comes when we know Jesus and when we have a heart like His, and having an attitude like His. Jesus wept because He knew the hearts of the people then and now. He knew the superficial worship of the hearts of the people. Is Jesus weeping today over the church? Are we superficial? Is our worship only on the surface or are we serious about it?

Jesus cried and said something that we need to seriously ask ourselves. Do we know the things that make for peace? The same people that were praising Him as king when He rode in on a donkey to proclaim He was the Messiah were the same people who would cry out on Friday, "crucify him." Do we cry out to crucify Christ in our lives when we say, "No one is going to tell me how to live?"

Christ the new kind of King shows us how to live. He is in control of everything yet shows us what it means to be humble and gentle.

Our praise for the King of Kings can not be superficial. Peace comes when we open our eyes to Jesus being our true rock and foundation. Is Jesus the king of your heart and life? Do you know the peace that only He can give? If not, you need to commit

your life to Him, turn every area of your life over to Him.

This past Saturday morning we had our first distribution for the US Ministry. We are so happy to be able to help the young kids of Martin County. We appreciate all the people who came to the yard sale and donated money to restock the US Ministry.

We will be taking up donations for the next distribution as a back to school ministry. When I was growing up I remember we always got new underwear and socks for back to school and at Christmas. It's a luxury some people take for granted and then others can only pray they will have new clean things to start school.

If you have any questions, please call Shirley at 709-2525. Distribution drop off points are Printing Express, New Beginnings Community Church, Wabash Valley Transportation in Shoals, Shear Perfection and Cindy Lagle Insurance office.

Our Easter Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. this Sunday with sunrise breakfast. After breakfast we will have our regular praise and worship time and service.

The children of the church will be putting on a small skit to celebrate the rise of our King.

If you have any questions about the church, call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

## Easter Church Services

### Loogootee Revival Center

The Loogootee Revival Center Church, located at 205 NW First Street, invites you to their Easter Service on Sunday, April 24. Breakfast will be served from 8:15 to 9 a.m. Worship & Communion Service will begin at 9:30 a.m. Joe Baker, John Hembree, and Becky Robertson will be sharing their testimonies. The church invites you to attend and celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

### Truelove United Methodist

The Truelove United Methodist Church, located on Truelove Church Road, will be having a Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m. on April 21; an Easter Sunrise at 7 a.m. Sunday morning, April 24 with breakfast following; and an Easter Service at 9:30 a.m. after breakfast.

### Loogootee United Methodist

Loogootee United Methodist Church, located at 208 West Main Street, will be having Holy Week Services beginning with a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. on April 21st. On Good Friday a worship service will be at noon. Then, on Sunday morning, the church will celebrate our Risen Savior beginning with a youth-led Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast at 8 a.m. The church will only be having one Sunday morning worship service where everyone will come together and it will begin at 9 a.m. Every one is invited to attend. You can



find LUMC on the web at [www.loogooteeumc.org](http://www.loogooteeumc.org) or call the church at 295-3049 for more information.

### Loogootee Christian Church

Loogootee Christian Church, located at 206 Sherman Street, will hold their Good Friday service, April 22 at noon, Easter Sunrise Service, April 24 at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast following at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10 a.m. Every one is welcome to come.

### New Beginnings Church

New Beginnings Community Church, located at 200 W. Main Street in Loogootee, will hold a special breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 24 at 9 a.m. and service following at 10 a.m. with a special with the children.

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# First statewide earthquake drill engages 600,000 Hoosiers

More than 600,000 Hoosiers in schools, businesses, and homes across the state participated in a statewide earthquake drill this morning. This Great ShakeOut intended to raise awareness about the threat of earthquakes in Indiana was the largest earthquake drill ever held in the state and part of the largest earthquake drill ever held in the Midwest.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security

"The Great ShakeOut in Indiana was tremendously successful," said IDHS Executive Director Joe Wainscott. "Our two objectives to raise awareness about the threat of earthquakes and promote preparedness were met as hundreds of thousands of students, businesses, and families across the state practiced earthquake safety measures during the drill. I believe a substantially greater number of our citizens are now better prepared to respond appropriately in an earthquake."

Indiana Department of Education  
"Educators, parents, and community lead-

ers must work together to ensure Indiana's schools maintain a safe environment for student learning. I commend the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and schools across the Hoosier state for working together to organize this important event on behalf of Indiana's students," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett.

Indiana Geological Survey  
"The Indiana Geological Survey is pleased that so many Hoosier residents took part in the Great Central US ShakeOut. Even if we don't experience a serious earthquake in the very near future, earthquake preparedness plans and supplies can protect citizens against other natural disasters such as floods and tornadoes," said Indiana Geological Survey Educational Outreach Coordinator Walter Gray.

Central US Earthquake Consortium  
"Our first effort at holding a multi-state, public facing earthquake drill has been a huge success. This is in large part due to the importance that the Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security and Dept. of Education have

placed on informing the public, and teaching them what to do before, during, and after an earthquake," said CUSEC Executive Director Jim Wilkinson. "With great partnerships like these, we have been able to reach a much larger audience to teach them about disaster preparedness and get them involved in becoming disaster resistant communities."

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
"I want to commend the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for working together with the Central United States Earthquake Consortium to recruit more than half a million participants for this very important drill," said Andrew Velasquez III, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region V. "It is these types of preparedness initiatives that truly help us build a more resilient nation, and I applaud Indiana for including the whole community in this effort. Preparing schools, businesses, the faith-community and individuals on what to do before, during and after an earthquake can mean the difference between life and death."

While 10 other Central US Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) member states will participate next week, Indiana "Shook Out" today to avoid conflicting with ISTEP testing in schools next week.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security partnered with the Indiana Department of Education and Indiana Geological Survey to inform Hoosiers about the drill and encourage all Indiana residents, including schools, businesses and communities, to pledge their participation.

Across the state, many county emergency management agencies worked closely with local emergency responders and public safety officials to raise awareness about the ShakeOut and promote participation.

The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut is being coordinated by CUSEC and its member and associate states, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey and dozens of other partners.

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# State approves new VUJC Center for Advanced Manufacturing

The Indiana State Budget Committee granted approval last Friday to construct a \$12 million Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Technology at the Vincennes University Jasper Campus.

VU President Dick Helton said he is delighted that the long-planned project can proceed. "This new facility has outstanding support from the community, surrounding counties, economic development organizations, school corporations, and business leaders. We are particularly grateful for the support and leadership of the Dubois County Area Development Corporation that played such a key role in providing generous financial support and in attracting widespread support for the project," Helton said.

Helton also expressed appreciation to the Jasper Mayor and City Council and the Dubois County Council and Commissioners for their financial contributions and backing that was important in gaining state approval to move forward. "I also extend appreciation to the VU Jasper Advisory Committee for its important role in advancing this project," Helton said.

Authorized by the General Assembly in

2007 as part of VU's budget request, the project had previously received the approval of the Indiana Higher Education Commission - support that was reaffirmed at the Commission's February 11 meeting.

"I cannot thank our legislators from Southwest and South Central Indiana enough for their diligent work on behalf of this project. Special thanks go to State Senator Luke Kenley, who chairs both the Appropriations Committee and State Budget Committee, and State Representative Mark Messmer of Jasper. Their leadership helped make this facility a reality" Helton said.

The 57,342 square-foot building will be constructed at the VU Jasper Campus on land donated by MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc., Jasper.

The two-story building will include at least 6 large group areas, 14 classrooms, lounges, auditorium, conference room, and office space.

Once construction begins, completion of the building should take 20 to 24 months.

From the beginning, VU promoted the Center's role in bolstering the competitiveness of the manufacturing industry in

the greater Jasper area. Manufacturing is the largest employment sector in Dubois County, accounting for 42 percent of employment.

The 15 largest employers provide nearly 11,000 jobs for residents of Dubois and surrounding counties.

Among the training programs and academic majors being considered for the Center are Computer-Integrated Manufacturing/Robotics, Precision Manufacturing/Injection Mold, Welding Technology, Computer Networking Security and Wireless, Biomedical Technician, and Mining

Technology.

"This Center will provide needed training in hard skills such as industrial maintenance and hydraulics, as well as important soft-skills such as problem solving, team building, and communication. The result will be that area employees will be much better prepared to play key roles in ensuring that our manufacturers are highly competitive in a global economy" said Phil Rath, VU vice president of Financial Services and Government Relations. Rath represents VU in the legislature.

## Family caregiver program to be held May 12

Family caregivers are invited to attend a free program designed especially for them on Thursday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 556 W. Haysville Road, Jasper. Registration begins at 8:30a.m.

The program will feature speakers on the following topics:

- Healthy Moves for Aging Well
- Memorial Hospital Discharge Planning
- Legal Aspects of Caregiving

-Moving a Loved One to Your Home  
-National Family Caregiver Support Program

A light breakfast will be served and door prizes awarded. The program is being sponsored by Generations, Amber Manor of Petersburg, St. Charles Health Campus of Jasper and Home Instead Senior Care of Jasper. Please RSVP by Friday, May 6, by contacting Ashley Seprodi at Generations, (800) 742-9002 or aseprodi@vinu.edu.

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## Four to battle it out in primary for Loogootee Mayor

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Over the next few pages you will find Q&A with the Loogootee Primary Election candidates who are running in contested races. Questions were asked by the *Martin County Journal* and the answers are in the candidates' own words. Those who chose not to respond to the questions will have their names listed and "Chose not to respond".



**BRIAN ADER**

*Martin County Journal:* Tell me about yourself (education, family, experience, etc.).

**Brian Ader:** Both my wife and I are life-long residents of Loogootee and graduated from Loogootee High School. I am married to Lisa (Hembree) Ader. We are proud to call Loogootee home. We have three daughters, all raised in Loogootee. They are Jamee McMurray of Washington, Hannah Kidwell and Audree Ader of Loogootee. We also have four grandchildren, Brooklyn Carrico, Adalyn, Norah Kate, and Lincoln McMurray. I chose to stay in Loogootee and raise my children here because I felt that Loogootee was a safe and friendly community where the values are those that I wanted instilled in my children. I am pleased to say that I now have a grandchild living in this community as well.

I have also been a small business owner for over twenty years and know what it takes to maintain a business. This knowledge is very beneficial when making decisions as Mayor that effect the small business owners in the city. In my opinion, this is especially true in times of economic uncertainty.

*Martin County Journal:* Do you have any specific experience that would give you an advantage as a city mayor?

**Brian Ader:** I was elected Mayor of Loogootee in 2000 and am quite proud of my record of service. During my tenure, the city was awarded millions of dollars in grants, the water system was modernized, and many projects were completed. Moreover, this was all done with a balanced budget. Prior to my service as mayor, I served as Loogootee City Councilman during the mid to late 1990s. I also served on the Board of Works. I have experience working with committees for the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, the Solid Waste Board, and served as past president of Habitat for Humanity.

*Martin County Journal:* Why do you want to be mayor?

**Brian Ader:** During this time of uncertainty, I believe Loogootee needs a leader with experience and a productive, proactive record of service. If elected, I will ensure the everyday operations of the city, work to make Loogootee a safer community, and be sure to maintain contact with the citizens. In addition, I want to pursue economic opportunities presented by the construction of I-69 and work to attract businesses and investment to Loogootee.

*Martin County Journal:* How do you feel about annexing immediate areas outside city limits?

**Brian Ader:** Annexing is a very complex undertaking and can also be a very expensive. When annexing an area, the annexing party has to provide the area being annexed with the same services that were provided to the citizens already in the city within a certain amount of time. These services include paved roads, police protection, as well as water and

sewage, just to name a few. Any government, including the City of Loogootee, would have to take a very close look at the cost to provide such services versus what would be gained from the tax revenue raised through the annexation.

*Martin County Journal:* What do you think is the most pressing issue facing the City of Loogootee right now?

**Brian Ader:** The single most pressing issue facing Loogootee at this point is maintaining current services and improving upon services the city now offers in the fact of significant budget cuts and revenue shortfalls. We are a small community and have a relatively small tax base. It is imperative for city officials to seek for any and all outside funding necessary for improvements to our community. I have experience in getting this done. During my administration, I secured over \$2,000,000 from external sources for projects that directly benefited the citizens of Loogootee and made the city's fiscal reality more manageable.

However, the most pressing long-run issue facing Loogootee is working to take advantage of a changing regional economy. With the construction of Interstate 69, we must work harder than ever to secure the interest of businesses willing to invest in our community. Doing this will improve the area's employment situation and will make us less vulnerable to economic downturns in the future.

*Martin County Journal:* If you are elected/re-elected, what is one of the first things you plan to do in office?

**Brian Ader:** If elected, the very first thing I would do is to examine the fiscal order and operations of the city. I would identify efficiencies and inefficiencies and work to streamline operations to bring greater value to the taxpayers of Loogootee. Given the present economic environment, this must be done as soon as possible.

*Martin County Journal:* Are you planning to be the mayor full-time or treat it as a part-time job and work full-time elsewhere?

**Brian Ader:** If elected, I will approach the position in much the same way that I did during my term as mayor. During my service as mayor, I drove a school bus and continued to run my asphalt maintenance business. However, my first and foremost duty was that as mayor. I worked long hours, both in the office and on the road, to secure millions of dollars for the city and to properly administer my duties as mayor.

*Martin County Journal:* What plans, if any, do you have for the youth of Loogootee? What about the senior citizens?

**Brian Ader:** The youth are very important to our community. During my administration, I addressed several issues concerning our youth. We renovated the swimming pool and added a water slide. We also added new playground equipment at the city park as well as a skate park.

I believe that young people need to be encouraged to become involved in the community. To help do this, I sent letters to many young citizens congratulating them on various accomplishments and encouraging them to become involved in the community. I was also very active with the schools. I participated regularly by reading to students in classrooms, visiting classrooms, and inviting students to the City Hall to tour the offices.

Another program that was initiated during my tenure as mayor was the city-wide clean-up program in which the youth were actively involved in service learning. I also had interns and job shadowing participants at City Hall while I was mayor.

I also believe that it is essential that we meet the needs of the senior members of our community. Although the city has no control over federal programs for seniors, there are things we can do to make our community a better place for seniors. We can work to communicate with and listen to our seniors to ensure that we are meeting their needs as best we can.

*Martin County Journal:* What do you think the mayor's job should be?

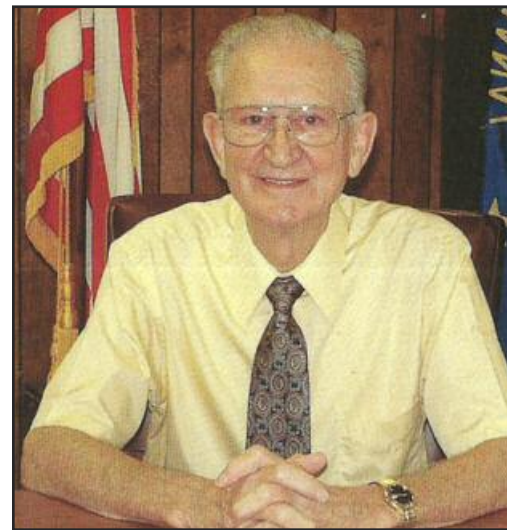
**Brian Ader:** The job of the mayor is to work to ensure that Loogootee is left in a better situation than when he or she took office. I can confidently say that this was the case at the conclusion of my term. During my tenure as mayor we operated with a budget surplus every year. In addition to this, the following projects were accomplished:

- \$1,000,000 grant for sidewalks in city
- \$500,000 grant for water plant and system improvements
- \$500,000 grant for wastewater plant improvements
- \$40,000 from the Build Indiana Fund for swimming pool upgrades which included the waterslide and complete renovation of pool house
- New playground equipment for the city park
- New skate park for the youth
- Widened the bridge on Walker St. to make it safer for the citizens
- Was able to get railroad crossings fixed prior to taking office
- Finished the downtown enhancement project started by former Mayor Bill Parker
- Upgraded the cities vehicles to provide services to the citizens
- Purchased snow plows for other trucks for snow removal
- Formed a sesquicentennial committee to celebrate the city's 150th birthday, leading to the establishment of the annual Summerfest
- Instrumental in facilitating and organizing the development of Westgate
- Initiated the City-wide community service project involving the youth

*Martin County Journal:* Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Brian Ader:** As mayor there are at times tough decisions to be made. I've been there. I've had to do that. I know the challenges facing small communities. I can assure the citizens of Loogootee that I am ready to face these challenges when they arise.

I am hopeful that voters will, when they go to the polls on May 3rd, consider my record as mayor and vote accordingly.



**DON BOWLING**

*Martin County Journal:* Tell me about yourself (education, family, experience, etc.).

**Don Bowling:** I was born and raised in Loogootee and have been here all my life. For that reason, and because I have already served two terms as mayor, I believe everyone knows about all there is to know about me. However, you have asked and I will try to supply the relevant information. I attended St John Elementary School and graduated from Loogootee High School. My education in the workplace started as a route man for a Juke Box company. I believe the eight years I spent there was an excellent education in how to deal with the public effectively. As in most businesses, the customer was always right.

After that, I worked for 35 years for National Gypsum Company at Shoals. I was fortunate to have several different positions at NGC and spent the last 10 years as Human Resources Manager. I feel the time I spent with NGC added much to my knowledge of how business, industry and the world operate.

When I retired in 1990, I became a member of the St John Conference of Saint Vincent

DePaul Society and spent 13 years working nearly full-time for that organization. I will always feel that period of my life was very well spent because the bottom line was and still is to help the less fortunate.

In 2003, I was a candidate for mayor of the City of Loogootee, was elected and am completing my second term. I will have to admit that I have really enjoyed all the challenges that being mayor bring. It was very rewarding to start a project and be able to see it completed. I enjoy meeting and interacting with all the citizens of Loogootee, as well as meeting new people and have developed friendships in Indianapolis and all over Southern Indiana. One thing about being mayor is that you never get finished; there are always projects in the works and the present time is no exception.

As to my private life, my first wife and I had four children, Terry, Frank, Christine and Stacey and she passed away in 1972. In 1986, Patty Winger and I were married. Patty had two children, Ronnie and Debbie, so we now have six wonderful children. Incidentally, we will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this year.

*Martin County Journal:* Do you have any specific experience that would give you an advantage as city mayor?

**Don Bowling:** I believe my life's experience before I became mayor prepared me well for the mayor's duties and responsibilities.

*Martin County Journal:* Why do you want to be mayor?

**Don Bowling:** I want to continue in my position as mayor because this is such an important time in the history of Loogootee and Southwestern Indiana. The fact that NSWC Crane has "reinvented" itself into a leader in the high tech defense industry and the West Gate at Crane Tech Park is growing so rapidly means some great growth is coming to our area. This in turn will bring jobs, county income via property, personal property taxes and EDIT taxes from the income of the new jobs. It is an exciting time and changes are coming rapidly.

I think everyone should drive up to Crane and through the Tech Park to see all the new buildings. They should also watch for the groundbreaking of four more new structures. As we speak, a new waste water plant is being built to serve the Tech Park and the area. I have been involved in the West Gate since it started and I know that this is for real and will bring many opportunities to the people of Loogootee.

*Martin County Journal:* How do you feel about annexing immediate areas outside city limits?

**Don Bowling:** Annexation of areas around Loogootee will be very important to the future of our city. In a best case scenario it would be very good for the city to annex areas to the north, east and south. However, it is a very complicated procedure where everyone involved needs to see the advantage of the annexation happening.

*Martin County Journal:* What do you think is the most pressing issue facing the City of Loogootee right now?

**Don Bowling:** The most pressing issue facing the City of Loogootee at this time is the closing of the Perfect Fit plant which caused nearly 100 people to lose their employment. Being able to get the plant back into operation is one of the most important problems we are working at the present time. We have someone interested in the purchase of the facility and restarting operation there. The pieces of the puzzle are starting to fall into place and two of the key components are to be able to purchase the facility and the second is to guarantee there is enough work to operate the plant full time. Hopefully, both of these problems will be resolved in the near future.

*Martin County Journal:* If you are elected/re-elected, what is one of the first things you plan to do in office?

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# MAYOR

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**Don Bowling:** Because I am already mayor, this is the easiest question you could ask me. I plan to continue to work to reopen the Perfect Fit plant, to get some kind of operation into the Elementary East Building which will provide jobs and bring people to Loogootee on a daily basis. Bringing people in on a daily basis is like tourism, it brings in dollars to be spent in Loogootee. Most everything the mayor does to improve the economy is done on a confidential, behind closed doors basis which means that no one knows about it until it is done.

**Martin County Journal:** Are you planning to be the mayor full-time or treat it as a part-time job and work full-time elsewhere?

**Don Bowling:** For the past seven years I have worked at least 50 hours a week. Much of this is due to the many night meetings which are necessary if you want to be able to really take advantage of the opportunities that are presented to you. One example is the monthly meeting of the Board of Hoosier Uplands in Mitchell. The assistance that I have been able to obtain from them in favor of our city's grants is immeasurable. The Hoosier Uplands organization has assisted in all four grants without one cent of matching money or any other cost. Not one cent has been paid by the city – the building owners paid the match dollars for the Downtown Building Façade Project in which 16 buildings were rebuilt.

**Martin County Journal:** What plans, if any, do you have for the youth of Loogootee? What about the senior citizens?

**Don Bowling:** Plans for our youth are really plans for their future. Most of our young people, not all, but most, given the option, would like to come back to our area. The development of Southwestern Indiana is definitely a step in that direction. With the development of the Tech Park at Crane and the completion of I-69, we will have some huge changes in our area. Hopefully, our youth will prepare themselves to take advantage of the many opportunities.

The senior citizens of our area are in great need of assisted living facilities. I have been in discussion with some interested parties, but for the most part the primary concern is that these have to be private capital invested. This takes a lot of money and to date I have not been able to make the right connections. However, that project will be one of the top priorities in the near future.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think the mayor's job should be? Should not be?

**Don Bowling:** The mayor's job is not necessarily what some may think. Just as in private businesses, the mayor is responsible for the services that the city provides its citizens. He appoints the people who are responsible for managing the different departments within the city.

Loogootee is very fortunate to have employees who are very experienced and good at what they do. The mayor has to be there to give direction but he has to be able to depend on his supervisors and the other employees to get the job done.

Considerable time is spent in discussions with other city officials and employees and much of that time is invested in ways to improve what we are already doing and eliminating redundant efforts. Considerable time is also now spent with the Executive Director of the Martin County Alliance in discussions of problem solving and new projects. Martin County is the last county in the state of Indiana to have an Economic Development Director and we are very fortunate to have someone who brings so much knowledge and experience to assist us.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Don Bowling:** The only thing I would like to add is that I am really looking forward to the opportunity to continue to use the experience I have gained in the last seven years and to continue to bring improvements to Loogootee. Many small cities are dying for many reasons. Loogootee is NOT. Thanks to a lot of help from a lot of people, our future is very

bright. I just want to be a part of that future.



NOEL HARTY

**Martin County Journal:** Tell me about yourself. (education, family, experience, etc.).

**Noel Harty:** I have lived in Martin County all of my life. Since August of 2002, I have resided in the City of Loogootee, and have come to know many people who proudly call this home. I want to be your mayor so, as a team, we can continue to keep Loogootee a safe, clean, and healthy environment in which to raise and nurture our families and values. My parents are the late George Harty and Deirdree and Kenny Sanders. My sister, Dawn Rubenstein, resides in East Petersburg, Pennsylvania with her two children, Josh (16) and Katia (13). With the marriage of my mother to Kenny Sanders in 2004, our family grew as Kenny has three sons: Junior (wife Lora and children Megan, Audrey, and Trenton), Scott (wife Rhonda and children Katlyn and Justin), and Curtis. In my junior year of high school, I enrolled at North Lawrence Career Center for Business and Office Occupations. I learned managerial and organizational skills as well as improving my computer skills. I was encouraged to run for District President of the Indiana Business Professionals of America, and with the support and encouragement of Jesse Day, my teacher, I was fortunate to win the election. This was a turning point in my life as I realized that I was not only a good follower, but could also be a good leader. It was also during that time that I realized I wanted to serve my community and be of assistance to its citizens. My education is as follows - graduated from Shoals Junior-Senior High School in 1997; North Lawrence Career Center from 1995 to 1997; Missouri Auctioneers School, St. Joseph Missouri in 1997; Real Estate Certification Program from 1997 to 1998; Serve Safe Food Service Program in April 1999; Vincennes University Jasper Center in 2002; School Bus Safety Training in March 2009. I am a Licensed Real Estate Salesperson, Licensed Auctioneer, and Licensed School Bus Driver. I am a member of the following: St. John Catholic Church, Martin County Democrat Party, Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th Degree, Daviess-Martin County Right to Life, Martin County Humane Society Sponsor, Four Rivers Board, Red Door Board, Loogootee Optimist Club, Kids First Council, Loogootee Lion Backers, Member of the Evansville Board of Realtors, Indiana Alumni for Business Professionals of America, past member of the Shoals and Loogootee Lions Club, National Rifle Association, past member of the Indiana Auctioneers Association, past member of the Indiana Townships Association. My employment history is as follows: Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, night manager from September 1999 to May 2009; Century 21 Clements Realty, sales associate from November 2003 to present; Perry Township Trustee from January 2007 to present; school bus driver, Loogootee Community Schools from August 2009 to present; Akles Auction Service, auctioneer from 1998 to present. My volunteer activities include: St. John Catholic Church – Parish Council Chairman, Master of Ceremonies, Seventh and Eighth Grade Catechism Teacher, Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, chaperone for various activities; benefit auctions - V.U.J.C., St. John Catholic Church, Shoals Methodist Church, Martin County Humane Society, Bateman School,

Relay for Life, Loogootee Summerfest, Loogootee Parks and Recreation Board, and various individuals; Optimist – Basketball, Master of Ceremonies Tea Party, Mentor for a foster child in a group home, and chaperone for teen activities.

**Martin County Journal:** Do you have any specific experience that would give you an advantage as a city mayor?

**Noel Harty:** Involvement in my church, my job, various community activities, and dealing with people on a daily basis as Perry Township Trustee has given me the experience and enabled me to develop strong leadership skills. The township trustee's office has provided assistance for approximately 200 families in the course of the last four years.

**Martin County Journal:** Why do you want to be mayor?

**Noel Harty:** Why am I running for Mayor? The money and the glory of course...but seriously...the mayor's office is a dream of mine. Some people are called to service by volunteering, others to the clergy, me? I'm called to public service. It where I feel I can do the most good. I love Loogootee, its residents, and being an integral part of the community. I am an ambitious person who likes to set goals, work hard, and enjoy the results of my labor while, at the same time, look towards the future and what needs to be done.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel about annexing immediate areas outside city limits?

**Noel Harty:** Before answering this question, I would want to become more knowledgeable about annexation laws, feasibility – pros and cons, and ask for input from the citizens of Loogootee about what they feel would be in the best interest of the entire community.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think is the most pressing issue facing the City of Loogootee right now?

**Noel Harty:** Jobs! There's been some great news lately in town. I applaud the efforts of all who are trying to make our economy better. It would be even greater if we could work more with existing businesses. If all our local businesses got to the point where they could hire one or two more employees, we would have a tremendous economic boom.

**Martin County Journal:** If you are elected/re-elected, what is one of the first things you plan to do in office?

**Noel Harty:** The first thing I plan to do in office is to familiarize myself with city policies and laws, and to listen to the citizens as to their concerns.

**Martin County Journal:** Are you planning to be the mayor full-time or treat it as a part-time job and work full-time elsewhere?

**Noel Harty:** I will work the extra number of hours necessary to achieve the goals of the city. The things that come up in the course of one hour or one day demand the attention of a full-time mayor. I plan to continue driving a school bus and sell real estate – part-time, but I can assure you that these will not conflict with my duties as mayor.

**Martin County Journal:** What plans, if any, do you have for the youth of Loogootee? What about the senior citizens?

**Noel Harty:** Martin County's 55 years-of-age and up population will increase by 50 percent in the next 10 years. This, plus the fact that our seniors have to wait 3, 4, even 10 years to receive senior-assisted living is unacceptable. As for our youth, I will meet with the teens of our community and hear their suggestions on what they would like to see in our community and encourage our youth to volunteer in Loogootee to help make it a more beautiful place to visit or live. Many youth want to stay here, but feel there is little opportunity. I would try to make the opportunities that exist here more visible.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think the mayor's job should be? Should not be?

**Noel Harty:** The mayor's job should be a culmination of many things. Maintain good communication skills with employees and citizens, attend meetings, seek opportunities for community enrichment, and attend meetings with other mayors. Creating and enforcing

ing a law for all residents to keep their properties clean, neat, and presentable. The mayor should focus on the job at hand and not try to govern areas outside his/her jurisdiction, and certainly should never suggest that his way of thinking is the only way of thinking. The mayor should keep the city fiscally responsible and encourage new business.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Noel Harty:** If I am elected – at the end of my term, I would like to look back and see a lot of accomplishments that I, as mayor, with the input from the citizens of Loogootee, can be proud of. It will be an honor and privilege to serve as the mayor of Loogootee.



JOE MATTOX

**Martin County Journal:** Tell me about yourself. (education, family, experience, etc.).

**Joe Mattox:** I was born in Clay County at my parents' home. My schooling started when I was five years old. Then, at the age of ten, I left home after my parents separated. I lived with Olive and Raymond Francis south of Clay City in Clay County. The farm consisted of 1,000 acres. All the years with Olive and Raymond taught me how to live as a Christian. After graduation in 1955, I stayed on the farm. Raymond told me one evening that we should go to Clay City and buy a new 1956 Chevrolet. Clay City, Jasonville, and Linton were the favorite places for my age. Linton is where I met my wife of 52 years. She is a real sweetheart isn't she? The only schooling I have had after high school is one week at Purdue and leadership and social studies received at Fort Knox from the University of Louisville.

**Martin County Journal:** Do you have any specific experience that would give you an advantage as a city mayor?

**Joe Mattox:** My position as a councilman for the people of Loogootee for seven years very much provides me with how a city government is funded and operates to provide services for all.

**Martin County Journal:** Why do you want to be mayor?

**Joe Mattox:** The position of mayor is an important part of city government and I am asking for your vote. We must prevent waste in the city's operating monies. And, we must at the same time, keep all employees comfortable as they perform their duties to provide services which we cannot provide for ourselves.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel about annexing immediate areas outside city limits?

**Joe Mattox:** Annexing is and can be important to allow the city to grow. However, we must not cause any situations that would cause assent or disagreement for the city or the folks who do not reside in the city.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think is the most pressing issue facing the City of Loogootee right now?

**Joe Mattox:** I believe the most pressing issue for this city is operating within its income and not borrowing money for that.

**Martin County Journal:** If you are elected/re-elected, what is one of the first things you plan to do in office?

**Joe Mattox:** Upon being elected is to discuss with supervisors and the clerk-treasurer what we can do to be more efficient in our operations.

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## District 2 Loogootee City Council candidates



**RONALD (RON) GILBERT**  
**LOOGOOTE CITY COUNCIL**  
**DISTRICT 2**

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

**Ron Gilbert:** My wife, Laura Jean Gilbert, and I have been married for 33 years. We have three daughters, Katherine Gilbert, living at home and is a third grader at Loogootee Elementary School; Stephanie Lantz, Flagstaff, Arizona; and Elizabeth White, Shoals; three grandchildren, Kristofer and Kimberlie Lantz and Sabastian White. I have taught for the Loogootee School Corporation for almost 37 years. We are members of the Loogootee United Methodist Church where I have been Sunday School Superintendent, work with the youth group, and sing in the praise band. I have also taught for Indiana Wesleyan University for four years as an adjunct teacher.

**Martin County Journal:** Why do you want to sit on the city council?

**Ron Gilbert:** I would like to sit on the city council to help make Loogootee a better community by listening to the members of district two and to attract new businesses to Loogootee.

**Martin County Journal:** What plans, if any, do you have if elected?

**Ron Gilbert:** I would like to look into ways of getting grant monies to help with the funding for the city. With trying to get more businesses into the city, the tax funds from the new business will help the whole county.

**Martin County Journal:** With limited funds coming into the city do you have any plans or ideas for operating on less? Or increasing revenue?

**Ron Gilbert:** Again, grant monies are usually available and new businesses will help our city.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think about what the city is now paying for health insurance and the substantial increases every year? (The city's portion of the premiums is currently more than \$260,000 annually for 13 employees)

**Ron Gilbert:** Insurance is always a huge portion of any cities' budget and we will have to look into the various ways of lowering or financing the money needed to continue providing insurance.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think the City of Loogootee needs most?

**Ron Gilbert:** One of the main items needed would be the Humane Society Shelter and as a city council member I will help in any way to see that this becomes a reality. Loogootee also needs to work on lowering the budget or getting more revenue through various means.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel about annexing immediate areas around the city limits?

**Ron Gilbert:** I feel annexing areas around Loogootee should have been done many years ago. This would help with the city's population count as well as helping possibly with the cost of utilities.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Ron Gilbert:** I would like the community to know that your vote will be greatly appreciated and all need to get out and vote if you are registered.

**HAROLD GREEN**  
**LOOGOOTE CITY COUNCIL**  
**DISTRICT 2**

Chose not to respond.

## Loogootee Council District 3 candidates face off

**PAT BURCHAM**  
**LOOGOOTE CITY COUNCIL**  
**DISTRICT 3**

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

**Pat Burcham:** I have one sister living in Phoenix, Arizona. I am single and live at 200 W Washington Street in Loogootee. I have a BA in Psychology and diplomas in numerous fields. I am a sub teacher at Shoals Jr.-Sr. High School and I work at Pamida. I am a US Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 120-Loogootee. I am a Senior Advisory Board Member of the American Biographical Institute both in Raleigh North Carolina and Cambridge, England. I hold numerous Who's Who Awards-I am in the Prominent Women's Hall of Fame in Raleigh NC-hold the Presidential Citation and Seal of Honor. I also hold the 2010 International Peace Award-ABI-Cambridge, England and the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award-ABI-Cambridge, England.

**Martin County Journal:** Why do you want to sit on the city council?

The mindset here is one of 1945 and that needs to change; this is 2011. What needs to be discussed in council meetings does not get discussed because people here figure that what they think is not important and that needs to change. I want to know why jobs are never discussed when there are none here and the council does not seem to currently care since they have one. We are losing revenue here for the reason that people who work out of town shop and eat out of town as well. I think council members should be out seeing first hand what is going on and listening to people in their districts and here that does not happen - apparently they are on the council for the money they get out of it. Since there is not a decent place to eat in this town for business executives and obviously the current council does not care, it is never addressed, and that needs to change as well. Industry will never move here until it does. People in this town feel like the council could care less what they think and why bother and they are right and I want to change that-nothing should be secret at council meetings; after all the people here do pay tax money and that is what supports the council's salaries-I want to change that.

**Martin County Journal:** What plans if any do you have if elected?

**Pat Burcham:** Two things - (1) look into why we do not have any jobs here and (2) why we do not have a decent place for business executives to eat. Currently there are far too many pizza places and fast food places and since I have personally traveled for Crane, I know if the government will not pay for these that private business will not either. This situation will not get new business in here and it certainly will not create any jobs and those we badly need. I think we also need to look into the idea of reducing city employees and since we have such a high percentage of people receiving welfare and food stamps and the majority of them are able to work but not willing to for what they get, they need to be put to work and earn what they get; the rest of us have to work. We need to see if we can combine some of the city jobs and we could save revenue that way, i.e. salaries, gas, and wear and tear on city vehicles. The number one thing is getting new industry to locate

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**Martin County Journal:** Are you planning to be the mayor full-time or treat it as a part-time job and work full-time elsewhere?

**Joe Mattox:** I do plan to be a full-time mayor - as I do not have any commitments at present. And, this will be the plan for the next four years.

**Martin County Journal:** What plans, if any, do you have for the youth of Loogootee? What about the senior citizens?

**Joe Mattox:** I am open to public input on ideas and suggestions for the youth of Loogootee and the senior citizens.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Joe Mattox:** Progress in this city is everybody's job.

here and create jobs, and putting people to work here would keep money they earn here in the county and not going to other counties.

**Martin County Journal:** With limited funds coming into the city do you have any plans or ideas for operating on less? Or increasing revenue?

**Pat Burcham:** We can operate on less - we do not need 13 city employees; we can combine functions and save money that way - these can be subsidized by using people who are getting food stamps; they are already being paid and need to work for what they get. This would help improve the town and the county as well. This would reduce the city payroll and could used very effectively if the people are forced to work for what they get. If the jobs were combined that would save the city money as well and it would save gas from the trucks running up and down the streets just to be seen, and that would save the taxpayers money as well. Raising revenue is not an option as most of the people do not even have an income if they are laid off and have exhausted their unemployment, and since a lot of this county is on food stamps and welfare and refuse to work, we lose even more revenue. With the way the current school funding is even they are not going to be operating efficiently. People are being taxed to death now; raising revenue is certainly not an option. We also need to look into the fact that water lines going from Park Street into the other county are being paid for by the residents here and not the ones in the other county - this is wrong yet people tell me that the current council does not want to address this issue either but it needs to be addressed. You cannot raise revenue when you do not have any revenue to begin with and have no industry to generate it.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think about what the city is now paying for health insurance and the substantial increases every year? (The city's portion of the premiums is currently more than \$260,000 annually for 13 employees)

**Pat Burcham:** I think the price of insurance is unreal; there is not reason for insurance being that expensive for 13 employees. I believe someone needs to do some research and find something cheaper even if it involves paying higher deductibles and higher co-pays; that is what the rest of us have to do that work a job if we have any insurance at all and most don't here. As it currently stands, everyone will have to buy insurance in 2014 and I think it will be a bit difficult if there are no jobs and people are not working.

The insurance needs to be better researched and I am very sure they can find something cheaper.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think the City of Loogootee needs most?

**Pat Burcham:** The City of Loogootee needs jobs first and a decent place for business executives to eat and it certainly did not need a big clock and street lights. Yes, they look nice, but they were not mandatory and they did nothing to create jobs. This is not a big city. We need to look into getting grants. Other places around here do not seem to have a problem getting them; I do not understand why they are such a problem here. The places that have come into Loogootee have created no jobs and they have hired no one here and they bring their own people. No one seems to really care that our tax money is going to other counties where people here work and that they shop and eat there and not here, so there goes our revenue. Students graduate and go to college and very few come back here. There are no jobs and they do not want to raise their family where there are not chances for them to better themselves. There are no decent places for them to eat, prices in the stores are too high and they can shop cheaper in another county. With a little effort and some imagination, we could have industry and a good town here if we get rid of the 1945 mindset and get in the real world. Yes, it will require different training than what people have now, but they need to put some effort into it. I keep hearing I-69 and West Gate will bring something here but they are not going to bring anything because there is no industry here and people do not want to live where they cannot better themselves. The water rates alone would stop any industry from

coming in here; they are way too high in comparison to other cities. Let's get real, if we do not change our thinking this city is going to completely die.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel about annexing immediate areas around the city limits?

**Pat Burcham:** Annexation is not a viable option, it is another source of trouble due to agreements that are verbally given and never recorded and then it causes problems when something comes up and nothing can be found to substantiate it. If people wanted to live in the city limits they would be there in the first place. Annexation is merely not an option and need not be pursued. I think annexations are wrong to begin with, people do not like being told what they are and are not going to do. The water problem was a common example of this with the fact of going out beyond the city limits and forcing people to pay out money they did not have.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Pat Burcham:** This town needs to lose the 1945 mentality. We need to get people out of conflict-of-interest positions, i.e. a police officer sitting on the council and voting for something that was involved in his job and/or someone who works for the city and wanting to be on the council at the same time. This is conflict of interest and it is also double-dipping, i.e. they are now or will be getting two salaries if this thing is allowed to continue and it does violate the law and it does apply to small towns as well as large towns. It is not allowed in other counties, why is it allowed here? We bought a new street sweeper but it is obviously for only select places in this city and Highway 50 which is not the city's responsibility but the state's - sure have not seen it where I live and I do pay taxes just like the rest of this city and I never see it down here. Let's look at the idea of getting some jobs here and keep the money spent in other counties here so this city can grow, but we need to bring the prices down as well to where people can afford them. There is also no reason for people to throw trash along the streets. Perhaps we need the police to do extra patrols and fine them for doing it and then the city would have some revenue and this practice would stop.



**JOHN FRALEY**  
**LOOGOOTE CITY COUNCIL**  
**DISTRICT 3 - DEMOCRAT**

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

**John Fraley:** Graduated from LHS in 1980; married to Jennifer Fraley with six children in our family. I have attended city council meetings and voiced my opinion and concerns where appropriate.

**Martin County Journal:** Why do you want to sit on the city council?

**John Fraley:** I feel that I would be an asset to the community in assisting with decision making that will not only affect the citizens of Loogootee but my own family as well.

**Martin County Journal:** What plans, if any, do you have if elected?

**John Fraley:** I would like to be a strong voice for the citizens of Loogootee. I support job production as well as financial management within the community.

**Martin County Journal:** With limited funds coming into the city do you have any plans or ideas for operating on less? Or increasing revenue?

**John Fraley:** I would assist the council with decisions needed to maintain financial responsibility and cost control within our



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community.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think about what the city is now paying for health insurance and the substantial increases every year? (The city's portion of the premiums is currently more than \$260,000 annually for 13 employees)

**John Fraley:** Unfortunately, the cost of health insurance continues to increase for all working citizens. Each year the city council reviews a variety of healthcare policies in attempt to provide needed coverage for the city employees and at the same time control the cost of premiums paid.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think the City of Loogootee needs most?

**John Fraley:** The city of Loogootee needs job production and an increase in revenue brought into the community.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel about annexing immediate areas around the city limits?

**John Fraley:** In my opinion, annexing should have been done prior to city utilities being offered outside the community. I would be in favor of any annex approvals that may assist with increasing our city's revenue.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**John Fraley:** In response to an article written in the Loogootee Tribune on April 6th, I would like to express my gratitude to our local businesses for supporting our community and the youth within our community.



**KAREN HICKMAN**  
**LOOGOOTE CITY COUNCIL**  
**DISTRICT 3 - DEMOCRAT**

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

**Karen Hickman:** I was born in Loogootee and have lived in Loogootee all my life, except for four years in Bloomfield. I attended St. John's Grade school from first through eighth grade, transferred in 9th grade to Loogootee High School and graduated with the Class of 1972. I attended Ivy Tech Bloomington from 1979 to 1980 for healthcare. I also took a course in long-term care from St. Benedict's in Beech Grove. I attended VU in 2000 and took one year of Psychology.

I am also a Healthcare Activity Director and an Indiana Notary Public. In June I will become a Trained Post Vention Suicide Trainer. I will be training others and speaking about my experiences with suicide.

I am an advocate for: veterans, elderly, mental health, protection of animals, protection of children and against any type of bullying or discrimination.

I am an Auxiliary member of the Gold Star Mothers, a member of Gold Star Families, a Member of the Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion Post 63, Humane Society, and American Association of Suicide Prevention.

I have two daughters, Leslie Guy, RN at a local hospital and Lynzee Hickman, computer enthusiast and stay-at-home daughter. I have five grandchildren, Devin Brennan, Trevor S. Guy, Luke Guy, Brooklyn Doyle and Zakk Doyle.

**Martin County Journal:** Why do you want to sit on the city council?

**Karen Hickman:** First, it would be an honor. And, I think it's time for a change, a change in city council members and a change in ideas and the direction of Loogootee. The city council I envision is one body working towards the betterment of the community. I like working with and around people, I enjoy listening to what people have to say and what their ideas are of the way things are being ran.

Hopefully to communicate with each other and try to accomplish the best for both the community and the council. I would like to see more turn out at city council meetings and more input given instead of it mostly being output by the council. This is the voters' community as well as the people running for any office. There has to be give and take to run any community and that is what I hope to be able to achieve. To work together hand in hand to keep this small town running smoothly, and trying to let everyone have a voice in what can be done to accomplish this.

**Martin County Journal:** What plans if any do you have if elected?

**Karen Hickman:** My plans are to surpass all expectations of what will be expected of me. I want to be the ears and voice for the people of the community. I want to share with the people what is happening in their home town politics. I think everyone should be aware of what the outcome of certain council meetings will hold. If there is a problem, I think the people should be made aware of what that problem is, without divulging anything that may be pertinent to just the council persons, and is not necessarily public information. My goal as city council member would be to do the best of the entire community, because everyone needs to be treated special not just a chosen few, there is a saying in the military "No Man Left Behind." As the city council person for District #3, there will be "No Member of the Community Left Out." This is my promise to you.

**Martin County Journal:** With limited funds coming into the city do you have any plans or ideas for operating on less? Or increasing revenue? What do you think about what the city is now paying for health insurance and the substantial increases every year? (The city's portion of the premiums is currently more than \$260,000 annually for 13 employees)

**Karen Hickman:** I say "no" to revenue increases, we need to find a way to decrease spending. I would like to look into other insurance options for the city employees. \$260,000 annually for 13 employees seems rather high, but I am not on the inside of the Loogootee employee system to know the intake and output of the money. For this question I would only be guessing at any plans or ideas for operating on less.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think the City of Loogootee needs most?

**Karen Hickman:** More job opportunities, bringing new businesses into Loogootee. It is evident that when our young people graduate that most of them move to other areas of the country due to more options in employment. I would like to see more things become available for all ages in the community but especially the younger generation who need stimulus and diversity to thrive. We really need the whole community pulling together to help our younger generation find productive things to do in their spare time. We need to keep a close watch on what is going on with them in the schools, bullying has become rampant, growing out of control. This has to stop and it begins with each one of us to show and set an example. I am open to any suggestions or recommendations anyone might have concerning Loogootee's needs.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel about annexing immediate areas around the city limits?

**Karen Hickman:** Unable to answer this question without further information. But, answering this question as stated I would have to respond with a, "no." While feeling like it would just add to more spending.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Karen Hickman:** We are a small rural close-knit community; many of us have lived here most of our lives. We know each other, not everything about each other but in passing, we know each other by sight. Many of you know me; you know that I would not say something unless I felt sure about it. And I feel sure that I can do the best job for you as city council person in District #3.

**DWIGHT SCHULTHEIS**  
**LOOGOOTE CITY COUNCIL**  
**DISTRICT 3 - DEMOCRAT**

Chose not to respond.

# Loogootee Council At-Large candidates answer questions



**FRED DUPPS**  
**LOOGOOTE CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE - DEMOCRAT**

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

**Fred Dupps:** I am a Democrat candidate for the Council at Large seat on the Loogootee City Council.

My wife Bev and I reside at 240 Country Court in Loogootee. After working in purchasing in Jasper wood working plants for 33 years, I am currently employed by SAIC as a Sub-Contract Administrator.

I am a member of St. John's Catholic Church, president of the Church Cemetery Committee, a member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Moose Lodge 1080, and Precinct 4 chairman of the Democrat Central Committee. I am a past member of the Parish Council and the Loogootee Park Board.

**Martin County Journal:** Why do you want to sit on the city council?

**Fred Dupps:** I would like to sit on the city council because I enjoy being involved in the community and feel that I can offer a fresh perspective to the council.

**Martin County Journal:** What plans, if any, do you have if elected?

**Fred Dupps:** Some of the plans I would like to work on are:

- Oversee the expenditures to operate the city successfully. Be cautious of city expenditures, while still maintaining a vision for future needs.

- Be open and encourage input from anyone in the community to enhance our city.

- Be very pro-active in working with economic development units to bring some manufacturing businesses to Loogootee.

- Be persistent in making sure the railroad crossings in town are properly maintained.

**Martin County Journal:** With limited funds coming into the city do you have any plans or ideas for operating on less? Or increasing revenue?

**Fred Dupps:** I believe that we must be very proactive in seeking any grant money that is available for enhancement projects. Bringing in new industry and keeping current businesses will enhance and stabilize the economic health of the town.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think about what the city is now paying for health insurance and the substantial increases every year? (The city's portion of the premiums is currently more than \$260,000 annually for 13 employees)

**Fred Dupps:** Obviously, we need to always be looking for the best coverage at the lowest cost. We must also keep in mind that to attract and keep good employees, we must provide fair pay and benefits.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think the City of Loogootee needs most?

**Fred Dupps:** An economic environment of growth to attract new businesses and industry. Continue to work closely with the Tech Park contractors who are looking for facilities in nearby towns to expand.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel about annexing immediate areas around the city limits?

**Fred Dupps:** If there is a benefit to both

the city and the residents, then I believe that should be considered. Much input would be needed before that decision could be made.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Fred Dupps:** I look forward to serving the people of Loogootee as a member of the City Council.



**PHYLLIS PARKER**  
**LOOGOOTE CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE - DEMOCRAT**

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

**Phyllis Parker:** I am the widow of the late Bill Parker. I have a daughter, Tracey and two granddaughters, Lacey and Lindsey. I have two house cats Chole and Sadie who are both rescues. I also have a five-year-old Shih Tzu.

**Martin County Journal:** Why do you want to sit on the city council?

**Phyllis Parker:** I have no personal agenda. I want to make sure all citizens are represented in voting matters and of course I need the income (no benefits are included in that though.)

**Martin County Journal:** What plans, if any, do you have if elected?

**Phyllis Parker:** I want to continue to be a voice for all Loogootee citizens and against any family or personally-directed decisions.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think about what the city is now paying for health insurance and the substantial increases every year? (The city's portion of the premiums is currently more than \$260,000 annually for 13 employees)

**Phyllis Parker:** \$260,000 annually for 13 employees - that's only 15 percent of actual money paid. 85 percent is paid by the employees. Also, the city is mandated to pay 11.5 percent of each employee's annual income into PERF (Public Employees' Retirement Fund). The police retirement fund is 23 percent of their income.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think the City of Loogootee needs most?

**Phyllis Parker:** The city needs more commitments from more businesses here as well as more involvement of the private citizens. Folks need to attend the meetings and see for themselves what is being discussed and voice their opinions.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel about annexing immediate areas around the city limits?

**Phyllis Parker:** Annexation can be a good thing as well as bad. A study of all aspects would need to be done before I would consider it.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Phyllis Parker:** I just want all the voters to know that elections hold consequences. Any idea or plan will need a majority decision (typically three council members). I take your opinion very seriously and base my vote on the people of Loogootee and not on my own personal feelings or relationships. I would be honored to continue to serve you on the Loogootee City Council.



# 2011 Municipal Election voting, absentee information

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

- Monday, April 4, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Monday, April 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Monday, April 18 through Friday, April 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Closed Friday, April 22 for Good Friday
  - Saturday, April 23 and Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. to noon
  - Monday, May 2, 8 a.m. to noon
- All registered voters in Indiana are eligible to vote absentee-in-person at the county election board office beginning 29 days before Election Day.
- In order to vote absentee-by-mail, one of the following must apply:
- You have a specific, reasonable expectation that you will be absent from the county on Election Day during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open (6 a.m. until 6 p.m.).
  - You have a disability.
  - You are at least 65 years of age.
  - You will have official election duties outside of your voting precinct.
  - You are scheduled to work at your regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
  - You will be confined due to illness or

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

- You are prevented from voting because of a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
  - You are a participant in the state's address confidentiality program.
  - You are a member of the military or a public safety officer.
- Note: Voters voting absentee-by-mail are NOT required to show photo ID.
- In order to vote absentee-by-traveling board, one of the following must apply:
- The voter expects to be confined, due to illness or injury, or the voter expects to be caring for a confined person at a private residence, on Election Day.
  - The voter is a voter with disabilities and believes their polling place is not accessible to them.
- The ballot will be delivered to you by a bi-partisan absentee voter board who will be able to assist you with your ballot.
- Voters voting by traveling board are NOT required to show photo ID.
- Obtain an application for absentee ballot at [www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/ABS-1\\_\(2009\)\\_revision.pdf](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/ABS-1_(2009)_revision.pdf).

## Municipal Election 2011 Calendar

- April 25, 2011: Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the 2011 Primary Election
  - May 3, 2011: Primary Election Day
  - October 10, 2011: First day a voter may vote an absentee-in-person at the county clerk's office for the 2011 Municipal Election
  - October 31, 2011: Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the 2011 Municipal Election
  - November 8, 2011: Municipal Election Day
- You have the right to vote in Indiana if:
- You are both a U.S. citizen and a resident of Indiana; and
  - You will be at least 18 years of age on or before the next General or Municipal Election, and
  - You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; and
  - You have lived in the precinct where you

- vote for at least 30 days prior to the election; and
  - You are registered to vote.
- Register to vote online by visiting <http://www.indianavoters.com/>. Indiana residents with a valid Indiana driver's license or Indiana state-issued identification card will be able to use this tool to submit a new voter registration application or to update an existing voter registration record.
- In addition to registering to vote online, <http://www.indianavoters.com/> provides Hoosiers with the ability to validate their voter registration status, find their polling place location, look into their provisional ballot status information, find county contact information, and determine "Who's on My Ballot?" for an upcoming election.
- Perry 1, Perry 2, Perry 3, and Perry 4 polling sites will all be located at St. Johns Center lower level. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

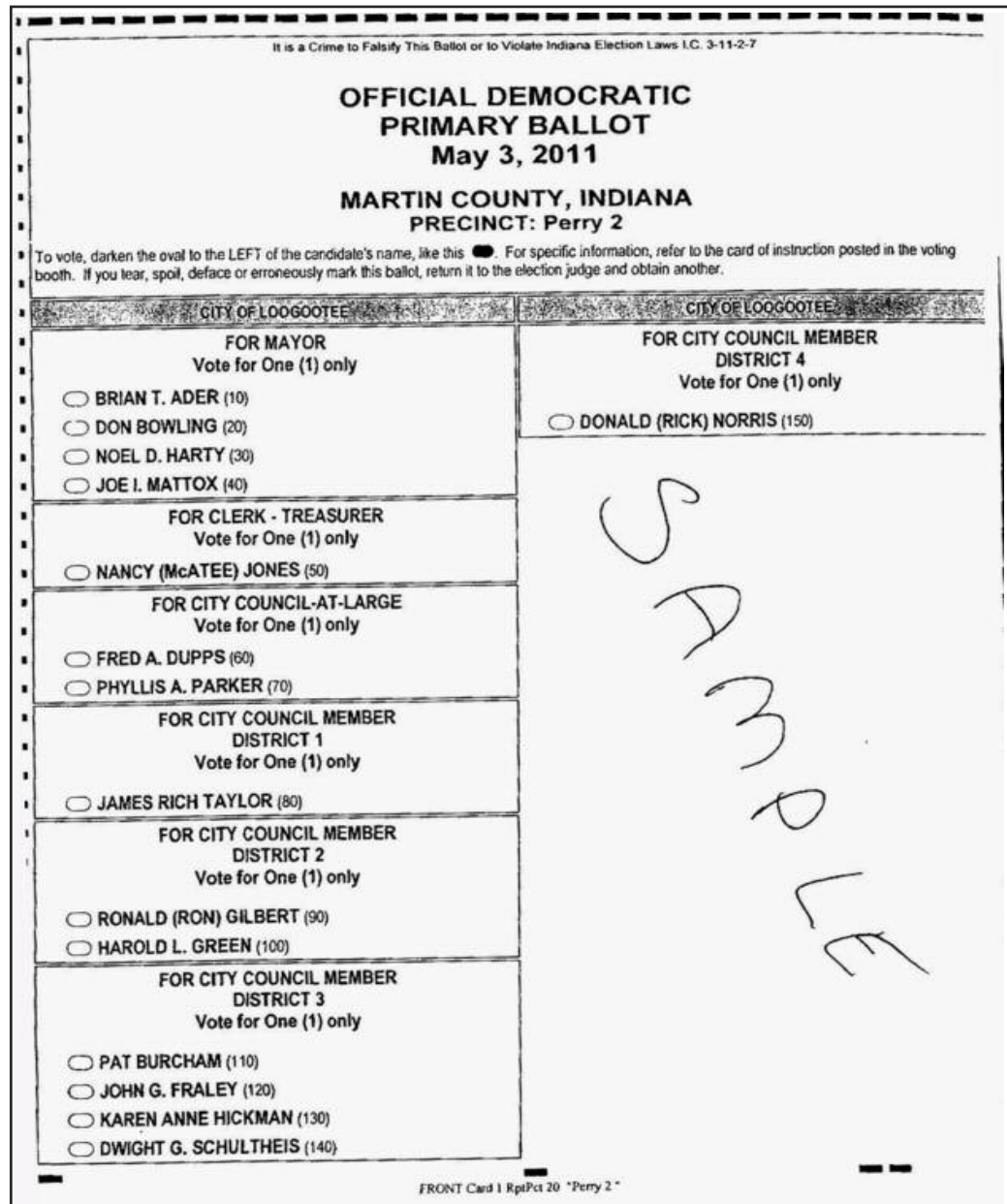
**Primary Election Day is Tuesday May 3rd**

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

## 2011 Municipal Election candidates

- The following is a final list of candidates who filed for the 2011 Primary Municipality Election.
- For Crane and Shoals there is no primary, the deadline is in August. For voter registration information contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.
- SHOALS**
- Lori Denise Butler, Democrat, Shoals Clerk Treasurer
  - Ernest "Earl" Boyd Jr., Republican, Shoals Town Council
  - Roger Lee Abel, Republican, Shoals Town Council
- CRANE**
- Bernard Burl Butcher, Democrat, Crane Town Board
  - Linda Ann Willoughby, Republican, Crane Clerk-Treasurer
- LOGOOTE**
- Donald Rick Norris, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 4
  - James Rich Taylor, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 1

- Harold Green, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 2
- Ronald (Ron) Gilbert, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 2
- Karen Hickman, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3
- Pat Burcham, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3
- Dwight Glenn Schultheis, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3
- John G. Frahley, Democrat, Loogootee City Council District 3
- Phyllis Parker, Democrat, Loogootee City Council At-Large
- Fred A. Dupps, Democrat, Loogootee City Council At-Large
- Noel Dale Harty, Democrat, Mayor
- Joe Mattox, Democrat, Mayor
- Brian Thomas Ader, Democrat, Mayor
- Donald F. Bowling, Democrat, Mayor
- Nancy Jones, Democrat, Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer



## Election photo identification laws

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

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

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

Photo identification laws

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

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

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



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