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## River rising

-Photos by Courtney Hughett and Kelly VanMeter

The above photos show the rising flood waters in Martin County over the last few days. The top photo is of Hwy. 500 outside Loogootee. The bottom three photos are of areas near Spout Springs Road in Shoals near the Martin County Courthouse and the Shoals Ball Park where youth baseball games were scheduled to begin this week. The National Weather Service is predicting major flooding this week for much of southern Indiana as heavy rains continue. Sections of central and southern Indiana already have received more than nine inches of rain in recent days, with an additional 2 to 5 inches expected through today. The heaviest rain has been in extreme southwest Indiana. Anyone in need of assistance due to the flooding of their home can contact the American Red Cross Hoosier Hills Chapter at 812-275-5162.

## Shoals superintendent recommends reduction in force at special meeting

Meeting minutes provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, superintendent secretary.

Shoals Superintendent Dr. Tony Nonte and the school board met Monday night, April 25, in a special meeting, to come up with ways to reduce operating costs for next school year.

Following discussion, Dr. Nonte recommended and the board approved, with the exception of board member Christy Farhar who was opposed to all, sending written notice that the following reductions in force will be officially considered for approval at a special school board meeting scheduled

for May 31, 2011 at 5 p.m.

Reduce one elementary teacher by reducing the number of sections of current second graders from three to two. This reduction would re-assign the elementary teacher being reduced to the position of half-time pre-school teacher and RIF the other half-time of the contract for the 2011-12 school year.

Reduce one physical education/health teacher for the 2011-12 school year.

Reduce the position of athletic director/teacher to teacher for the 2011-12 (See 'SUPERINTENDENT' on page two)

## Commissioners okay appointments to county community corrections

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Pat King was chosen as permanent director of Martin County Community Corrections as was reported to the Martin County Commissioners Tuesday night, April 19. According to Judge Lynne Ellis, presenting the information on behalf of the community corrections board chairman Michael Steiner, King has been serving as interim director for the past several months. Ellis said that the Community Corrections Advisory Board narrowed down applicants at their meeting last Friday and in the end King was appointed to the position. Judge Ellis said that the decision was based in part due to King being a resident of Martin County and the board wanting the salary to stay in Martin County. Only one advisory board member of the nine voted against appointing King. Judge Ellis explained "I did not feel the need or the necessity to interview someone from outside our county," said Ellis. "I was very adamant about it." Ellis went on to explain that the community corrections program has declined over the past six years and it is the goal of the department to raise the numbers and implement new programs and ideas. She said that, so far, it has been quite successful. She went on to explain some of the new programs and the interaction with the school.

Ellis explained to the commissioners that the salary for the director's position is funded with a grant that is applied for each year. The grant, as of July 1, has not been approved but Ellis said she doesn't see any reason it won't be. The program has been running in Martin County for 24 years.

The commissioners, according to Indiana law, are required to approve the appointment by the advisory board. Also, Kathy Collins has served as administrative assistant to the director on an interim basis so it was asked that the commissioners approve her as permanent as well.

The two commissioners present voted to approve both appointments. Commissioner John Winger was not able to attend the

## Martin County in state of emergency

The Martin County Commissioners signed a declaration Monday putting Martin County in a state of emergency due to the recent flooding issues.

According to the declaration major flooding of the East Fork of White River started on April 24 and is expected to last into the week of May 1.

If a county has issued an emergency declaration, this means the county board of commissioners has determined that conditions are such that emergency services may not be provided to the public in a timely fashion, and may be significantly delayed. A county emergency declaration initiates county emergency plans, and allows additional resources to be provided by the state to assist local response efforts.

meeting.

In other business, Auditor Nancy Steiner reported that a few areas of the budget are already running out of money this early in the year. Those funds are for the maintenance contracts, the veterans' van, and the juveniles and institutions fund. "This is just something to think about," said Steiner. Commissioner Paul George said they would have to discuss it with the county council.

Steiner also reported that the county was awarded the grant for removal of log jams in Lost River. The grant total was \$566,000.

Dale Tedrow came before the commissioners to ask about getting dust control down on his road. He was concerned about a member of the highway department, wasting gas and time, out in his area of the county and he explained to the commissioners what transpired when he watched the employee work one day.

"If they can waste money like that, damn, (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page two)

## King named new director

On April 15, during open meeting, the Martin County Community Corrections

Advisory Board voted to appoint Patricia King as the new Director of the Martin County Community Corrections Department. On April 19 the Martin County Commissioners approved the appointment, and Mrs. King began her official duties on April 20.

Prior to becoming Director, Mrs. King served the department as administrative assistant since March, 2004. When the preceding Director, Ron Colvin, retired from the position in February, 2011, Mrs. King served as Interim Director until a decision was made regarding a permanent position.

As director, Mrs. King has taken responsibility of the current programs offered by her department and has begun initiating new programs she believes will benefit Martin County and the clientele her department serves.

Mrs. Kathy Collins was also approved by the Martin County Commissioners on April 19 to serve as the administrative assistant for the department. Prior to her approval, she served as administrative assistant on a temporary basis during the time Mrs. King served as interim director.

Mrs. King and her husband, Willie, have been residents of Martin County since 2000 when they moved to be closer to family. Mrs. Collins and her husband, Jack, have both been life-long residents of Martin County.



**Martin County Local Emergency Proclamation**

Whereas, Martin County, Indiana has been or is immediately threatened by a natural hazard and;  
 Major flooding of the East Fork of White River has begun April 24 and is expected to last into the week of May 1, and;  
 Now, therefore, we, the Martin County Board of Commissioners, declare that a state of emergency exists in the county and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the county for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of Martin County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.  
 Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions, and particularly to Section 10-4-1-23 of the Indiana Code.

All public offices and employees of Martin County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives – state and local.  
 All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with the necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.  
 All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Emergency Operating Center and/or the Emergency Management Director.  
 In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 25th day of April, 2011.  
 Paul George  
 President, Martin County Commissioners

**COMMISSIONERS**


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 It looks like they could buy a little bit of oil," said Tedrow.  
 Commissioner Paul George asked Tedrow if he received dust control on his road last year to which he replied that he had but it was very little. "He didn't put near enough, he spread it thin just about like you would grass seed," he said. He added that it wasn't a long enough strip either.  
 Tedrow said that he thought there were laws pertaining to dust control. "There isn't," said Commissioner Dan Gregory. "I mean I'm not saying there shouldn't be but there isn't." He said if there was a law it would be nice if there was some funding to follow it.  
 Tedrow said that he was told by the highway department employee that he wouldn't be getting any oil on his road this year. "He made himself the boss," said Tedrow.  
 Both commissioners agreed that they would try to get some dust control out on his road soon.  
 The commissioners changed their next meeting to Wednesday, May 4 at 6 p.m. due to the municipal election.  
 Commissioner Gregory spoke briefly about LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program). "They are the go-to people for information on roads," he said. LTAP works out of Purdue University and an engineer

will be meeting with Gregory and Highway Superintendent Jim Williams this Friday to talk about the condition of county roads and what can be done such as funding sources.  
 Gregory explained that they do a scoring system based on the road's condition and help formulate a plan to address the county's road needs. The service is free and the engineer will be coming back on May 2 to meet with the county council.  
 Commissioner Gregory also reported that the county council wants to speak with Midwestern Engineers about the work that needs to be done on the exterior of the jail. Depending on the funding situation, he said that the work may need to be done in phases despite the fact that the money was funded in the budget. Gregory said that construction time is here and he didn't want the subject to fall off the radar. Council member Warren Albright who was in the audience said the idea behind talking to the engineers was to find out if the \$115,000 is even enough to do the work. He said he didn't want to spend more money on an engineering report with the little amount that was available for repairs.  
 In a final order of business, Auditor Steiner reported that the courthouse now has four first aid kits.  
 She recently spoke to the Shoals School nurse about CPR lessons but found out that there was a fee.  
 She said she is going to check into who the sheriff's department uses because they get training for free.

**SUPERINTENDENT**  
**(Continued from page one)**  
 school year. The duties of athletic director would be re-assigned to others.  
 The board also re-visited the issue of contracted grass mowing. Following discussion Dr. Nonte recommended the board approve Boomer's Lawn Care at the base bid of \$200 per mowing which includes the mowing and trimming of the area from US Hwy. 50 to the asphalt drive behind the school building and on the west side down to the maintenance building. The board approved the recommendation.  
 The board agreed by consensus to offer the job to T & T Mowing if the offer was not accepted by Boomer's Lawn Care.

**Loogootee School Board meeting today at 5 p.m.**  
 The Loogootee School Board will meet tonight, Wednesday, April 27, in special session in the meeting room of the superintendent's office at 5 p.m.  
 Items on the agenda include call to order, Pledge to the flag, personnel, and adjournment.  
 There is no patron input included on the agenda for this meeting however it is open to the public.

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**Elect  
Noel  
Harty  
Mayor**

On Tuesday, May 3rd, the citizens of Loogootee have very hard decisions to make. There are four people seeking the position of Mayor, two seeking election for District 2 city council seat, four seeking election for District 3 city council, while two people are seeking nomination to serve in the At-Large post for the city. Clerk Treasurer, District 1 & 4 City Council seats are unopposed, however, we have great candidates seeking election in these seats. While meeting with several residents of Loogootee I have heard people comment that they couldn't remember the last time they had such a wide selection of candidates to choose from for these posts. All races will prove to be interesting I am sure!

The number one priority this year is to have your voice be heard. Many important issues are facing the City of Loogootee and the only way that a citizen can have their voice heard is by voting. I am told that we have approximately 1,900 registered voters within the City of Loogootee, yet in the last election approximately 600 chose to turn out to vote. This is a very important year to come out and let your voice be heard! Please come out to place your vote on May 3rd!

The next priority is placing the right people in the right jobs. Our community is such a wonderful place to reside and we all want to see this continue and strive to be even more so. In the last few weeks you have met with the candidates, read the news articles, and seen signs all over our great community representing candidates, yet it is up to you to decide who will serve your great city for the next four years. I believe each and every one of us, and yes I include myself, have to look at the whole picture and decide who will be the best fit for each of these various roles.

My promises to the community of Loogootee may seem small, but I believe by the Mayor's Office, City Council, and citizens of Loogootee working together as a team anything is possible! I am ready, willing, and able to be your next Mayor!

Paid for by the Committee to elect Noel Harty

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE


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for

**Loogootee City Council District 3**

*Please go to the polls and vote on Tuesday, May 3rd*



-Paid for by Karen Hickman for Loogootee City Council District 3

**LOOGOOTEES RESIDENTS:  
Don't forget to go to the polls  
and vote on Tuesday, May 3rd.  
Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**NOVELLA LUCK**

Novella Jean (Allbright) Luck went to be with her Lord on April 23, 2011 at 10:15 p.m. at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 87.

She was born on August 21, 1923 in Martin County; the daughter of Orville and Christie (Batchelor) Allbright. She married Anthony Lee Luck on August 21, 1975 at the Weisbach Community Church. He preceded her in death in 1994.

She was a school teacher in Christian Schools for 34 years, and also worked at Old Paths Tract Society and Country Pines Printing. Novella graduated from Shoals High School in the class of 1941. She then graduated from Immanuel Missionary College in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1944. She attended the Shoals Holiness Church.

She is survived by one step-son, John L. Luck of Indiana; one sister, Evelyn Winkle of Elnora; one brother, Ronald K. Allbright of Shoals; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers Robert D. and Ray Morris Allbright, and an infant sister Lillian Irene Allbright.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, April 26 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to Gideons International.

**BETTY BIGGS**

Betty Ann (Barnett) Biggs passed away Sunday, April 24, 2011 at Gentle Care Nursing Home with her family at her side. A resident of Monroe City, she was 84.

She was born July 9, 1926, in Winslow; daughter of the late Herman and Bertha Mae (Bement) Barnett. She graduated from Winslow High School in the class of 1944 and Devry's School of Beauty Culture in Evansville. Betty married Norman Biggs on October 18, 1947, and he preceded her in death in 1966. Betty was an Avon representative for many years in the Monroe City area and had worked at South Knox High School. Betty was a loving and caring mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Surviving relatives include a son, Keevin Biggs of Loogootee; two daughters, Karen (Bill) Sampson of Monroe City and Karleen (Dennis) Nichols of Vincennes; four grandchildren, Lauren (Seth) Alexander, Ryan (Shannon) Biggs, Michael Sampson, Matthew (Bobbie) Sampson; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Biggs and her brother, Floyd Barnett.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Gardner-Brockman Funeral Home, 505 Main Street, Vincennes, with Pastor Seth Alexander officiating. Following the service, she will be laid to rest next to her husband in Walnut Hills Cemetery in Petersburg. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Friends and family are encouraged to leave condolences and memories of Betty and light a virtual candle in her memory at the funeral home's website [www.gardnerbrockman.com](http://www.gardnerbrockman.com).

**HERBERT WENING**

Herbert A. Wening died at 1:20 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2011 in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Portersville, he was 83. He had been a resident of the Golden Living Center in Petersburg for the past seven years.

**HERBERT WENING**

He was born in Portersville on August 28, 1927; the son of George and Nora (Hoffman) Wening. He married Velma Hembree on July 12, 1956 and she preceded him in death on November 23, 1984.

He retired from Jasper Plant Foods where he had worked for 25 years. He was also a farmer and a mail carrier for many years. He started his music career with his dad and three sisters' band and then he played with the Country Gentlemen's Band and then formed the Wening Family Band along with his children.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville and Jasper Moose Lodge # 1175.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Bruce (Marilee) Rostron of Haubstadt, Mrs. Donnie (Sharon) Woolsey of Evansville, and Mrs. Daniel (Janice) Theising of Dubois; three sons, Mark D. Wening of Huntingburg, Leroy Wening and spouse Julie of Washington, and Mike Wening and spouse Terri of Shepherdsville, Kentucky; 11 grandchildren, Mark Jr., Jason, Lynn and Andy; Martin and Stacey; Ally, Zac, Annie and Audrie; and Travis; three sisters, Clara Eichmiller of Haysville, Clea Wening, of Jasper, and Mrs. Dan (Wilma) Schnarr of Boone Township.

A funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday, April 27 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church with burial following in St. Paul's

Cemetery. The Rev. Charla Grieves officiated.

Becher & Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**DOROTHY L. ESSIG**

Dorothy L. Essig died at 2:35 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2011 at Prairie Village Nursing and Rehabilitation. A resident of Washington, she was 83.



She was born March 16, 1928; the daughter of Philip Fred and Leona (Smith) Schnarr. She was a graduate of Alfordsville High School. She married John Essig on May 23, 1950 and he preceded her in death on February 11, 2006.

She had worked at the Daviess County Courthouse.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Lisa Essig of Milford, Ohio; two grandchildren; and one sister, Ruth Kail of Washington.

She is preceded in death by one sister, Bernice Gress, and two brothers, Leland and Clyde Schnarr.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 29 at Gill Chapel, with Bro. Richard Smith officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery. Visitation is after 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Circle Tail, Inc., 8834 Carey Lane, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162, [www.circletail.org](http://www.circletail.org) or [lisa@circletail.org](mailto:lisa@circletail.org).

Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.gillsince1872.com](http://www.gillsince1872.com).

**STEVEN PAUL HUNT, JR.**

Steven Paul Hunt, Jr. passed away Saturday, April 23, 2011 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Huntingburg, he was 14.

He was born March 1, 1997, in Hunting-

burg; the son of Steven P. and Crystal (Hughes) Hunt. Steven was a student in the seventh grade at Southridge Middle School.



He enjoyed sports and loved fishing.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Crystal (Jose) Hernandez of Huntingburg; his father, Steven P. (and his fiancé Crystal) Hunt of Washington; three brothers, Dakota

Motteler of Rockport, Matthew Hunt and Dustin Hunt, both of Huntingburg; one sister, Kaylee Hunt of Washington; one step-sister, Anissa Manuel of Washington; paternal grandparents, Jerry and Teri Maddox of Washington, Terry de Montigny of Fort Meyers, Florida; maternal grandparents, Charles and Sharon Mendel of Huntingburg, Rodney and Deborah Hughes of Morgan City, Louisiana; paternal great-grandparents, Melvin and Carol Spears of Loogootee, Armanda and Elsie de Montigny of Helena, Montana; maternal great-grandparents, Clara Staats of Tell City, Iowa Rainey of Kentucky; aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Greg Hunt; and five great-grandparents, Arthur and Ruth Hunt, Irene Heowner, Charles Staats and Deanna Miles.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 28 at the New Life United Pentecostal Church in Huntingburg with burial to follow at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee. Pastor Howard Geck will officiate the services.

Friends may call for visitation at the New Life United Pentecostal Church in Huntingburg from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Nass and Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to assist with burial expenses and a headstone.

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# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

## Tuesday, April 19

3:55 p.m. - Received a call from a female subject reporting that there is a horse out on Sherfick School Road.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, entering Loogootee.

7:43 p.m. - Mistakenly received an emergency welfare check request in the Martinsville area. The information was taken and given to the correct police agency.

7:55 p.m. - Received notice of a tornado watch for Martin County.

9:16 p.m. - Dubois County advised of a speeding vehicle traveling northbound on U.S. 231.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a fallen tree on a mobile home on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

11:33 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Rutherford Township.

11:34 p.m. - Received a report of a full-size trampoline in the eastbound lane of U.S. 50, east of Loogootee.

Several reports were received of trees down on power lines on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, near the St. Martin's Church.

Unknown time - The tornado sirens were activated due to the high velocity of winds and weather.

11:37 p.m. - Received several reports of three trees hanging in the roadway on Max Warren's Curve.

11:39 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on U.S. 50, on the west side of Shoals.

11:52 p.m. - Received a call from a subject that is on breathing apparatus and is without power.

11:58 p.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the roadway with power lines entangled on S.R. 450 near Lundy Road.

Unknown time - A report was received of a tree in the roadway on Bloomfield Road, north of St. John's Cemetery.

## Wednesday, April 20

12:06 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals.

12:11 a.m. - Received a report of storm damage to a residence from a fallen tree on S.R. 450.

12:18 a.m. - Received a report of a power line down on Fairview Street in Loogootee.

12:18 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm east of Loogootee.

Unknown time - A report was received about a tree on a residence on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

Unknown time - A call was received that a tree had fallen through a window in a residence in Burns City.

1:17 a.m. - Received a report that a large tree was across Emmons Ridge Road.

Unknown time - A report was received of a tree across S.R. 450 in Trinity Springs, near the church.

Unknown time - A report was received of lines partially blocking the roadway on Dover Hill Road.

Unknown time - A report was received that a utility pole had snapped in half on Windom Road about a mile north of Dubois County.

Unknown time - A report was received of a tree blocking the roadway with lines on fire on Sipes Road.

1:57 a.m. - Lost River Fire Department requested additional assistance removing trees from roadways. Shoals Fire Department was dispatched.

2:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

2:30 a.m. - Received a report of low hanging tree limbs on U.S. 231, near Burns City turnoff.

2:52 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on U.S. 231, north near Ragslesville Road.

3:23 a.m. - Received a report of a tree in a curve on Windom Road, near Sherfick Lane.

3:43 a.m. - Received a report of two semis caught in a low hanging power line near Arvin Hog Bottoms on U.S. 231.

5:06 a.m. - Received a report of a large tree across the roadway on Davis School Road, just off Poplar Grove Road.

5:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Thales Road.

5:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

5:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Rama Dye Road.

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a power line and tree down on the ground at Crane Village Church.

10:34 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on E. 100S.

11:52 a.m. - A caller reported his truck stolen in Washington. The call was transferred to Daviess County.

1:28 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on South Martin Road.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of a subject on oxygen out of power.

4:13 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver, southbound on U.S. 231.

4:52 p.m. - Received a medical alert alarm on Hillham Road. Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport was necessary.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of power lines down on County Road 1050N. Daviess County was contacted.

5:29 p.m. - Received a report of a tree that was close to falling on the roadway on U.S. 150, just outside of Shoals.

5:38 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on South Martin Road.

5:47 p.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking Ballpark Road in Crane.

5:52 p.m. - Received a report of a horse out on Sherfick School Road at the intersection of Boyd Hollow Road.

6:41 p.m. - Received a request for assistance from a subject that had locked themselves out of their residence.

7:52 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm on Progress School Road.

7:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a dog tied to a tree without food, water, or shelter.

## Thursday, April 21

12:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:41 a.m. - Received a lifeline alarm and the ambulance responded in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

3:05 a.m. - Received a report of a dead deer on U.S. 231, about one-half mile south of Whitfield.

6:20 a.m. - Received a report of a tree partially blocking the roadway on Abel Hill

Road.

8:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Golf Club Lane in Burns City. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report that horses are out on Sherfick School Road.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check.

12:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Dover Hill Christian Church. No transport was necessary.

1:24 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle off the roadway, in a ditch, on U.S. 150, about three to four miles out of Shoals.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn on Huffman Road.

3:39 p.m. - Received a call about the power outage in Lost River Township.

4:14 p.m. - Received a report of a possible stranded motorist on U.S. 150, about one mile out of Shoals.

5:29 p.m. - Received a report of a fire at the NCIC building on Crane Base. Crane dispatch was notified.

6:59 p.m. - Received a complaint from a resident in Crane about a juvenile harassing him.

8:45 p.m. - A male in Crane called about a juvenile harassing his children.

8:46 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee, near the Highway 558 turnoff.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Crane Village.

## Friday, April 22

6:48 a.m. - Received a report of a speeding semi on U.S. 50, near the state highway garage.

8:55 a.m. - Martin County Civil Defense was dispatched to the Bramble area for traffic control for REMC while they were working on power lines.

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle on U.S. 50, near the National Gypsum.

4:31 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a custodial issue on Wininger Road.

4:32 p.m. - Received a report of flooding on S.R. 450, and a request for high water signs.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping.

5:47 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Rama Dye Road.

6:09 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in retrieving personal property.

9:07 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231 near Bramble.

9:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver southbound on U.S. 231, just north of Loogootee.

9:49 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Crane.

10:23 p.m. - Received a complaint about excessive noise in Shoals.

## Saturday, April 23

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of a power outage on Wadsworth Lane.

12:40 a.m. - Received a report of a power outage in Shoals.

2:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:37 a.m. - A subject turned in found property.

8:32 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle off the roadway on U.S. 150, on Singing Hill.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of water over the roadway on West River Road.

9:03 a.m. - Received a report of water over the roadway on S.R. 550, east of Gibson Road.

11:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:16 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Katydid Trailer Court in Shoals.

8:17 p.m. - Received a report of water rising around a residence in Shoals.

## Sunday, April 24

12:50 a.m. - Received a report of threatening phone calls and text messages.

6:10 a.m. - Received a report of the roadway washing out on Windom Road.

7:52 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on power lines on Windom Road.

9:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Truelove Church Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:53 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm east of Loogootee.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of damage to Abel Hill Road.

2:47 p.m. - Received a report of a car stuck in high water.

3:30 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a locked vehicle.

4:02 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle broke down on U.S. 150. Orange County was contacted.

4:11 p.m. - Received a report of high water over the roadway on S.R. 450, north of Witt Lane.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of water over the roadway on U.S. 150, near Roland.

10:38 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on C.R. 1200E.

## Monday, April 25

3:04 a.m. - Received a report of water over Wood School Road.

4:20 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

6:32 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in high water on S.R. 450, west of Trinity Springs.

## Accident reports

### Wednesday, April 20

8:08 a.m. - Jessica R. Chipley, of Loogootee, was backing her 1996 Dodge from her driveway and collided with a 2000 Ford owned by Bradley Nugent, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill investigated.

### Friday, April 22

6:28 a.m. - Kent Hall, 22, of Bedford, advised he was traveling south on S.R. 450, near Dover Hill, in a gold 2001 Chevy Silverado, when he struck two deer in the roadway. Damage was done to the front passenger side and back driver's side of the truck. The investigating officer was Sergeant John Fischer.

### Saturday, April 23

1:59 p.m. - Benjamin Harner, 26, of Washington, was southbound on Hart Road when he failed to see flood water. Harner's vehicle went into the flood water and he was able to climb out. Harner was charged with operating while intoxicated. Harner was also charged with possession of marijuana under 30 grams and possession of paraphernalia.

## Jail bookings

### Friday, April 22

5:45 p.m. - Benjamin Coy, 41, of Greenwood, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

### Saturday, April 23

Benjamin Harner, 26, of Washington, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, and possession of paraphernalia.

### Sunday, April 24

8:15 p.m. - Melanie Wiscaver, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and possession of controlled substance.

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# Loogootee Police log

## Tuesday, April 19

2:16 p.m. - Female caller reported a child custody issue.

4:43 p.m. - Captain Akles completed a VIN check.

5:06 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised a yellow passenger car driving recklessly on Hwy 50.

9:16 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised to be on the lookout for a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## Wednesday, April 20

2:09 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 North for a vehicle accident.

8:25 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a resident on Hill Street who had locked herself out of the house.

8:30 a.m. - A resident reported a telephone line down near S. Oak Street.

9:05 a.m. - Audra Seals, of Loogootee, reported items missing from her property. Chief Rayhill responded and items were returned.

9:18 a.m. - Caller reported the railroad track arm broke off.

12:30 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

1:47 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity in Montgomery. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was notified.

2:49 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Child Protective Services with a welfare check on North Line Street.

4:07 p.m. - Male caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

4:15 p.m. - Caller reported a power line down on Depot Street.

9:13 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol on Church Street.

9:28 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Cedar Street. Captain Akles responded.

10:53 p.m. - Male juvenile reported a domestic dispute with his mother. Captain Akles spoke with the caller.

## Thursday, April 21

4:19 p.m. - Caller reported juvenile on East Main Street causing problems.

5:43 p.m. - Caller reported a semi hauling wood that may cause a traffic concern.

8:31 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on SW 2nd Street. Captain Akles spoke with the owner.

8:50 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

## Friday, April 22

Unknown time - Caller reported a tree down on East Main Street.

8:21 p.m. - Caller reported several people causing problems in Redwing Trailer Court. Captain Akles responded.

8:57 p.m. - Washington Police Department requested an officer go to a residence of a person who may have been involved in a hit and run in Washington.

9:10 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a reckless driver on US 231.

## Saturday, April 23

2:14 a.m. - Female caller requested a security check at her residence. Captain Akles responded.

8:38 a.m. - Caller reported two subjects walking along the highway arguing.

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported a transformer struck by lighting.

12:55 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Street. Sgt. Hennette responded.

1:15 p.m. - A male requested a transient voucher.

5:33 p.m. - First responders were requested in Shaded Estates for a male having chest pains.

6:12 p.m. - Male caller reported a reckless driver in Bellbrook.

8:30 p.m. - A male on North Line Street reported damage to his vehicle.

10:50 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm on Broadway Street.

## Jasper ISP Post March enforcement activity

The Indiana State Police had the following enforcement activity for March 2011. The Jasper State Police Post covers Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer Counties.

Traffic Arrests (tickets) - 671

Warnings - 1,567

Commercial Motor Vehicle moving arrests - 25

DUI Arrests - 16

Total Criminal Arrests - 88

Currently many counties in southwest Indiana are under flood watches and or warnings. Floods occur as streams and rivers overflow their banks. Flash floods can come rapidly and unexpectedly. Flash flooding can occur after a few minutes of heavy rain fall or after hours of significant precipitation. Hoosiers who live in flood prone areas should always be conscious of the threat of flash floods when receiving significant rainfall. The Indiana State Police offers a few flood safety tips.

- Don't travel unless absolutely necessary. If you have to travel carry a cell phone with a car charger.

- Purchase a weather scanner and heed all flood and flash flood warnings issued by

the National Weather Service.

- Do not drive around barricades at water crossings.

- Be especially vigilant at night. Many drowning deaths occur at night when it is difficult to see water crossings.

- Do not cross or enter flowing water. Driving fast through high water on the road is not a solution. Faster speeds create less tire contact with the road surface and increase your chance of crashing.

- Driving through standing water may affect your brakes. Test your brakes at low speeds as soon as you exit the water.

- If you choose to abandon your vehicle, respect the force of the water flow, you may be swept off your feet. After you exit the vehicle seek higher ground.

- Be aware that road erosion may occur when there is running or standing water.

- Remember that six inches of water will reach the bottoms of most car doors. One foot of water will float many vehicles, and two feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles.

If you find yourself stranded in flood waters remain calm and call 911. If you can do so safely move to higher ground.

# Martin County Court News

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

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### April 14

Juanita L. Moffitt, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; two counts of battery, Class A Misdemeanors.

Juan L. Terry, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; two counts of intimidation on a law enforcement officer, Class D Felonies; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Arthur C. Terry, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; two counts of intimidation on a law enforcement officer, Class D Felonies.

#### April 18

Darrell D. Baker, intimidation, a Class D Felony.

Frederick W. Morgan, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; intimidation, a Class D Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### April 19

Christina L. Bolinger, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor.

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

#### April 20

Spencer R. Wirth, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

#### April 19

Kent D. Bradley, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Martin County Security Center with all suspended including credit for 2 actual days served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

#### April 19

Kent D. Bradley, operating a vehicle with prior OWI within 5 years, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Evelyn D. Padgett, escape, a Class C Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### April 14

Citibank vs. Melvin Dale Graber, civil collection.

Robert J. Whaley vs. Ruth A. Whaley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### April 15

Carl Wiscaver vs. Melanie Wiscaver, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### April 18

LNV Corp. vs. Rhonda Hardwick and USA Department of Agriculture, mortgage foreclosure.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

#### April 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Deaconess Hospital, Inc. and against the defendants Bernard and Karen Mattingly in the amount of \$33,970.41.

#### April 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant William Keller in the amount of \$9,885.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff GE Money Bank and against the defendant Victoria Sipes in the amount of \$1,729.19.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

#### April 15

Citibank vs. Alisha Asbell, civil collection, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suit Filed

#### April 13

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Justin D. Bruce, complaint.

Procol, Inc. vs. John Phillips, complaint.

Procol, Inc. vs. Heather Toy, complaint.

Procol, Inc. vs. Mike Wade, complaint.

#### April 15

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. David B. Moffett, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Melanie Truelove, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Teresa and Michael Allbright, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Joseph A. Miller, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

#### April 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Leland Wilcoxon and against the defendant Lori Truelove in the amount of \$428.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

#### April 14

Family Dental Care, PC vs. Amanda Baker, complaint, dismissed.

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

#### April 13 - April 19

Donnie Hardin, Owingsville, Kentucky, speeding 55 in a 40, \$119.

Roger Hauptert, Fort Wayne, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Joshua Thompson, Loogootee, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

#### April 23

Chad Walton Gibson of Evansville and Audrey Paige Garrett of Shoals.

#### April 25

Alex Jordan Blanton of Loogootee and Amanda Marie Combs of Loogootee.

#### April 26

Milton Dean Derstine of Loogootee and Jennifer Maria Beachy of Loogootee.



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# Martin County real estate transfers

**David R. Moulder and Donna K. Moulder to DMI Martin County Farms, LLC.** Tract I: a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 12.65 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 14.43 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 21.81 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 7.75 acres, more or less. Tract II: a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 8.49 acres, more or less.

**Elsie M. O'Brien**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stephen James O'Brien II**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 6.602 acres, more or less. Tract II: a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 1.02 acres, more or less.

**Jon Patrick Brown and Lisa Golay to Lisa Golay**, all that portion lying on the west side of the Shoals and Jasper road of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, except from said last described 40-acre tract and containing in this exception 11 acres, more or less. Containing in said real estate 34 acres more or less, and all being in Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West. Excepting therefrom a part of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 11.68 acres, more or less.

**Jon Patrick Brown and Lisa Golay to Jon Patrick Brown.** Tract I: the west part of the Southeast fractional Quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 28 acres, more or less. Tract II:

all that part of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, being all that part of said Section lying north and east of Beaver Creek and east and west of the Shoals and Loogootee road, containing 18 acres, more or less. Tract III: all that part of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, being all of said fractional part of said Section, lying north of Beaver Creek and West of Shoals and Loogootee road, containing 2 acres, more or less. Tract IV: a part of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 3 acres, more or less.

**Jim Veis**, of Yellowstone County, Montana to **Jim Veis and Larry Belcher**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 1 in Hitchcock's Addition to the Town of Indian Springs, Indiana, except a strip of ground 6 feet wide off of the south end of said lot.

**Mildred L. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cary Bledsoe and Connie Bledsoe**, of Sullivan County, Indiana, a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing approximately .38 acre, more or less.

**Ronald D. Arbuckle and Linda Arbuckle**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Victor W. Neideffer, Jr. and Cheryl L. Neideffer**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Southwest Quarter of fractional Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less. Also, a part of the Southwest Quarter of fractional Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less.

**Carlton J. Courtright**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wilbur E. Wagler and Matthew R. Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 58 acres, more or less.

**Sarah Margaret Waggner**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jill S. Kelso and Alan R. Toy**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 10 and a 25-foot strip of even width off of the west side of Lot Number 11 in Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.



## More flooding

-Photo by Justin Lamar

The photo above is the flood waters off of the boat ramp in Shoals as of Monday morning.

## National report on mass layoffs for March

Employers took 1,286 mass layoff actions in March involving 118,523 workers, seasonally adjusted, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Each mass layoff involved at least 50 workers from a single employer.

The number of mass layoff events in March decreased by 135 from February, and the number of associated initial claims decreased by 12,295. These were their lowest levels since September 2007 and May 2007, respectively. In March, 253 mass layoff events were reported in the manufacturing sector, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 27,619 initial claims. Manufacturing events decreased by 38 from the prior month to the lowest level on record, while associated initial claims increased by 1,559 from a program low in February.

The national unemployment rate was 8.8 percent in March, essentially unchanged from the prior month and down from 9.7 percent a year earlier. In March total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 216,000 over the month and by 1,300,000 from a year earlier.

Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The number of mass layoff events in March was 908, not seasonally adjusted, resulting in 85,095 initial claims. The number of mass layoff events was down by 289 from March 2010, and associated initial claims decreased by 26,632. Fif-

teen of the 19 major industry sectors in the private economy reported over-the-year declines in initial claims, with manufacturing and retail trade having the largest decreases. The six-digit industry with the largest number of initial claims in March 2011 was food service contractors.

The manufacturing sector accounted for 21 percent of all mass layoff events and 25 percent of initial claims filed in March. A year earlier, manufacturing made up 23 percent of events and 27 percent of initial claims. Within manufacturing, the number of claimants in March 2011 was greatest in the food subsector. Fourteen of the 21 manufacturing subsectors experienced over-the-year decreases in initial claims, with the largest declines in transportation equipment and food.

Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

All 4 regions and 8 of the 9 divisions experienced over-the-year decreases in initial claims due to mass layoffs in March. Among the census regions, the West registered the largest over-the-year decrease in initial claims. Of the geographic divisions, the East North Central and the Pacific had the largest over-the-year declines in initial claims.

California recorded the highest number of initial claims in March, followed by Texas, Pennsylvania, and New York. Thirty states experienced over-the-year decreases in initial claims, led by California, Illinois, and Michigan.

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## New flags for courtroom

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On April 20, Bill and Dianna Wilson, and Dianna's brother, Joe Fleck from Jasper delivered new United States and Indiana Flag ensembles for display in the Martin Circuit Court's Courtroom. Joe Fleck donated his labor to craft the new flag staffs from African mahogany wood. All other materials (U.S. and Indiana flags with fringe, gold tassels, gold-plated eagle pole-top ornaments and gold-painted, cast iron floor stands) were purchased by Duncan & Ellis, PC. "We are very pleased to add such a beautiful and professional addition to our courtroom," stated Judge Lynne Ellis. "We are also pleased that all of the items purchased by Duncan & Ellis, PC were made in the United States."

## Zoeller: CVS to pay Indiana \$858K to settle overbilling suit

The State of Indiana will receive more than \$858,000 from CVS Pharmacy Inc. in the settlement of a whistleblower lawsuit that alleged CVS had overbilled the Medicaid program for prescription drugs, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced last week.

The settlement is Indiana's share of a larger \$17.5 million settlement CVS reached last week with 10 states and the federal government involving inflated prescription drug claims submitted to the Medicaid program for reimbursement. Under the whistleblower provisions of the False Claims Act in both state and federal law, a pharmacist in Minnesota who first raised the allegations in a private lawsuit will receive 16 percent of the CVS settlement.

"My office has sought to raise public awareness that the False Claims Act is a powerful tool to thwart fraud committed against government programs. It allows a company insider with knowledge of illegal billing practices to file a private lawsuit, into which the state or federal governments can intervene. If a company engaging in fraud later settles or pays a judgment, then the original whistleblower is entitled to a percentage of the recovery, in acknowledgement of the huge risk they took and courage they showed in exposing fraud by their employer against taxpayers," Zoeller said.

CVS Pharmacy Inc. operates more than 7,000 retail pharmacies in the U.S. The settlement reached last week resolves allegations that CVS Pharmacy billed the wrong amounts to the Medicaid program for dual-eligible beneficiaries - that is, Medicaid beneficiaries who also have third-party prescription coverage. Pharmacies are supposed to bill the other insurer first and then submit a claim to Medicaid only for the amount of the remaining liability, usually the co-pay.

But an investigation by the states, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General found that CVS billed more than was allowed for certain dual-eligible claims, resulting in CVS being paid a larger reimbursement than it was entitled to. The investigation of the case by the states and federal government

involved a complex analysis of billing and payment information, cross-referenced to private insurance payments.

Under the settlement of the civil suit, CVS will pay the federal government nearly \$8 million and the 10 states more than \$9.5 million combined, plus interest. The total state settlement paid to the Indiana Medicaid program will be \$858,176.16, including \$572,117.44 for the state's share of Medicaid restitution and \$286,058.72 for additional recoveries. CVS also agreed to sign an amended corporate integrity agreement requiring it to train employees and implement correct billing procedures concerning dual-eligible beneficiaries.

Whistleblowers can file qui tam lawsuits (pronounced "key tam") under the False Claims Act against companies for fraud

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



One week left and our goals are within reach

With only one week left in the 2011 legislative session we are working diligently to accomplish our work before the April 29 deadline. Conference committee work is on next week's calendar. A conference committee is formed when changes are made to a bill that left the House or the Senate that are not agreeable to the original author. A conference committee includes members from both parties in the House and the Senate. This will be the process we use for House Bill 1007 since I, as the original author of the bill, do not approve of the Senate changes.

Conference committee members meet to discuss changes in the bill. Once those amendments have been agreed upon by all the members of the committee it will head back to the House and the Senate for one final vote. If it passed both houses it will then be sent to the governor's desk to be signed into law.

A second bill I authored, HB 1297, I have agreed upon the amendments made in the Senate where it was passed unanimously. HB 1297 will change how, or if, financial institutions are able to hold public deposits of the state. This bill has also received support from the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions and the Indiana Bankers

Association. It will now head to the governor's desk to be signed into law.

Another bill that I co-authored that will protect the sanctity of life and require women to receive additional information when they are seeking an abortion is making progress, as well. HB 1210 has passed the Senate on its final reading with amendments and it is now being sent back to the House. One of the amendments made in the Senate would end Medicaid coverage of Planned Parenthood in Indiana. The bill also sets 20 weeks as the maximum amount of time allowed for a woman to seek an abortion. The current cutoff is when a doctor determines viability which is usually around 24 weeks. I will be sure to provide a final update of the bill and details after the April 29 deadline.

We are working quickly to make up for the five weeks we lost in the middle session due to the Democrat walk-out, but we are optimistic that we will not have to return this summer for a special session. Our goals are within reach to promote job creation and to continue to make Indiana a stronger and more prosperous state for all Hoosiers.

Thank you for your continued support and feedback this session. Please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns at H63@in.gov or 1-800-382-9841.

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# 2nd Annual Crane CycleFest to be held

The second annual Ride 2 Recovery – Crane CycleFest will be held Saturday, May 21, starting and finishing at the West-Gate@Crane Technology Park.

The Crane Naval base was originally set aside as a national forest area until World War II when it became a large ammunition manufacturing and storage facility. Nearly all of the 100 square miles is still forest and has received numerous environmental awards from the Department of Natural Resources.

Only official vehicles will be allowed on the route during the event. The ride offers routes of 15, 30, 50, and 65 miles. The 50- and 65-mile routes are quite challenging.

The 15-mile loop has a few hills as well, but is idea for novices and families by virtue of the safety of the route.

The primary purpose of this ride is in direct support of the National Ride 2 Recovery. The proceeds from the event will go directly for our nation's REAL heroes, men and women in uniform who have been wounded while sacrificing themselves for freedom.

Be sure and visit the Crane CycleFest Facebook page and the Ride 2 Recovery Facebook page for more details on the national organization and other Ride 2 Recovery events.

Ride 2 Recovery is produced by the Fitness Challenge Foundation, a registered 501(C)3 charitable organization in partnership with the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Office, to benefit mental and physical rehabilitation programs that feature cycling as the core activity.

Cycling is an important part of the recovery process because it is an activity that almost all patients with mental and physical disabilities can participate, and it speeds the rehabilitation process.

Your support will:

-Provide cycling equipment to wounded warriors such as: bicycles, spinning bikes, shoes, helmets and clothing.

-Sponsorship of Injured Veterans and their caregivers for fully supported events and clinics featuring equipment, training, hotels, meals, rest stops, and support vehicles.

-Provide staff and logistics support for all Ride 2 Recovery programs and events.

Because the riding routes will pass through an active US Naval base, special rules will apply to this event:

-Pre-registration is required. Registration closes Monday, May 16, 2011.

There will be NO day-of-event registration.

-Current photo identification must be presented at registration. You will not be allowed to participate without proper identification.

-Each participant will receive and MUST wear a bib number at all times.

-Each participant will be required to both check-in and check-out thru base security at the start and end of the event.

-Stay on the clearly marked route.

-Helmets are required at all times.

-No cameras will be allowed on base.

Port-a-Johns will be available at registration and at each rest stop. Riders must follow all rules of the road, such as stop signs and yield signs.

In the event of a heightened state of national security, the base may be subject to closure without prior notice. If this occurs the ride will be cancelled without refund of entry fee.

\$50 registration fee includes a Crane CycleFest t-shirt, 28-oz. water bottle, commemorative Challenge Coin, catered lunch, entertainment featuring The Circle City Sidewalk Stompers Clown Band, and a goodie bag with plenty of SWAG.

You can register for the ride at [www.ride2recovery.com/registration.html](http://www.ride2recovery.com/registration.html).



## Calendar of Events

### Commissioners meeting change

The Martin County Commissioners will meet Wednesday, May 4 at 6 p.m. in the courthouse instead of Tuesday, May 3 due to the 2011 Primary Election.

### 2011 Municipal Primary

The 2011 Loogootee Municipal Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at St. John Center Lower Level. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Perry 1, Perry 2, Perry 3, and Perry 4 will all vote at St. John Center this year. For more information, contact the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

### Plant Sale

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Haysville will hold their annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church parking lot. All plants are grown locally by church members and friends. The sale will feature a variety of perennials, herbs, hostas, trees, lilies, bulbs, annuals, plus much more. A country store will be provided by WELCA, featuring baked goods and other items. A food stand will be operated by the Lutheran Youth Organization. All proceeds will go to the community service fund. The church is located five miles south of Jasper Walmart on Hwy. 231.

### Football fundraiser

There will be a Motorcycle Rally fundraiser for the Martin County Youth Football League on May 21. The Rally will leave the Loogootee Marathon at 10:30 a.m. and return to the Loogootee American Legion (upper level) at 5 p.m. for a chili supper. For more information, contact Chuck Robinson at 812-295-4773.

### Relay for Life happenings

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. Crusading For A Cure will be having

"Family Day at the Park" on May 7, from noon-3, at the Loogootee City Park. They will be grilling and there will be several games, including corn hole and volleyball. The cost for this will be a donation.

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@washtimesherald.com](mailto:shornback@washtimesherald.com).

## "Taste of Martin County" looks to have had successful second year

The Second Annual Taste of Martin County was held last night, Tuesday, April 26 at the fairgrounds.

Eleven area food vendors participated including MC Special-tees and Old Fashioned Candy Store, Gingerbread House of Candy, Cooking 81, The Corner Cafe and Coffee Shop, Bryan Adams, Carla's Catering and Creations, Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, Pizza and More, Sandy's Dining Room, Stephanie Henning Cakes, and Touch of Class Catering.

Art students from Loogootee and Shoals displayed their work for participants to view

and the band directors from both schools, Betsy Graves and Joel Weitkamp provided entertainment.

The "Taste" is a fundraiser for the Martin County Community Foundation. The core mission of the foundation is to build permanent funds and to distribute income from those funds to projects, organizations, charitable needs and civic endeavors that will enhance the quality of life for the people of Martin County.

For more information on the community foundation and their mission in Martin County, call 812-295-1022.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Loogootee Band Director Betsy Graves, at left, and Shoals Band Director Joel Weitkamp, at right, provided musical entertainment to those attending the Taste of Martin County last night.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Those attending the "Taste" were also able to peruse artwork done by students from Shoals and Loogootee schools as shown in the back of the photo above and also in the photo below.





# New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL  
Pastor's wife

The Power of Resurrection  
Luke 24:1-12, 36-52

The greatest time of the year for Christians is Easter. It is the awesome time we remember the true meaning of this Christian life. Because of God's great love for us, He sent His son to die for us and to rise for us so that we have a living God that knows our struggles.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is powerful, it gives us strong assurances that we can live life as God has promised us and gives us a new way of living life and the hope we have for the future.

Jesus said Peace be with you. When you know Jesus there is no longer turmoil in your spirit. The power of the resurrection shows that Jesus is the true redeemer, savior and friend. Jesus told His disciples in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." The world needs this kind of peace. The peace of knowing God loves us so much that He did all this for us, so that our sins are now forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ rising from the dead.

There is so much power in Jesus completely forgiving us. There is absolute power in the heart of the person who has repentance and forgiveness, when we admit we have sinned and then turn away from that sin. Forgiveness for that sin is given because Jesus Christ took the punishment for our sins on the cross.

Forgiveness can take a cheater and turn him into a follower, a hater into a lover, drunkard into a leader, drug addict into a Jesus addict, the power of repentance and forgiveness can totally change a person's life. When a person repents, they turn from their sin and turn to the one who makes things new, "Jesus Christ". Forgiveness means your sins are not held against you any longer. Jesus made the final sacrifice for our sins. The same power of forgiveness is within us to forgive others; this forgiveness releases a freedom in our souls that has kept us bound to bitterness and hatefulness.

The living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ is eternal life. It comes from

God, is a gift of grace, is defined by Scripture, is a reasonable reality, and is secured by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:3-5, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away. Reserved in Heaven for you. Who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." What more do you need?

The Holy Spirit is the power from God, the power from on high. In John, Jesus said I am sending the promise of the father, the helper, the spirit of truth to bear witness about me. The Holy Spirit gives life, gifts, it counsel, encourages, steps in on our behalf, builds up, leads us to obedience, brings to mind, energizes and makes effective. Once we realize we are lost and need redemption, the Holy Spirit leads us to repentance and salvation. Because we now have the righteousness of Christ with the Holy Spirit living in our bodies we are Born Again. With the Holy Spirit we have the power, we no longer rely on our own power; we can have victory over the flesh. With the Spirit God gives us the ability to

have our lives transformed, with out it we are outside of Christ and do not have His redemption only our works. With the Holy Spirit living in us, we have the ability to conquer the giants of sin in our lives.

When you have seen the power from the resurrection, the peace from the resurrection, the living hope, the Holy Spirit dwelling within you because of repentance and forgiveness, you will then have the power to witness these things. The greatest witness to God's power is the change that the resurrection has made in you. You now have the power to tell others what God has done for you and what He can do for those who will admit they are a sinner in need of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power and love and discipline so we can be his witnesses.

If you would realize the power that the resurrection has given you it would change your life. It would give you a fire to live for God not for self. It would give you a peace that comes from God. It will give you forgiveness for your sins when you put your trust in the savior who rose and sits on the throne and speaks for you to the father. You will have a living hope that does not disappoint. It will fill you with the power of the Holy Spirit to live a life pleasing to God

and will give you the power to witness the life saving grace of Jesus Christ.

I want to thank everyone in the church who helps so much with the special events we have. The sun rise breakfast was fantastic, we have some awesome cooks. We had an awesome service Sunday; we invite everyone to join us. We have changed our schedule some, we are now having Sunday school at 9:30 until 9:45 a.m., with service starting at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

## Woven with Prayers Shawl Ministry to meet May 2nd

The newly formed non-denominational shawl ministry, Woven with Prayers Shawl Ministry, will meet May 2 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Loogootee United Methodist Church.

Beginners and advanced, crocheters and knitters of all ages, are welcome. Bring your yarn, crochet hook, knitting needles, and a pattern. If you are in need of these items, please contact Dianna Overall at 295-2639.

A prayer shawl can be any size, shape or color, and with any type of yarn (preferred machine washable and dryable), you wish. The only requirement requested, is you say a prayer at the beginning, while making and at the end.

On Tuesday, May 3, 2011

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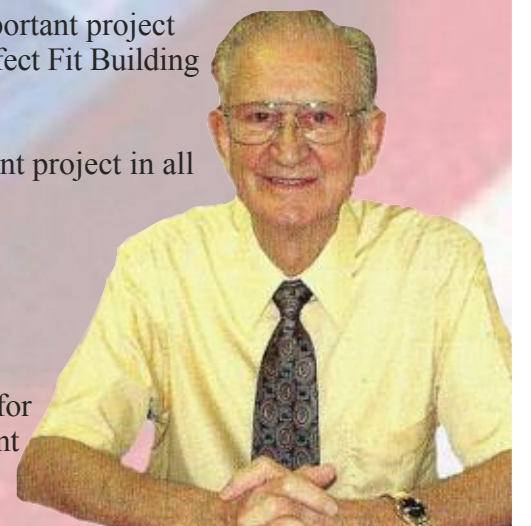
## GRANTS SECURED:

- \$1 Million Grant for the Larkin Building
- \$1.2 Million Grant for the Sidewalk Project  
- (This was not the same project as the \$3.5 Million Hindostan Falls to West Boggs Park Trail of six years earlier)
- \$500,000 Grant for the Surface Water Project
- \$209,000 Grant for the New Fire Truck
- \$100,000 Grant in 2008 for Downtown Building Rehabilitation Project
- \$100,000 Grant in 2009 for Downtown Building Rehabilitation Project Second Phase  
- A total of sixteen buildings in all
- \$70,000 Grant for the Ritz Theatre Building Cleanup and Parking Lot Construction
- \$50,000 Grant from the I-69 Project to research the impact of I-69 upon the City of Loogootee
- \$35,000 Grant for new LED Lighting for City Hall offices and the Annex Building  
- Expected energy savings of 30-40%
- Martin County Humane Society  
- Currently facilitating agreement to build an animal shelter at the City of Loogootee Industrial Park

## OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 2 New Shelter Houses at the Loogootee City Park  
- Considering the dangerous condition of the old shelters, this was a very important project
- Facilitating and assisting in negotiating for the purchase & re-opening of the Perfect Fit Building
- Leasing and productive use of the Loogootee Elementary East Building  
- A very expensive building that is now not sitting idle and deteriorating
- Westgate at Crane – seven year investment in the biggest economic development project in all of Southwestern Indiana
- Hosted the visit by Secretary of Navy Gordon England  
- The highest government officer to ever visit NSWC Crane
- Addressed BRAC Hearing Committee in St Louis
- Active member of the Southern Indiana Mayor's Roundtable  
- Served as President in 2008
- Negotiated the Gift to the City of a \$10,000 60" mower (The Tank) in exchange for the possible use of the City of Loogootee's name in a public relations advertisement  
- The advertisement was never shown but we still received the mower

-Paid for by Don Bowling for Loogootee Mayor



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# My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett Owner, MCJ

I have a lot of faults – I have no problem at all admitting it. I am lazy a lot of the time, I complain too much, I am a horrible with finances and I bounce my checking account constantly, I hold grudges, I don't clean my house often enough, I don't like moving around when I wake up in the morning for at least an hour hence I'm always late, and . . . well, you get the picture. I will also be the first to admit when I said something or did something. I don't go around talking about subjects, people, or issues and then run and hide and claim to have no knowledge of it. I am happy to attach my name to anything that I have guts enough to talk about, meet about, or write down, which brings me to the point of my column this week . . .

I have received a few anonymous letters recently. What was written (or typed I should say) in these letters was very defamatory and hateful. The one I received yesterday, naturally unsigned by the cowardly author and no return address, mentioned that since I think I am such an outstanding investigative journalist . . . hold on, I'm going to stop right there for a minute. I have never said to anyone or wrote down, or sang, or sent out via passenger pigeon, or even considered the fact that I am an "outstanding investigative journalist". I have said repeatedly that I really like journalism but you would be hard-pressed to catch me bragging about myself in any way. I hate when others do it therefore I don't do it either. Whoever this person was who sent this letter obviously doesn't know me at all.

Also in the letter, it stated that since I think I am such a good journalist, I should start a new poll asking the residents of Loogootee how they feel about an alleged adult relationship within the community. Look, I am not publishing the National Enquirer here. What goes on in this community between consenting adults is not only none of my business, it's no one else's business either. It is between the people involved . . . period. Not only that but who cares how others choose to live their life? How could that possibly affect anyone unless they were directly involved. I report the news, not gossip. I mean, come on, there are so many truly important things that we should be focusing on around here. Give me a break.

I guess getting the anonymous letters isn't what bothers me so much. I usually just laugh, show my husband, and throw them away. What bugs me so much is that the individual, who took such great pains to type the letter, put it in an envelope and mail it didn't even have the guts to sign it. I know, I know, it's very easy to hide behind some-

thing like that and, to me, it's just very sad. I am seriously considering finding a way to run fingerprints on them. That would solve the mystery.

One of the letters I received was in my personal mailbox at home, not my P.O. Box for the Journal. One of my son's favorite things to do is get the mail, especially if he thinks there is money in the envelope. I got that letter and he opened it. I was driving and not paying much attention. When I realized that he hadn't said much for a few minutes (which is very unlike him) I looked over and yanked the type-written letter away from him. Throughout the letter the author referred to me as disgusting, immoral, and accused me of using the Martin County Journal to settle personal grievances. My 11-year-old son read some of that. The writer should be quite thankful that they didn't sign it . . . that's all I'm going to say. And, for their sake, I probably shouldn't pursue finding out who it was. Pathetic people like that will answer to the man upstairs someday. Thankfully my son still thinks I hung the moon and put out the stars.

I've said this in columns before but there are so few people that I dislike. Not only that, it takes a whole lot for someone in my life to get moved over to the dislike column. I was always taught not to judge people and to find the good in everyone - no matter how small it may be. None of us are perfect and most are far from it – me included. I've made tons of mistakes but I try to double my efforts in the "good" department to override those mistakes. I explained earlier that one of my faults is holding a grudge, I'm working on that. But, I am a firm believer in justice. It's not right to sit back and watch things happen around us that we know are completely wrong. It's the exact same thing I teach my boys. I explain to my boys why it is so important to stand up for themselves and others - when the cause is worthy. It's simple really. If you see someone in trouble, help them or if that's not possible find someone who will. If you believe in something, stand up and fight for it. If you have the gall to complain or to gossip, back it up – don't "stir the pot" and then run and hide. If you love your friend don't criticize them to someone and then put on your second face when you turn back around. And, don't write letters about people if you don't have the audacity to make yourself known. It's creepy, weak, and pitiful.

I'm sure it's not the last one I will receive, comes with the business I suppose. That doesn't mean that it's right. I'm a person to with a family and a heart.

## ~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

### 'No one is above being a gentleman, not even a politician'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I am a former resident of Loogootee and a subscriber to the Martin County Journal. I have been a resident of several cities and have attended many public hearings on various subjects during my adult life. I was appalled to read in the Journal of April 20, 2011, how an elected official spoke to a voter and citizen of Loogootee. Mr. Ackerman owes an apology to the person he told to "shut up and sit down". I don't care if he is the president of the city council or the president of the United States. No elected official should be allowed to speak to a citizen as did Mr. Ackerman. He should be sanctioned and made to publicly apologize to the person in question. The other members of the council, who are elected by the people they represent, should have had the courage to inform Mr. Ackerman that his behavior would not be tolerated in the future. No one is above being a gentleman, not even a politician.

Vernon Baker  
Sarasota, Florida

### 'So, what was the president talking about?'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

On April 20, President Obama used the phrase "social compact" in answering a question at a Facebook press conference. He characterized the Republican budget proposal as "radical" and said, 'what... Republicans in the House of Representatives also want to do is change our social compact in a pretty fundamental way.' That phrase really caught my attention and took me back in my mind to my high school civics class where the concept of the social compact was taught.

Like most teenagers, I thought the whole thing completely boring at the time. I have since come to appreciate that phrase as being, in our current national debate, positively electric with meaning.

So, what was the president talking about? The concept of a social compact is very old, dating back to the Greeks and in Roman law.

It is a theory or model of government that attempts to define the proper relation-

ship between the individual and the government. That relationship, once determined, has to be mutually agreeable – hence the compact or contract.

Social contract theories reached the high point of their development in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, just in time for the founding of the American republic.

Thomas Hobbes held that to secure order, a super state must be created in which the citizen willingly surrenders all individual rights to the state in return for security and peace.

The state, of course, requires absolute obedience. John Locke held that the state is created by the people to protect individual rights and property. If that state fails to protect rights or usurps them, the people no longer owe it their allegiance and can arrange a new government. The Founding Fathers favored the Lockean model, and it is the one reflected in our Declaration of Independence.

When Obama speaks of the social compact, he is signaling something. It is really he who wants to change our social compact in a pretty fundamental way. He is accusing the Republicans of what he himself is doing.

We have been living by the John Locke model for well over 200 years now. The Republicans, for all their faults and failures, are championing lower budgets and decreased deficit spending, because those fiscal virtues go hand in hand with individual rights and limited government. The higher taxes, deficit spending and redistribution of wealth the president and his party are advocating will foster public dependence and the super state.

Such a change in our social compact would be disastrous for our country and is not what we agreed to.

Linda Jones  
Shoals, Indiana

### 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 or fax to 1-877-471-2907 or mail to P.O. Box 148 Loogootee, IN 47553.

## Spring Clean-Up is Saturday, May 14

for Martin County residents only

from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Loogootee Recycling Center - 295-4142



- \$10 per pick up truck load • \$1 each gallon-size paint/paint product
- \$2 each auto/small truck tires; 50¢ more per rim
- \$15 per big truck/tractor tire • \$10 per freon appliance
- \$5 each for portable computers & TVs; max \$20 for big screens

**NO CONSTRUCTION OR YARD WASTE!**

Materials to recycle are: cardboard, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, tin/steel cans, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, film plastics, books, nice clothes, shoes. We will not purchase cans on this day.

## BENEFIT HOG ROAST and AUCTION

for Sissy Woody

Saturday, May 7th

4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Loogootee United Methodist Church

Dinner provided with donation only.

There will be a silent auction during the dinner and live auction following.

All proceeds to go toward Sissy's recent medical expenses

If you have items you would like to donate to the auction, contact Renee Street at 812-644-7949 or 812-486-5030



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# Loogootee 6th Grade Ecology Fair

## SHOALS 2011 SENIOR Spotlights



-Photo provided

Megan Mathias is shown above handing Justin Hellums a bumper sticker at her recycle booth during the Ecology Fair last Thursday.



-Photo provided

Megan Lampert explains air pollution at her ecology fair booth while Jake Nonte, shown in the purple shirt, looks on.



-Photo provided

Justin Hellums prepares to throw a tennis ball during one of the endangered species booth activities. Dylan Ritchey, Zach Taylor, Jalen Pierson, and



-Photo provided

The sixth grade students who were responsible for creating the land pollution booth are shown above explaining the material that makes up a plastic bag and how not using reusable bags hurts the environment.

### VU campus visitation days are May 13-14

Vincennes University spring visitation PreVU days are May 13 and 14. PreVU Days provide high school students and their parents an opportunity to tour campus and meet with faculty, staff, and students. There are also sessions about the college application process, financial aid, scholarships, student services, academics, and housing.

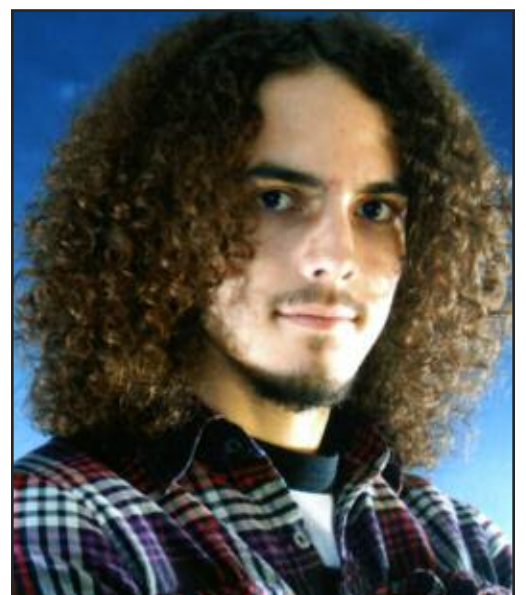
Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. EDT at the Beckes Student Union, located on Second Street, and walking tours of campus follow the information sessions. The program is free and lunch is provided with advance registration.

To register or for more information call toll-free, 800-742-9198, or visit the VU website [www.vinu.edu](http://www.vinu.edu).



SHAELIN ADAMS

Shaelin Jaid Adams is the daughter of Steve and Joy Adams. Her favorite things to do are hang out with the girls, shop, and play sports. While in high school, she has participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, Beta Club, Student Council, service learning, Spanish Club, SADD, and Pep Club. Her favorite memory of school was teepeeing Mr. Smith every weekend in the fall with Deidre, Hillary, Amber, Stevie, and Sam. She also remembers when she and her friends got married on the playground in elementary school. After graduation, Shaelin plans to attend Indiana University and continue on to professional school to become an orthodontist.



CASEY DAVIS

Casey Robert Davis is the son of Tony and Penny Davis. His favorite hobbies include playing guitar, eating, drawing, and writing music. During high school, Casey has participated in band. He says his best memory of school is playing music with friends and he will never forget the high school band's trip to Florida. After graduation, Casey plans to attend Indiana University.



## MOTHER'S DAY

### DINNER BUFFET

Treat Mom to a special Saturday night dinner for Mother's Day!

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## WE'VE MOVED!

Dr. Jip Yoon's office has moved from 404 JFK Avenue to 122 Church Street in the former Duncan & Ellis Law Office behind Marathon

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Thursday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Wednesday & Friday

# Loogootee JH Track teams dash into difficult debut

The Loogootee Junior High Girls' Track team took second place in a meet against North Knox last Thursday, April 21. The girls finished with only six points while North Knox had 94.

Placing for Loogootee was Ariel Jones with second place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 33.34 seconds. Jones also finished third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:10.84 and third in the 100-meter hurdles at 20.69 seconds. Megan Lampert placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 17.91 seconds.

The girls placed last in their three-way meet against Washington and North Daviess on April 19. Final points were Washington with 106, Loogootee with 11, and North Daviess with 10.

Ariel Jones finished third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 21.03 second and the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:12.23. Megan Lampert finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 30.58 seconds and Lindsey Lukens placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 8 minutes 43 seconds.

The Loogootee Junior High Boys' Track team also placed second in the North Knox meet last Thursday finishing with 22.5 points. Washington had 77.5 points. Grant Carrico placed second in discus with a distance of 81.6 feet and third in shot put with a distance of 32'9 1/2". Hayden Bell placed second in the high jump with a reach of 4'10" and second place in the long jump at 15'2". Bell also placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.36 seconds.

Jake Simmons placed second in the 1,600-meter run at a time of 6 minutes and 19 seconds and fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 31.61 seconds. Justin Kiser finished third in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 23.78 seconds and third in the 400-meter dash with a time of one minute, 10.41 seconds.

Chase Wilcoxon placed third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:54 and Caleb Lyon placed third in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6 minutes and 39 seconds. The boys' 1,600-meter relay and 400-meter relay teams both placed second.

The boys also competed in the three-way meet against Washington and North Daviess and finished in second place. Final points were Washington with 78, Loogootee with 40, and North Daviess with 15. Grant Carrico finished first in discus with a distance of 81'9" and first in the shot put at 35 feet and 7.25 inches.

Mitch Daniels finished first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.15 seconds and first in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 52.56 seconds.

Tye Collins placed second in the long jump with a distance of 13 feet, six inches. Jake Simmons placed second in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 6:09 and third in the 800-meter relay with a time of 2 minutes and 50 seconds.

Justin Kiser placed third in the 100-meter hurdles with a finishing time of 20.93 seconds and third in the 300-meter hurdles at 59.83 seconds.

Chase Wilcoxon finished fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of two minutes, 51 seconds and fourth in the 1,600-meter run at 6:16. The 400-meter and 1,600-meter relay teams for Loogootee placed second.



Loogootee sixth grader Megan Lampert, at left, passes off to Lindsey Lukens in last Thursday's relay race against North Knox. -Photo provided

## Ribbon cutting to be held at former East building today

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 at 1:30 p.m. today, Wednesday April 27 at the former Loogootee East building located at 510 Church Street.

The event is open to the community. 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 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.



Chase Wilcoxon sprints to the finish during the boys' relay race. -Photo provided



Ariel Jones looks relieved to make it across the finish line. -Photo provided



Loogootee's Jonathon Jones takes a leap over the high jump during the teams' meet at home Tuesday night. -Photo provided

## Dear Loogootee Voters,

During this time of uncertainty, I believe Loogootee needs a leader with experience and a productive, proactive record of service. 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.

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. Thank you.

Sincerely, Brian T. Ader



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# Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

## LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY

### Breakfast

Thursday, April 28

Cereal, sausage, muffin, fruit

Friday, April 29

Ham and egg biscuit, juice

Monday, May 2

Pancakes, sausage, juice

Tuesday, May 3

Breakfast pizza, egg, juice

Wednesday, May 4

Biscuit and gravy, sausage, juice

### Lunch

Thursday, April 28

Spaghetti, salad, green beans, bread

Friday, April 29

Fish sticks, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread

Monday, May 2

BBQ rib sandwich, scalloped potatoes, celery sticks, pudding

Tuesday, May 3

Corn dogs, tator tots, fruit

Wednesday, May 4

Taco salad, corn

## LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

### Lunch

Thursday, April 28

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

Friday, April 29

Hamburgers or pizza, French fries, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, May 2

BBQ rib or pizza, baked beans, cottage cheese, fruit, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, May 3

Spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, May 4

Chicken fried steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, salad plate, milk

## SHOALS SCHOOLS

### Breakfast

Thursday, April 28

Morning pizza, potato triangle, milk

Friday, April 29

Cereal, sweet roll, juice, milk

Monday, May 2

Cereal, toasted cheese, juice, milk

Tuesday, May 3

French toast with syrup, sausage, juice, milk

Wednesday, May 4

Colby omelet, biscuit with jelly, juice, milk

### Lunch

Thursday, April 28

Chili mac with garlic bread, corn, apple-sauce, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza

Friday, April 29

Cheese bread sticks with spaghetti sauce, tossed salad, fruit, milk

Monday, May 2

Breaded turkey sandwich, French fries, chilled fruit, cake, milk

Tuesday, May 3

Chicken noodle tray, mashed potatoes, broccoli, yeast roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

Wednesday, May 4

Taco salad with chips, corn, Jello, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza



## Ag in the Classroom

-Photo provided

Terri Lindsey is a volunteer for the Martin County Farm Bureau Inc. "Ag in the Classroom". Terri came and presented a program to the fourth graders at Shoals Elementary. The students learned about seeds, germination, and actually planted bean and pea seeds. The students enjoyed listening to Mrs. Lindsey and watching their plants grow.

## Classes, programs at the learning center

USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder) - The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the Federal government's official website and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an on-line 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 May 3 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 May 12. 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 6-7:30 pm. Call the learning center for more information!

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

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

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

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

Office Hours - Monday through Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Shoals future scientists?

-Photo provided

Reva Troutman and Megan Hawkins, of Shoals, participated in the Crane Science Fair on April 13. The girls did a great job answering all of the judges' questions and explaining their projects. Over 100 students participated in the Science Fair this year.

## Are You Ready for Some Football?

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Wednesday, May 4th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 15 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 1 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

All sign-ups will be held at Pizza Junction on Hwy. 231 Loogootee

Cost: \$40 first child, \$30 for each additional sibling.

All sign-ups after June 1st will be \$50 per child.

League provides helmet, shoulder pads, and jerseys. Player provides football pants and cleats.

Practices/Games Start: Practice (at Lark Ranch) July 12th (6-8 pm) • Jamboree August 20th

If you miss sign-ups, please contact Audrey Robinson at the number below. Players will be accepted through September 17th.

Have questions? Contact Chuck or Audrey Robinson at 295-4773

MCYFL recycles at the Martin County Recycling Center. Please tell them that you would like to donate the following to MCYFL: plastic, aluminum, cardboard, newspaper, magazines and slightly used tennis shoes. MCYFL receives a donation from the recycle center for these items if you donate them to MCYFL.



Age Requirements: Enrolled in K-12th grade during the 2011-2012 school year.

Accepting kids from Loogootee Schools and surrounding areas for the K-2, 10U, 12U, 14U, and High School Teams.



## Soccer stars

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Matthew Ritchie, at left, and Wesley Whitman, at right, of Loogootee display their runner-up trophies from the 2011 Midwest Soccer Classic held April 16 and 17 in Terre Haute. Matthew and Wesley are members of the Jasper based DC United, U16 travel soccer squad that placed second in the tourney's U17 class. The DC United squad easily defeated a U16 squad from Vigo County Indiana in a cold drizzle on Saturday, then on Sunday they conquered a Morton, Illinois team (ranked 15th in the state), to advance to the finals. An older U17 squad from Marion, Indiana defeated DC United to take first. Also on the team from Martin County is Cole Kimmel of Shoals, not pictured. More than 70 teams from Indiana and Illinois, with boys and girls from ages 8-19 participated in the tournament.

# Lady Lions Tennis team moves to 8-1 with win over Barr-Reeve

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis teams travelled to Barr-Reeve last night and came home with the win. The varsity team won 4-1 and the junior varsity team 4-2.

According to Head Coach Mike Tippery after the game, "Jill and Brittany played solid matches and got us out to an early lead in this match. Both teams fought hard on every court. In the end we were able to execute at key moments to pull out the win."

## Varsity - Loogootee 4, Barr-Reeve 1

#1 Singles Jill Taylor (L) defeated Cassidy Helms 6-2, 6-2

#2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (L) defeated Tiffany Graber 6-1, 6-2

#3 Singles Allison Kiser (L) defeated Allison Hoover 7-5, 4-6, 6-4

#1 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins (L) defeated Haley Taylor/Bridgette Graber 5-7, 7-5, 7-5

#2 Doubles Destiny Kidwell/Hania Sisco (BR) defeated Kylie Sims/Erin Wittmer 6-4, 6-4

## Junior Varsity - Loogootee 4, Barr-Reeve 2

#1 Singles Devan Arvin (L) defeated Devin Flynn 8-6

#2 Singles Marisssa Wagler (BR) defeated Paige Schaefer 8-1

#1 Doubles Kaitlin Swartzentruber/Twyla Graber (BR) defeated Emily Sutton/Abby Ackerman 8-1

#2 Doubles Sabrina Stuffle/Emilee Lannan (L) defeated Sarah Ross/Sarah Chaney 8-7 (7)

#3 Doubles Dana Sibrel/Hannah Walters (L) defeated Heather McWilliams/Rachel Lengacher 8-3

#4 Doubles Emily Sutton/Abby Ackerman (L) defeated Brittany Craney/Brianna Traylor 8-5

Record: 8-1, Blue Chip Conference 5-0

The girls will travel to Forest Park tomorrow, Thursday, April 28 for a 4:45 p.m. match.

The ladies took on Washington Catholic at home last Thursday, April 21. The varsity and junior varsity both came out with wins. "The last few matches we had been getting off to good starts and had trouble finishing. Today was the complete opposite. We got to a good start and then struggled a little in the second sets," said Coach Mike Tippery.

## Varsity - Loogootee 4, Washington Catholic 1

#1 Singles Jill Taylor (L) defeated Jacie Carie 6-0, 6-3

#2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (L) defeated Emma Venard 6-2, 6-3

#3 Singles Courtney Kane (WC) defeated Allison Kiser 2-6, 6-4, 6-3

#1 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins (L) defeated Emily Schnarr/Caitlin Durnil 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (4)

#2 Doubles Kylie Sims/Erin Wittmer (L) defeated Maddie Deem/Monika Jurigova 6-0, 6-1

## Junior Varsity - Loogootee 3, Washington Catholic 3

#1 Singles Rachel May (WC) defeated Abby Ackerman 8-1

#2 Singles Sabrina Stuffle (L) defeated Elizabeth Brochin 9-8 (4)

#3 Singles Paige Schaefer (L) defeated Sara Busch 9-7

#4 Singles Megan Lefrange (WC) defeated Dana Sibrel 8-3

#1 Doubles Devan Arvin/Emilee Lannan (L) defeated Clair Burch/Arrieonna Chestnut 8-1

#2 Doubles Andrea Onyette/Macy Kane (WC) defeated Abby Ackerman/Hannah Walters 8-6

## High school students get a head start in college

High school students curious about college life will now be able to enroll in a two-week summer program called X-Mester, June 5-17, at Vincennes University.

Designed for students who have completed their junior year of high school, X-Mester simulates the first year on a college campus, including living in a residence hall, participating in extra-curricular experiences, and enrolling in accelerated coursework.

"What makes X-Mester truly unique is that it is high on both value and experience. Unlike most summer residential programs across the nation, X-Mester allows students to earn actual college credit at a fraction of the cost that many colleges charge for a non-credit program," said Carolyn Jones, assistant provost for Curriculum and Instruction.

Jones says that one of the strengths of the program is that the X-Mester Fellowship program brings in successful collegians from leading universities to oversee the program. The applicant pool for this summer

includes students from Princeton, John Hopkins, Harvard, Virginia, Yale, Purdue, Brown, Indiana, and Columbia.

"The Fellows will teach, mentor, facilitate activities, and counsel students as part of the process of preparing X-Mester students for the rigor and expectations of higher education," Jones said.

Accelerated courses offered during the two weeks include accounting, broadcasting, business, history, journalism, music, political science, psychology, technology, and theater. A sampling of extra-curricular activities includes bowling, dance, swimming, basketball, audio production, and X-games.

"Our goal is to motivate students to complete a two- or three-credit-hour course so they can understand what it means to succeed at the college level. This will make them better prepared to succeed by boosting their confidence in their ability to achieve success," Jones said.

Detailed program information is available at [www.X-Mester.com](http://www.X-Mester.com).



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee's Allison Kiser smacks the serve in varsity action. Allison defeated Barr-Reeve's Allison Hoover in three sets, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 yesterday afternoon.

## NSWC Crane launches Crane Engineers in Training Program

On April 5, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) launched a new initiative within NAVSEA allowing fourth and fifth graders from across Indiana to visit the Warfare Center and learn important math and science lessons.

Modeled after La Luz Academy at Kirtland Air Force Base, the program is called Crane Engineers in Training. Developed in partnership with the University of Southern Indiana (USI), it allows a class of up to 30 students to visit NSWC Crane for a full inquiry- and design-based day during school hours. The program is funded jointly through the National Defense Education Program (NDEP) and NSWC Crane.

Its basis is in the understanding that not all students are able to participate in after-school science activities, and to pursue technical fields later in life, they must be engaged by the eighth grade.

"Research shows that to really attract interest in math and science, students need to be engaged by the eighth grade," said Alison Smith, NSWC Crane Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) coordinator. "Through this program, all students have the opportunity to learn about engineering, meet engineers and be an engineer for a day."

For the pilot program, NSWC Crane will conduct the program two days per week through May. NSWC Crane anticipates conducting the program four days per week when the program officially begins in August - equating to more than 2,000 students

participating in the program next school year.

Crane Engineers in Training is aligned with the Indiana Academic Standards to ensure appropriate content is taught. The pilot program was met with very positive reviews from local teachers and will continue for the remainder of this school year.

Students began the day by meeting with Brandy Frady, a licensed Indiana teacher who NSWC Crane hired to lead the program. Frady stepped the children through lessons related to science and technology, specifically alternative energy. Students participated in an activity in which they had freedom of design to build their own solar oven with materials provided by NSWC Crane. After collecting real data from the activity, such as oven temperature levels, and comparing the various ovens made by their classmates, the students re-designed their ovens. The re-design highlighted the continual improvements that are essential to actual engineering projects.

Later, an NSWC Crane engineer visited the classroom to discuss how these lessons are applied in real-world alternative energy technologies. The students asked questions related to how technologies work and careers in science and engineering. Following this meeting, the group took an NSWC Crane driving tour to see the premier facilities first hand.

"The hands-on activities were very appropriate and worthwhile," said a participating elementary teacher. "The day was a perfect extension to the classroom."

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Shown above are the Martin County 4-H members who participated in the contest. In the front row, from left to right, are Melanie Hawkins, Crystal Tolbert, Breanna Hollaway, and Becca Hollaway. In the back row, from left to right, are Mayson Riley, Kendall Riley, Bonni Street, Brandon Tolbert, Megan Hawkins, and Mimi Hawkins. Not pictured is the team's coach.

## Horse and pony club members compete

On Saturday, April 16, members of the Martin County 4-H Horse and Pony Club participated in the Area 3 Horse and Pony Judging Contest held at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds.

The contest included 4-H and FFA members from all over southwestern Indiana. The kids competed as individuals or on teams of four. The Martin County kids did

an excellent job and the team of Melanie Hawkins, Megan Hawkins, Mayson Riley, and Kendall Riley placed 2nd in the Junior Division and qualified for the state contest at Purdue University on May 7.

The staff at the Martin County Extension Office wants to congratulate the kids on a job well done and wish the state qualifying team the best of luck on May 7.

## Spring turkey season opened today

If you're wondering why the spring wild turkey hunting season starts as late as it does this year, DNR wildlife research biologist Steve Backs has an explanation.

"It's always the first Wednesday after the 20th of April, so it can be the 21st to the 27th," Backs said of the date-setting process that is based partly on biology and partly on courtesy to hunters.

"Part of the reason that we went to standardized dates years ago is it gave us the opportunity to set up the season dates ahead of time so those people who plan their vacations would know when the turkey season was," he said. "We (also) based it on biological knowledge so that we would intercept the peak of the second gobbling period as well as when most of the hens were incubating."

Backs provides more detail about this year's April 27 opener and other turkey topics in a series of video clips that can be viewed on the DNR website at [www.hunting.in.gov/6417.htm](http://www.hunting.in.gov/6417.htm).

The same web address also has the 2011 Turkey Hunting Guide. The downloadable guide contains information that every turkey hunter should know, including license requirements, bag limits, hunting hours, and equipment regulations; plus it has a comprehensive list of public hunting areas and contact information for DNR district wildlife biologists and DNR law en-

forcement districts.

The last time the spring turkey season opened on April 27 was 2005, and hunters set a harvest record of 11,159 birds. The next year, the season opened April 26 and hunters again set a record harvest of 13,193.

That record stood until last year when hunters set a new standard of 13,742 birds in a season that began on the earliest possible date (April 21).

This year's spring turkey season runs through May 15.

Hunters are allowed one bearded or male turkey. A wild turkey hunting license and a game bird habitat stamp are required unless the hunter is otherwise exempted. Exemptions are detailed in the online Turkey Hunting Guide.

Backs said he is "cautiously optimistic" about what hunters can expect this spring.

"I'd like to project that we're probably going to kill around 13,000, 14,000 birds," he said. "If we fall below 13,000 birds, given the summer brood production stuff, I won't be surprised either."

"As usual, I tell people the highest percentage of the harvest occurs in the first five days of the season. However, if you don't like hunting with the crowds, I suggest you hunt during the second and third weeks where we have a lot less pressure and still have plenty of birds to harvest."

## SCOUTING MATTERS

By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

This will probably sound a little strange this month but I received my Indy 500 tickets in the mail this week. No, that is not strange, and yes, I am an open wheel fan... big time. Nevertheless, what does that have to do with scouting? Stay with me here and I will tie it all together and provide a short history lesson on tradition in the process.

While scouting is in its 101st year, Boys Life Magazine is celebrating 100 years of publication; and yes, the Indy 500, considered one of the three biggest racing events in the world, is conducting its centennial celebration with the first race taking the checkered flag in 1911.

Much has happened in 100 years and while scouting is still going strong, it got me to thinking about what else debuted in 1911 that is still going strong. I compiled a short list of Random - Obscure - Little Known Facts for 1911... here goes.

You can be the judge from the list below but the most significant accomplishment of 1911, for me anyway, was Ray Harroun winning the Inaugural Indy 500 in his self-designed six-cylinder "Marmon Wasp" at an average speed of 75 mph. This was also the first known use of a rearview mirror on an auto since Ray piloted the car alone in an era of two men teams.

The Chevrolet Motor Company opened its doors on November 8. Before they got into computers, IBM started as the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company. The company incorporated on June 16.

Baseball was on the move in 1911. The Boston Red Sox broke ground on a new home September 25. Fenway Park, one of the oldest in use today was famous for the 37-foot-high left field fence known as the Green Monster. Not to be outdone, the Brooklyn Dodgers President Charles Ebbets announced the purchase of grounds to build a new concrete-and-steel stadium to seat 30,000 to be known as Ebbets' Field; and on April 13 at the home of the NY Yankees, the famed Polo Grounds grandstand and left field bleachers go up in flames... coincidence... you be the judge.

Fred Wiseman becomes the first airmail pilot with the first-ever Airmail Delivery on February 17. Wiseman flew three letters from Petaluma to Santa Rosa, California. I assume fuel did not cost \$4.00 a gallon and there was a return on this investment. Later that year on May 15, the Supreme Court dissolved Standard Oil with the Sherman Antitrust Act. Maybe they saw it coming.

Gone but not forgotten, the hull of the RMS Titanic launched May 31. Almost a year later, the world's largest streamliner would sink in the North Atlantic while on its maiden voyage.

Peru's Machu Picchu, known as the Lost City of the Incas, wasn't exactly born in 1911 - it was estimated to have been built by the Inca about 1450 - but it was rediscovered in 1911. With the help of locals, American historian Hiram Bingham searched for and found this beautiful mountaintop estate on July 24.

August 15, Procter and Gamble unveils its Crisco shortening. Norwegian Roald Amundsen arrived at the South Pole on December 14... and yes, the South Pole is still with us.

And just like the great tradition of the Boy Scouts of America and Boys Life I opened with the Indy 500... all three born in the same era and going strong. Therefore, I will close with a random, yet obscure, fact on the famed Indy facility. I bet you didn't know the 1912 winner was none other than Joe Dawson of Odon, Indiana, driving a National. For all you Jeff Gordon fans who believe Jeff did something special in 1994 winning the inaugural Brickyard 400 Stock Car race, remember old Joe Dawson's National was truly the first stock car to win at Indy. As for Jeff Gordon, he is an avid supporter of the BSA.

If you would like to learn more about the Scouting program in your local community, drop me an email at [mike.leighty@centurytel.net](mailto:mike.leighty@centurytel.net) or call (812) 295-8417 and I will help you make contact with a local unit.

Yours in Scouting,  
Scoutmaster Mike

## Hearings set for coyote, fox training grounds

The Natural Resources Commission will conduct two public hearings on proposed changes regarding field trial permits and the chasing of fox and coyotes with dogs in an enclosure.

The proposed rule language and frequently asked questions and answers can be found at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2362.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2362.htm).

Individuals can provide comments at one of the public hearings scheduled as follows: Tuesday, May 10 at McCormick's Creek State Park, Canyon Inn, Sycamore Room, Spencer (Owen County), 6 p.m. (EDT)

Wednesday, May 11 at Webster Recreation Center, Plymouth Park & Recreation Department, 110 Webster Ave., Plymouth (Marshall County), 6 p.m. (EDT)

Written comments regarding these proposed changes can be submitted to the NRC at [www.IN.gov/nrc/2377.htm](http://www.IN.gov/nrc/2377.htm) by clicking on "Comment on Proposed Rule" next to the "coyote/fox dog training grounds rule amendments." The deadline for submitting comments is Wednesday, May 18.

Comments can also be mailed to: Natural

Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Ave., Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

All comments sent to the NRC regarding these proposed rule changes will be provided to its members and DNR staff and will be publicly disclosed and searchable on the Internet and in a paper docket as part of the final report.

## Free CD on controlling nuisance waterfowl available

If unwelcome Canada geese or other waterfowl are creating conflicts in your yard, pond or parking lot, the DNR is offering answers in the form of a free CD containing a 40-minute webinar on the subject.

Spring is a time of nest building for geese and ducks. Solve your problem now before it becomes bigger. Request a CD by contacting your district wildlife biologist. Contact information is at [www.wildlife.IN.gov](http://www.wildlife.IN.gov).

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# Officials celebrate opening of new West Lafayette autism center

More than 200 people attended the ribbon-cutting celebration Wednesday, April 20 for the new Cornerstone Autism Center in the Purdue Research Park of West Lafayette. The facility's opening is taking place during National Autism Awareness Month.

The new center, which is located in the LakeView Technology Center, will provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services for families and children who struggle with autism. The 8,700-square-foot facility in-

cludes 20 individual therapy spaces for students and trained therapists, an activity and indoor play center, consultation rooms, a large kitchen, and offices. A fenced-in outside play area is near completion as well.

The center will employ up to 30 clinical staff made up of therapists, clinical coordinators and board-certified behavior analysts.

"We are very pleased to open the Cornerstone Autism Center in the Tippecanoe County area and look forward to helping



Cornerstone Autism Center, Purdue Research Park, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County and Coldwell Banker Commercial officials on Wednesday, April 20 dedicated a new 8,700-square-foot autism center in the Purdue Research Park. From left are: David Byers, Tippecanoe County Commissioners president; Steve Shook, Coldwell Banker Commercial Shook principal broker; Joseph B. Hornett, Purdue Research Foundation senior vice president, treasurer and COO; John Dennis, West Lafayette mayor; and David Ide, co-founder and executive director of Cornerstone Autism Center. The center will employ up to 30 clinical staff to provide services for about 20 children with autism. (Purdue Research Park photo)

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families with children who have autism and to helping the children in our care reach their highest potential," said David Ide, Cornerstone's co-founder and executive director. "Our center provides an intensive, research-based intervention to move our children forward in the areas of academics, behavior, communication, independence and social skills."

Ide and his wife, co-founder Debbie Ide, opened the first Cornerstone Autism Center in Greenwood. Ide did extensive market research before making the decision to open a second center in West Lafayette.

"The location of Cornerstone Autism Center in the Purdue Research Park will make it easily accessible for residents in the Tippecanoe County area," said Joseph B. Hornett, senior vice president, treasurer and COO of the Purdue Research Foundation. "The center also will provide opportunities for possible collaborations with Purdue University."

Oliver Wendt, Purdue University assistant professor of special education, said the new center will fill a very important need for families with children with autism.

"In the past, families struggling with this diagnosis had to hire a specialist to come into their homes or they had to drive to Indianapolis to seek help," Wendt said. "There has been a strong interest in opening such a center, and the services that the Cornerstone Autism Center will offer will be an important alternative for parents and caregivers in this situation."

Kerry Blankenship of Lafayette said the center will be a vital resource for parents who have children with autism. Blankenship has a 5-year-old daughter who has been diagnosed with autism.

"Having a center like this in this area is so important because it will provide resources that children with autism desperately need," she said. "It's valuable because it provides ABA trained specialists, and that's something we've never had before."

Ide said the center has received encouragement from the city and county to open a site in West Lafayette.

"The strong support we have received from Purdue, the city of West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County is a testament to the concern that the leaders, educators and parents have to help support children with autism."

Cornerstone Autism Center received a total of \$40,000 in job training grants over a two-year period from the city of West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County.

"One of the important goals that we have is to recruit businesses that fill the needs of our residents," said John Dennis, West Lafayette's mayor. "The Cornerstone Autism Center clearly meets that goal by providing a safe place where children with autism can be served and where jobs will be created."

David Byers, Tippecanoe County commissioner, agreed.

"The investment in a job training grant like we provided for Cornerstone is a wise investment in the future of our county," he said.

Also at the event were Vic Klinker, standing in for his wife state representative Sheila Klinker, who presented Ide with a certificate from the Indiana House of Representatives; and Resa Hodnett of Greater Lafayette Commerce, who presented Ide with the center's "first dollar."

Goals of the center include breaking through barriers to learning to address deficits, improving independence and quality of life. In addition, Cornerstone is poised to give caregivers the resources and training they need, provide a conduit for other resources such as physical therapies, provide logistical assistance such as insurance counseling and claims processing, and, if possible, provide transition into a traditional classroom environment.

Ide said another goal is to collaborate with Purdue University and its Purdue Autism Network. The network, which is managed through the university's speech, language and hearing sciences department, is an interdisciplinary group encompassing more than 30 clinical and research faculty across the university, as well as local professionals in public education and other fields who are dedicated to developing a center of clinical and research excellence.

The Ide family understands what a parent faces when their child is diagnosed with autism.

"Debbie and I have 13-year-old twins, a boy and a girl. Our son was diagnosed with autism when he was 2 and half years old, and it changed our lives. We understand the impact a center can have on a family and love being a part of that process. Our experience has provided the drive necessary to open our center in Greenwood last year and reach out to this community this spring.

"Autism is an issue that we are passionately dedicated to. We are committed to serving people who, like us, face the many challenges that autism has brought into their life. We are excited to be opening a center in West Lafayette, and we look forward to the opportunity of working with Purdue University and other support organizations in the area."

#### Farm equipment on the roads

The Indiana State Police caution motor vehicle drivers that farmers will be preparing their fields for planting within the next few weeks. During this time, large farm equipment may be traveling on the roads, and may impede traffic.

Drivers are reminded to be ever cautious when approaching a hillcrest or curve. Farm implements need additional roadway space, be prepared to slow down, pull to the side or stop. Darkness also creates a hazardous situation for motorists and farmers use extra caution at night, particularly on county roads.



# Legislation to identify, reward effective teachers headed to governor's desk

A key education reform proposal aimed at locally identifying and rewarding Indiana's effective teachers is headed to the governor's desk after members of the Senate Monday gave final legislative approval by a vote of 36-13.

This measure, authored by Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn), would ensure teachers receive rigorous, locally-developed annual evaluations based on multiple criteria, including student growth and performance. It also allows factors in addition to seniority and degrees earned to be considered in teacher pay scales.

"Having quality instructors in Indiana classrooms is considered a cornerstone to students' academic growth," said Kruse, chair of the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development. "This piece of legislation is an important part of the 2011 'Putting Students First' education agenda. Legislators have worked hard to craft a proposal that rewards our effective teachers and encourages improvement among low performers. I am pleased with the support from fellow legislators and I look forward to seeing the governor sign this bill into law."

Under Senate Enrolled Act 1, local school corporations would develop a plan for teacher performance evaluations which would include three key elements:

- Annual evaluations of teachers;
- Objectives for annual student achievement and growth; and

-Explanations for teacher evaluation results and a defined time period for teacher improvement.

If signed by the governor, Kruse's bill would task the state board with developing criteria to define a four-category rating system which would include "highly effective, effective, improvement necessary, and ineffective."

Kruse said incremental increases for "highly effective" and "effective" teachers would be based in-part on student improvement and academic performance. This system would be effective in the 2012-2013 school year.

Legislators included a provision to clarify that current teacher salary structures would not be reduced as result of the bill's passage.

A teacher's experience, degrees held or graduate hours would only account for one-third of their incremental pay increase. Kruse said two-thirds of the increase would be based on performance which includes multiple factors - like student growth and engagement.

Also, the bill establishes three teacher levels including "established, professional and probationary." Kruse said these rankings would be linked to teacher performance in the classroom.

Current teachers would be considered "established," but could be placed on "probationary" status if rated "ineffective" for

two consecutive years. Three ineffective ratings in a row would mean the school corporation could release the teacher.

Also, the bill would prohibit a school, whenever possible, from allowing a student to be taught for two consecutive years by a teacher who is rated ineffective.

New teachers would be considered "probationary," but could be released if they receive an "ineffective rating." New teachers could be classified as "professional" if they received three "effective" or "highly effective" ratings in three of their first five years.

## Workshop aids beginning, experienced grant writers

BY JEANNE GIBSON  
*Purdue University News Service*

Three new class dates have been announced for Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing Workshops.

The two-day workshops help those who work for nonprofit organizations and government agencies learn how to develop ideas for winning grant proposals, identify and work with funding sources, and understand the proposal development, submission and review process. Help also is available throughout the year to those who have attended the class.

"Participants have received more than \$6 million in funding after attending this workshop," said Peggy Hosea of the Purdue Center for Regional Development and workshop

As amended, this reform measure would also help curb absenteeism among K-12 students, hold parents accountable and place responsibility on the local school superintendents to address habitual truancy.

Repeat truancy offenses would be reported to the student's parents first, then possibly to the Indiana Department of Child Services or the juvenile court intake officer.

Under this legislation, the Indiana Department of Education would be required to develop a program to help local school corporations find operational efficiencies.

coordinator. "This has allowed them to expand their facilities, purchase technical equipment and increase their services."

The workshops take place from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time on the dates and at the Purdue Extension county offices that follow:

- \* May 17, June 7: LaPorte, 2358 N. U.S. 35, LaPorte
- \* June 2 and 23: Hendricks, 1900 E. Main St., Danville
- \* June 15 and July 13: Harrison, 247 Atwood St., Corydon

Registration is \$150 per person and includes a workbook, reference materials in CD format and lunch both days.

For more information and a registration form, visit <http://www.pcrd.purdue.edu> or contact Hosea at 888-750-7277, [phosea@purdue.edu](mailto:phosea@purdue.edu)

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