



## Under the big top

-Top photo by Bill Whorrall,  
bottom photo by Misty McKibben

Culpepper and Meriweather Circus came to town this week raising the big top next to the little league fields at Loogootee High School. The circus performed two shows Monday night in the wet conditions. In the photo on top, workers are shown raising the big top. In the photo on the Mr. Trey Key performs with one of the lions. The circus served as a fundraiser for the Loogootee Little League.

## Property tax bills on-time in all 92 counties

The Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) announced Monday that property tax bills were issued in 92 counties.

This is the first time since at least 2001 that all 92 counties have achieved on-time billing.

"The DLGF is very pleased that all 92 counties have returned to the normal statutory tax billing cycle," said DLGF Commissioner Micah G. Vincent. "This milestone could not have been accomplished without the time and effort of the county and township assessors, county auditors, and county treasurers."

On-time tax bills provide predictability for both taxpayers and local government units. Many of Indiana's 2,500 local governments will no longer have to borrow money to continue operations while waiting for delayed revenue distributions due to late

tax billing and collections.

Indiana's property tax bills were mailed to taxpayers on or before April 25, 2014. As a general rule, the first property tax installment payment is due to the county treasurer by May 12, 2014 and the second installment is due by November 10, 2014.

Taxpayers interested in learning more about the assessment to tax billing cycle can visit [www.in.gov/dlzf/2516.htm](http://www.in.gov/dlzf/2516.htm). In depth information about how taxes and other public dollars are budgeted and spent by Indiana's local units of government may be found on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units website at: <https://gateway.ifionline.org/>.

## Correction . . .

Sydney Davis was inadvertently left off the honor roll list for 7th grade at Loogootee Junior High School.

## LHS Band Director retires

The retirement of Betsy Graves as Loogootee Band Director topped the Loogootee School Board meeting Tuesday night, April 29. Stacey Bowling, parent of a band student, read a letter on behalf of the band boosters about his concern with the future of the band program with Graves' departure. In the letter he stated that in these days of ever-tightening budgets, the board may be tempted to look at Graves' retirement as an opportunity to cut costs by hiring a part-time band director. He noted that he had not heard that this would happen but was pre-emptively cautioning against it. Bowling went on to talk about the history of the Loogootee Band and what it has done for students over the years. He finished his statement by saying that the band program would not sustain itself for long without a talented, energetic director and the unwavering support of the community. The board moved on to other patron input once Bowling was finished speaking.

Courtney Hughett then read a letter regarding information she has discovered about eighth graders getting grades changed in order to play basketball and some athletes receiving early approval to return to playing sports after receiving a failing grade while others were told they had to wait until the grading period ended. She expressed her disappointment with the staff that initiated the grade changing and the need to have a policy that was consistently followed. "If you are going to give special privileges to some, you have to give special privileges to them all," she said. "The bottom line is fairness."

The school's current policy regarding grades and sports was passed in 2005. The policy is more strict than IHSAA standards and is a zero "F" policy. IHSAA rules state

that a student can continue to play sports with up to two "F" grades. Loogootee's policy states that any student athlete that receives a failing grade on their report card would be suspended from playing a sport until the next report card showed passing grades.

Middle school principal Lacey Wade brought forward a new policy for a first reading. The new policy would allow a student athlete receiving a failing grade to be re-evaluated every three weeks instead of waiting until the next report card, nine weeks later. If the student improved their grades, during that evaluation at the three week mark, they would be approved to play their sport.

Each principal gave changes to the student handbooks for next year.

Elementary Principal Terri Smith said her changes included changing the wording of Halloween to say fall party instead and requiring birthday parties be scheduled a day in advance. She also included in the handbook that parents should not call into the classroom daily to change transportation for their child to get home. Parents should also not call during instruction time. For the dress code the provision was added that leggings may be worn but tops must be as long as arm length. No flip flops, high heeled shoes, or boots are allowed. Midterms were changed from every four and a half weeks to every three weeks. Under immunizations, two doses of hepatitis A is a requirement now, not just a recommendation. And under the subject of twins in kindergarten, the wording was changed from parental preference to parental input.

Middle school principal Wade said her changes were unique because she has fifth  
(See 'LHS' continued on page two)



## ATV vs. Semi

-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Last Friday, traffic was backed up on Highway 50 near Pomp's Tire outside Loogootee after a man driving an ATV collided into the side of a semi-truck. At press time, Indiana State Police Trooper Andrew Beaver, who worked the case, said a press release with information on the accident, had not been finalized. He did say the ATV driver was injured but would not report on the extent of those injuries.

## City council seat open

The Martin County Democrats will be filling the vacated Loogootee City Council seat of John Fraley, who has moved out of precinct three.

If you are a registered voter and a Democrat and have interest in filling this seat please mail a letter of interest to Ruth Smith, 213 Sycamore Street Loogootee, IN 47553 no later than Saturday, May 10. You must live in precinct three.

A caucus will be held on May 13 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building meeting room in Loogootee to vote on filling the vacancy.



Q&A with local candidates  
(contested races) start on  
page ten along with info  
on state candidates.

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# LHS

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and sixth graders, which are more in line with the elementary handbook and seventh and eighth grade, which are more in line with the high school handbook. Wade is doing away with the fifth and sixth grade handbook all together and will just work from the elementary handbook. In the tardy policy, the discipline will change to: third tardy – one lunch detention, fourth tardy – two lunch detentions, fifth tardy – Thursday school, sixth tardy – one day in the court assisted school

suspension program (CASS), seventh tardy – two days in CASS, and eighth tardy – meeting with the parents. Wade requested decreasing the severity of the punishment for cell phone usage. On the first offense the student would receive a warning and the phone can be picked up at the end of the school day. Second offense would be Thursday school with the phone being picked up by the parent, and the third offense would be one-day of in-school suspension. Also included in the dress code was that leggings may be worn but tops

must be finger-tip length.

High School Principal John Mullen reported changes to the high school handbook. One major change is the cell phone and iPod usage policy. Students will be allowed to use their cell phones at lunch and during passing periods. They may also take them to class but the teacher will determine if they must be turned off, put on silent, put in a designated area of the classroom or ask that they not be brought into their class. Misuse will result in confiscation of the electronic with pick up by the student at the end of the day on the first offense, confiscation and pick up by a parent on the second offense, and confiscation and Thursday school or helping five days in the office on the third and any subsequent offenses. The high school will also follow the new sports academic probation policy and tardy policy. In the dress policy, Mullen said there will be relaxed enforcement in holes and rips in jeans, the wearing of pajamas and piercings as none have been a big problem. He said as long as it is not a distraction for student learning or is appropriate for the classroom setting. For leggings, the high school policy will be the same as the other two schools. Mullen also noted that the state is requiring a second vaccine for seniors to prevent meningitis.

All handbook changes will be posted on the school's website at [www.loogootee.k12.in.us](http://www.loogootee.k12.in.us).

Interim Superintendent Laura Mattingly said there is a change to the facility usage policy requiring insurance from non-school organizations to protect the school from liability. She said there is also issue with someone using the facility and leaving without someone being available to lock up. All non-school organizations will not be required to request usage of the school facility through the superintendent's office.

In personnel, the board accepted the resignations of Randy Chapel as varsity softball assistant, Mike Seals as eighth grade girls' basketball coach, and Andy Marks as seventh grade boys' basketball coach.

With a recommendation by Principal Mullen, the board voted to hire Michelle Anthony as the Family and Consumer Sci-

ence teacher. Mullen said Anthony will be moving to Loogootee in late July after she gets married. She has taught the past two years at Lafayette Jefferson High School. She is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. He said she came highly recommended from Lafayette Jefferson administrators and teachers. He said she also has the ability to take on some extracurricular activities such as prom, sports, and clubs.

The board voted to hire Brenda Mathies as corporation secretary/deputy treasurer. Mattingly reported they received 16 to 20 applications for the position and interviewed four.

The board also approved Kelly LaMar and Megan Miller to split the varsity softball assistant position and Randy Chapel and Jessica Clark to serve as softball volunteers. The board approved Bryant Ackerman, Gage Harder, Colin Nelson, Abby Ackerman, and Ryan Vaupel to be hired as summer help at the school. Substitute workers would be Christina Ziegler and Trevor Resler. The board also approved a request from tennis coach Rick Graves to take his pay to give to the high school tennis assistant and junior high coach.

The board approved a request from Amber Smith and Tiffany Lingenfelter for the Lionettes to take an overnight trip on June 8 and 9 to visit Jan's School of Dance. The board approved Rhi Graves to hold a meeting to see if any students would be interested in going on a trip to Montreal in Canada in June of 2017.

The board congratulated Mary Walton on being named the Indiana Association of School Business Officials Region 9 Treasurer of the Year.

The board offered their condolences to Pam Summers for the loss of her sister-in-law, to Megan Jones for the loss of her grandmother, to Tim Bradley for the loss of his step-grandmother, and to Pam and Scott Hall for the loss of Pam's father.

The board congratulated Jill Toy on the birth of her daughter, Emiline, and to Brenda Mathias on the birth of her granddaughter, Mya Jean.

## ~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

### The 10th Amendment – my take

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

The Constitution of the United States of America contains seven articles and has been amended 27 times. The first ten amendments are referred to as the Bill of Rights. At that time, the two political parties were the Federalists and the Anti-federalists, somewhat similar to the Democrats and Republicans of today. The Anti-Federalists insisted on the so-called "Bill of Rights" or the first 10 amendments to the Constitution. The purpose of the "Bill of Rights" was to guarantee a number of personal freedoms and to limit the powers of the federal government. The 10th amendment to the United States Constitution reads as follows:

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

The states (or colonies) created federal government. The federal government did NOT create the states. All of the powers that the federal government has are clearly spelled out in the United States Constitution. All other powers remain with the states or with the people. The intent of the 10th amendment was to permanently limit the power of the federal government and to prevent the kind of creeping authoritarianism we are now witnessing. If we want to remain a free people, we must know what our Constitution says and then insist that our elected representatives, state and federal, rededicate themselves to observe it. What do you think?

A free copy of the United States Constitution can be obtained at The Cartridge Depot on JFK Avenue in Loogootee. Also, Heritage College is presenting a free course on the constitution called "Constitution 101". It consists of 10 lectures. It can be accessed at: [online.hillsdale.edu](http://online.hillsdale.edu). Click on the "Register for the course" and fill in your information. The course is archived so that you can watch any of the 10 week lessons at your convenience.

Dennis Jones  
Shoals, Indiana

*'Be an informed voter and vote for the candidate that best reflects YOUR values.'*

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

May 6, 2014 will be our—yours and mine—duty and right to vote campaigning candidates into their respective offices. All of us should be mindful that's how our local, state and federal governments fill the various offices for which the candidates are hoping to represent us for the next two to six years, depending upon the office the candidate is seeking.

Many people decide on a candidate because of a 30-second sound bite on TV, mailings from candidates, and information received second hand - often without any substantiation of the information other than hearsay. It is our right and duty to look into each and every one of the candidates we are voting for as to their stance on various issues which affect the lives of not only ourselves but of our children and grandchildren. Look at their voting records and positions. Attend forums where the candidates are present to see what they are saying or not saying. What group or groups are backing these candidates? What does that group or groups stand for and lobby for? What are the goals and what are these special interest groups hoping to obtain from these candidates. Are these groups or group supporting a certain candidate because they really support him/her or are they trying to get rid of a candidate that is a pain in their side? Why did a candidate seeking re-election vote as they did? You might find there is a reason which entails more than what they are being accused of doing.

In this day and age, we have countless sources to research candidates and their positions on the environment, more or less government in our lives, higher or lower taxes, abortion, gun control, and social issues. None of us will agree with a candidate on all issues ...if I did, that would be scary. With the use of sound bites or half-truths, no candidate is lily white. Many are guilty of the same thing they are accusing the other of doing. Don't vote for someone because they have a (R) (D) or (I) behind their names. No one party or person has all the good ideas or candidates.

Basically do your own research, look at both sides, don't take all the rhetoric as honest truth, talk to the candidates when you have the chance. Be an informed voter.....and vote for the candidate that best reflects YOUR values.

Mike and Pat Jones  
Loogootee, Indiana

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# OBITUARIES

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal

## SJAMES TROUTMAN

James M. Troutman passed away at 8:20 p.m. April 22, 2014 at the Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 70.

He was born July 22, 1943 in Shoals; the

## Loogootee UMC to offer Financial Peace University

Loogootee United Methodist Church at 208 W. Main Street in Loogootee will be offering the Dave Ramsey course, Financial Peace University, to the first 10 individuals or families who sign up by calling the church office at 295-3049. This would also be a good opportunity for college students who might be home for the summer.

The church will offer this class on Wednesday nights, beginning on May 14 at the church. The course typically comes with a cost; however, due to a grant from the UMC conference they are able to offer free of charge to you.



**JAMES TROUTMAN** son of Malcolm and Muriel (Reynolds) Troutman.

He married Bonnie Lou Winger at the Shoals United Methodist Church on April 27, 1963.

He was a graduate of the Shoals High School Class of 1961 was formerly employed at United States Gypsum for 14 years.

He was a lifelong farmer, and a member of the Hindostan United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his family, including his wife of 51 years, Bonnie Troutman of Shoals; three sons, Jeffrey W. and Vida Troutman of Jasper, Dean and Lorna Ann Troutman of Dover Hill; and Patrick and Laura Leigh Troutman of Shoals; daughter, Louanna and David Lindenschmidt of Shoals; 13 grandchildren, Vickie, Kyle, J.D., Nicole, Haley, Reva, Luke, Kendra,

Shana, Ashlyn, Max, Daphne and Derek; five great-grandchildren, Kolin, Kody, Casen, Abby and Silas; one brother, Tim Troutman of Shoals; and one sister, Patricia Weiland of Eaton, Ohio.

He is preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services were held Monday, April

28 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Hindostan United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Hindostan United Methodist Church Building Fund. Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

1:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler on St. Joseph Road.

3:01 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

1:34 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Asbell Road.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

8:55 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

9:55 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Indian Springs.

6:11 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary on Mount Olive Road.

6:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a child

dispute in Shoals.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a flue fire on State Road 450. Williams Fire responded and homeowner had the fire out before firefighters arrived.

11:37 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

4:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

3:37 p.m. - Received a report of property damage on U.S. 150.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute in Shoals.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

1:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

1:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

6:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Shoals.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen moped in Crane.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on U.S. 50 near Pomp's Tire.

7:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Indian Springs.

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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping.

11:47 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

## Loogootee Police Department log

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

7:19 p.m. - Lawrence County requested an officer deliver a death notification.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

2:46 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

11:30 a.m. - Caller requested an officer assist him with obtaining some personal property.

12:34 p.m. - Female reported possible property damage at IGA.

5:12 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of a cell phone.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 231.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

4:45 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

9:20 a.m. - Female came on station requesting assistance with a mental issue. Fe-

male was later transported to Vincennes.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Chief Deputy Dant with a possible meth lab on Mt. Calvary Road.

12:35 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

12:09 p.m. - Male came on station to report missing property.

4:00 p.m. - First responders were requested for a vehicle accident on Hwy 50.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

8:30 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to an alarm at the high school.

11:47 a.m. - Caller reported a large rock in the road on US 50.

2:15 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a field fire on Pleasant View Lane.

2:46 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

3:54 p.m. - Female caller reported a battery.

9:16 p.m. - Caller reported a possible parking violation.

9:20 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:42 a.m. - Caller reported that his vehicle had been broken into.

10:30 a.m. - Male caller reported a theft from his vehicle.

11:23 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SE 1st Street.

## Jail bookings

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

12:40 p.m. - Amanda Boyd, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Keller on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia.

3:02 p.m. - Devon Payne, of Loogootee, was arrested by Martin County Major Burkhardt on a Missouri warrant.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

7:55 a.m. - Katie McDaniel was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on a parole warrant.

9:35 p.m. - Pamela Gammon, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charges of operating while intoxicated with a child in the vehicle and neglect of a dependent.

## Indiana State Police offer planting season driving tips

The Indiana State Police would like to remind citizens that the farm planting season is upon us and often requires large farm machinery to be on the road. This requires drivers in rural areas to be alert to the possibility of encountering slow moving farm machines. Motorists should be prepared to slow or stop to avoid a collision with a farm machine turning into a field or driveway.

### Tips for Farmers and Rural Drivers:

•Farm machinery can unexpectedly turn onto a public road from a field or driveway. It is important for everyone to have patience and share the road.

•Farm machinery travels slower than normal traffic, often at speeds of 25 miles per hour or less. Automobile drivers must quickly identify farm equipment and slow down immediately to avoid rear end crashes.

•Slow moving farm machinery, traveling at less than 25 miles per hour, are required to display a slow moving vehicle emblem on the back of the equipment. This is a quickly identifiable sign to other motorists. All lighting should be working properly and be highly visible.

•Slow moving vehicles are required to pull off to the right when three or more ve-

hicles are blocked and cannot pass on the left.

•Machinery that is half on the road and half on the shoulder may suddenly move completely onto the road. Machinery may take up more than one lane to avoid obstacles such as road signs.

### Before passing farm machinery:

•Check to be sure that machinery is not turning left. Look for left turn lights or hand signals. If the machinery slows and pulls toward the right side of the road, the operator is likely preparing to make a wide left turn. Likewise, sometimes to make a right turn with wide equipment, the driver must fade to the left.

•Determine if the road is wide enough for you and the machinery to safely share.

•Look for roadside obstacles such as mailboxes, bridges, or road signs that may cause the machinery to move to the center of the road.

•Be sure there is adequate distance for you to safely pass.

Extra patience, careful driving habits, and the use of highly visible markings, and lighting will help prevent crashes involving farm machines and automobiles.

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# Martin County Court News

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## CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

April 1

Dwayne S. Anderson, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 good time credit days. Defendant received no probation.

Misty D. Sanders, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 2 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 414 days suspended and credit for 158 actual days previously served plus 158 good time credit days. Defendant received 385 days of probation.

April 3

Nikolas L. Holt, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 283 days suspended and credit for 41 actual days previously served plus 41 good time credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

April 17

Jordan T. Brown, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days in the Martin County Security Center, for both counts with 616 days suspended plus credit for 57 actual days previously served and 57 good time credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation, six months on each count.

Nathan G. Truelove, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor and conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from receiving stolen property, a Class D Felony; and convicted of receiving stolen property, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 285 days suspended and credit for 70 actual days previously served and 70 good time credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation for each count.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 3

Nikolas L. Holt, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 9

Samantha M. Wright, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class D Felony, dismissed; residential entry, a Class D Felony, dismissed; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 14

Jordan T. Brown, possession of a synthetic cannabinoid, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 1

Dwayne S. Anderson, possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

April 16

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Lisa Wagler, civil collection.

April 21

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Vicki Mitchell, civil collection.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Paul Salmon, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff U.S. National Bank Assoc. and against the defendant William E. and Gina M. Bryson for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$48,706.05.

April 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Donald J. Ray in the amount of \$13,443.89.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 17

Richard John Chapman of Centreville, Virginia and Elizabeth Ann Tripp of Shoals. Michael R. Quick of Loogootee and Melissa Ann Klocker of Bloomington.

# Real estate transfers

**Leon Baker, Anna Lee Baker, and Van Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Travis L. Davis and Angel L. Davis**, of Martin County, Indiana, .175 acres, more or less, in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

**Leon Baker, Anna Lee Baker, and Van Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Daniel O. Brown**, of Martin County, Indiana, .23 acres, more or less, in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

**Brien F. Lagle**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cody Alexander Greene and Amber Elizabeth Brock**, of Martin County, Indiana, a parcel of land in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana, more commonly known as 103 Washington Street.

**Timothy A. Caradonna**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert M. Stevens**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West containing .45 acre, more or less.

**Joy Bough**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James D. Bough**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.85 acre. Also, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.85 acre.

**Mary Kay Colvin**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Martin Tarrh and Mary Tarrh**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

**Pete M. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Peter M. Smith and Valerie C. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 2 in Block G" in Loogootee Land Company's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

**Gerald L. Wilcoxon and Ruby Wilcoxon**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Clara E. Hellums, Gerald L. Wilcoxon, Jr., and Barbara J. Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 3 in Stiles Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

**David W. Bledsoe and Tracy E. Bledsoe**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Deirdre Bledsoe, Dusty Bledsoe**, and **David M. Bledsoe**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing one acre, more or less.

**Carroll Rayhill**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tracy R. Rayhill and Kelly B. Rayhill**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of Lot Numbered 77 in Keck's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Elsie M. O'Brien**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bradley S. Williams**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east part of Lot Number 34 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Peter McDowell**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rick Norris and Connie Norris**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 46 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Steve Rodusky and Rebecca J. Rodusky**, of Morgan County, Indiana to **Dwain A. Cary and Loretta L. Cary**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter and a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana containing 49.28 acres, more or less.

**Mary Lou Billings**, of Martin County, Indiana; **June R. Fountain**, of Lawrence County, Indiana; **Jerry L. B. Fountain**, of Lawrence County, Indiana; **Paula A. Myers**, personally and as trustee of the Thomas L. Myers and Paula A. Myers Revocable Living Trust, of Marion County, Indiana; and **Kay F. Ackerman**, personally and as trustee of the Kay Frances Ackerman Trust, of Martin County, Indiana to **Billings Family Farm, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract 1: A part of the north half of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana containing 186.5 acres, more or less. Tract 2: A part of the southwest quarter and a part of the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing 74.26 acres, more or less, after an exception of 1.34 acres.

**Adam R. Schutte, Scott K. Schutte, and Diana M. Schutte**, of Martin County, Indiana to **William R. Haulk, Sr.**, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.752 acres, more or less.

**Marvin J. Bailey and Norma S. Bailey**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James V. Matthews and Janet A. Matthews**, of Martin County, Indiana, .29 acre, more or less, in Keck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Derek A. Gilbertson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher R. Stone**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 10 in Plat of Ridge View.

**Brenda L. Quigley**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian S. Wade**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 20 and the east one-half of Lot Number 21 in Oliver and Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Terry L. Walton and Mary M. Walton**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher K. Sutton and Angela M. Sutton**, a portion of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Martin County, Indiana containing .6 acre, more or less.

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## The Attack on Indiana Coal

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced plans to roll out new source performance standards that will impact the coal industry. Quite frankly, these new regulations will have a devastating effect on Indiana's coal production and the thousands of Hoosier jobs supported by the industry.

Indiana heavily depends on coal as a fuel source for electricity. In fact, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), coal provided 83 percent of Indiana's net electric power generation in 2011. Indiana is also among the top ten coal producing states in the nation.

Some of these regulations include the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, greenhouse gas regulations and cooling water regulations. The costs of implementing these standards will be crippling to ratepayers and Indiana mining jobs will be lost.

According to the Utility Consumer Counselor, complying with these regulations could cost Indiana's five large investor-owned electric utilities a total of up to \$11.5 billion. These new costs will directly influence what Hoosiers pay for their utilities. A study done by Purdue University found that by 2020, residential rates will increase by nearly 14 percent and industrial rates will increase by 11 percent.

Since all of Indiana's current coal mining operations are located in the southwest part of the state, residents in District 39 rely on coal not only for electricity, but employment. According to the National Mining Association, Indiana coal mines employ 3,342 workers - the eighth highest number of coal mine workers in the nation. In total, the direct and indirect employment generated by coal mining in our state accounts for more than 19,000 jobs. However, this number does not include the thousands of businesses and jobs that were enticed to locate in Indiana due to our low cost of electricity. These new regulations will erase a competitive advantage our state has been able to tout in the past when encouraging companies to bring jobs to our state.

If these regulations take effect, they will cost Indiana and Hoosiers in our community far too much. That's why I recently thanked Gov. Pence for engaging the EPA and the Obama administration on this issue and encouraged him to keep the pressure up. I will continue to do everything I can to minimize the effects of these new regulations and of the growing myriad of other regulations the Obama administration continues to force on businesses across the board.

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## Shoals High School 2014 SENIOR Spotlights



**BRANDON MELVIN**

Brandon Scott Melvin was born on August 20, 1995. He is the son of Misty Melvin. While in high school, Brandon participated in IMPACCT and media. He also enjoys fishing. His favorite song is "Dirt Road Anthem" by Jason Aldean. His favorite teacher is Ms. Keefe. Brandon plans to go to college and become a Diesel Mechanic. He hopes to get married and have a family.



**GARRETT PARSONS**

Garrett Austin Parsons was born on April 24, 1996. He is the son of James and Debra Parsons. He has one sister, Rachel, and one brother, Evan. Garrett enjoys mudding and cruising. His favorite song is "Redneck Crazy" by Tyler Farr. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Rue. Garrett plans to become an engineer.

## Shoals Jr.-Sr. High School Honor Roll

### Term 2 - Grading Period 5

#### SEVENTH GRADE

All A's: Lori Albright, Caleb Belcher, Joshua Doane, Ryan Hawkins, Nicholas MacKinnon, Katrina Sipes John Sukup, Klayton Tichenor, Jarod Waggoner, and Ruth Wright

Distinguished Honor Roll: Kayla Conley, Angelica Hampton, Melanie Hawkins, Tristan Peterson, Joshua Richardson, and Olivia Stoll

Honor Roll: Aryonna Braun, Georgia Bryson, Mary Dixon, Amber Fields, Jordan Fromme, Madelyn Gaines, Serenity Hammack, Jacob Harrison, Kendra Howard, Jacob Ivey, Kyle Montgomery, Kenyon Sorrells, Gabriel Spurgeon, Harley Spurgeon, Jonathon Tredway, Jeffrey Troutman, Evan Wagoner, and Daniel Wright

#### EIGHTH GRADE

All A's: Suzanna Scott, Abigail Stoll

Distinguished Honor Roll: Benjamin Clymer, Haylee Davis, Dylan Hembree, Gabrielle McCarty, and Hope Self

Honor Roll: Faith, Abel, Amelia Cooper, Kaitlin Cooper, Jeffrey Crowder, Taylor George, Colin Hoffman, Lindsey Love, Mitch McKibben, Graham Montgomery, Justin Sanders, Joanna Schnarr, Caleb Tanksley, Phillip Troutman, Craig Tuttle, Macey Way

#### NINTH GRADE

All A's: Ashely Mullins and Alex Tedrow

Distinguished Honor Roll: Eli Scott

Honor Roll: Makaya Baylis, Rusty Bonham, Allison Boyd, Ashley Boyd, Aleia Couchman, Christopher Cushman, Shane Enlow, Jace Erwin, Quinton Floyd, Kelsie Graves, Jessica Montgomery, Mykaela Pe-

terson, Aubrey Schlaegel, Jonathan Sullivan, and Keylee Tow

#### TENTH GRADE

All A's: Allison Albright, Logan Harker, Reva Troutman, and Dawn Wright

Distinguished Honor Roll: Megan Hawkins, Christina Hovis, and Ashley Phillips

Honor Roll: Taylor Atkison, Britney Cooper, Julie Dorsey, Jasmine Gates, Alaina Graves, Cassidee Harker, Damion Hart, Victoria Mills, David Qualkenbush, Jessica Ryan, Tianna Sanders, and Corbyn Sipes

#### ELEVENTH GRADE

All A's: Logan Albright

Distinguished Honor Roll: Brittany Bauernfiend, Haylie Brace, Kyle Courtright, Kylee Hardwick, Austin Jones, Ashley Montgomery, Holly Self, and Josey Waggoner

Honor Roll: Ashton Allbright, Amber Bessie, Kirstie Bradley, Michael Hawkins, Grady Key, Dakota Newkirk, Brandon Pendley, Audrey Sanders, Cassandra Sanders, Kelsey Sellers, Qiying Song, Tanner Sorrells, Donald Stoner, and Tyler Williams

#### TWELFTH GRADE

All A's: Nicole Harder and Ariel Hert

Distinguished Honor Roll: Erica Bratton, Robin Hamby, Cole Hovis, Hannah Land, Sistoria Neeley, Ashley Payne, and Kristen Waggoner

Honor Roll: Jamie Bennington, Jalynn Hilderbrand, Sarah Holt, Victoria McGuire, Cody McKibben, Garrett Parsons, Aaron Qualkenbush, Damon Roach, Katlyn Sanders, Summer Shaw, Roger Terry, Kandi Tichenor, Briana Wagler, Jessica Walker, and Trandon Williams

## Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

### LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY

#### Breakfast

**Thursday, May 1**  
Egg patty, ham patty, wheat toast, fruit

**Friday, May 2**  
Breakfast pizza, peaches

**Monday, May 5**  
Cereal, muffin, banana

**Tuesday, May 6**  
Biscuit and gravy, pears

**Wednesday, May 7**  
Donut, pineapple

#### Lunch

**Thursday, May 1**  
Salisbury steak, mashed potato, green beans, mixed fruit, milk

**Friday, May 2**  
Pizza, salad, carrots, tropical fruit, milk

**Monday, May 5**  
Sloppy Joe, French fries, peas, peaches, milk

**Tuesday, May 6**  
Chicken Alfredo, salad and tomatoes, pineapple, carrots and bread, breadstick, milk

**Wednesday, May 7**  
Taco salad, refried beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce, milk

Chicken Alfredo or pizza, salad, tomatoes, pineapple, carrots, breadstick, salad plate, milk

**Wednesday, May 7**

Taco salad or pizza, refried beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce, salad plate, milk

### SHOALS SCHOOLS

#### Breakfast

**Thursday, May 1**

Cereal, graham cracker snack, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, May 2**

Bagel, fruit, juice, milk

**Monday, May 5**

Muffin top, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, May 6**

Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, May 7**

Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk

#### Lunch

**Thursday, May 1**

Fajita chicken, brown rice, broccoli and cheese, pears, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: deli wrap or chef salad

**Friday, May 2**

Whole grain Bosco sticks with marinara sauce, fresh jicama sticks and grape tomatoes with ranch dip, fresh apple, milk

**Monday, May 5**

Breaded chicken sandwich with whole grain bun, salad boat, green beans, peaches, milk

**Tuesday, May 6**

Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, applesauce, honey wheat roll, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: sausage pizza or chef salad

**Wednesday, May 7**

Chicken nuggets, baked hash browns, fresh broccoli with ranch dip, pears, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: ham and cheese sandwich or chef salad

### LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

#### Lunch

**Thursday, May 1**

Salisbury steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, salad plate, milk

**Friday, May 2**

Spicy chicken or pizza, salad, carrots, tropical fruit, salad plate, milk

**Monday, May 5**

Sloppy Joe or pizza, French fries, peas, peaches, salad plate, milk

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## LOOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL 2014 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



**DEMI RICHARDSON**

Demariah Rayne Richardson is the daughter of Brett and Melba Richardson. While in high school, she has been in beta club, PEERS, Spanish Club, SADD, Lion Pride, pep club, madrigals and show choir all four years. She was in FCA and served as a cadet teacher her junior and senior years. She served as FCA Leader in 11th and 12th grades and was beta secretary and show choir historian her senior year. She played volleyball all four years of high school and played basketball her freshman year. Demi plans to attend IU Southeast and study nursing or physical therapy.



**ELIZABETH SANDER**

Elizabeth Louise Sander is the daughter of Patti and Dean Sander. During high school, she was in French Club, pep club, student council, show choir, the musical, and served as a cheerleader all four years. She was in FACS her freshman year, in SADD in 9th and 10th grades, Spanish Club her junior and senior years, served as a cadet teacher in 10th and 11th grades, and was an intern her senior year. She also was in Lion Pride in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. She served as publisher of the French Club her sophomore year, president of the French Club in 11th and 12th grades and president of show choir her senior year. Elizabeth plans to attend ISU and study foreign language education.

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## Calendar of Events

### Head Start preschool classes

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

### Son of the American Revolution

The Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will hold their 2nd quarter meeting on Tuesday, May 20. The Free Methodist Church on R Street in Bedford will host the meeting. Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. They will be inducting new members and presenting numerous awards and citations. The program will feature a few of the South Eastern Revolution Battle sites. All are welcome to attend.

### Mustering Elm Park meeting

The Mustering Elm Park Group will be meeting Monday, May 5 at 7 p.m. at the park located along Highway 450 in Trinity Springs. More participation and volunteers are needed. In case of rain, the meeting will be Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m.

### National Day of Prayer

The Loogootee Ministerial Association will be hosting a National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 1. The service begins at noon on the square in Loogootee. Area ministers will lead the service as we develop the theme, "One Voice, United in Prayer". The public is urged to attend and encouraged to bring a lawn chair. In case of the rain, the service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee.

### Loogootee Comprehensive Plan meeting

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

### Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next scheduled talk to a lawyer telephone clinic is set for Thursday, May 1 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST. Volunteer lawyers will be available to answer general legal questions asked by the public. This service is free and is available to anyone. To access the telephone clinic, the

numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and toll free (888) 594-3449. This service is in collaboration with the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation.

### Boy Scouts

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

### GED exam fees

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## Student visitors and applications up at VU

Applications to enroll at Vincennes University this fall are up 8.4 percent, according to Kristi Deetz, senior director for External Relations.

Reporting to the VU Board of Trustees on Wednesday, Deetz said that more than 4,500 applicants have already been accepted for this fall at the Vincennes campus, which is 7.5 percent ahead of last year. Citing the importance of campus visits to the decision to enroll, Deetz said there has been a concerted effort to attract more persons to tour campus.

This year's PreVU visitation days welcomed 906 students and family members—up 6 percent from last year. Reservations totaled 309 visitors for this past weekend's two PreVU Days. VU has also hosted 3,519 students through its group visitation program—up from 3,100 students last year. In addition, she said the VU Jasper Campus initiated a group visit program this spring that attracted 101 students.

Deetz said that Jasper Campus applications are up 40 students compared to last year while the 114 applications to the Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis is about the same as last year.

In addition to the new students, Deetz said registration for continuing students is also running ahead of last year, which she said can be partly attributed to a larger incoming class last year.

In other news, the board received a report about plans to initiate training in a facility in Lebanon along the I-65 corridor. David Tucker, vice president for Workforce Development/Community Services, said that VU has been asked to be the exclusive education and training service provider for the new center that is now in the planning stages.

"There has been a two-year process in Lebanon of preparing to bring higher education and training to that area. In the last couple of weeks Mayor Huck Lewis has ob-

tained a site so the City owns property that it will build a training center on. They are working on finalizing financing for a building that will probably be in the \$5 million range," Tucker said.

He said initially non-credit training will be introduced in the areas of advanced manufacturing, CNC machining, robotics and industrial maintenance. It is hoped to have a pre-building ceremony in July or August.

"We are very excited to work with them in planning the building and outfitting it for optimal training to prepare the workforce of the 21st century," Tucker said.

Leaders from Lebanon have visited VU's campus to tour programs in the College of Technology and the Indiana Center for Applied Technology. "They want to re-create what we are doing in Vincennes in central Indiana," Tucker said.

It was the combination of the quality of VU's instructors, facilities, and technology that impressed them, Tucker said.

"By having a training center in Lebanon, we will be able to attract a lot of people for training that otherwise would be unable to come to Vincennes for a week or two weeks," Tucker said.

He said Lebanon's strategic location along the highly industrialized I-65 corridor will prove beneficial to many companies seeking training opportunities for employees.



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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

It has been a week of pleasant surprises and blessings at Sandhill Gardens. As I worked in some out-of-the-way corners of the gardens, I discovered some bright yellow blooms of the woods poppy. This native self-seeder tends to wander about the shade garden and its cheerful blooms brighten the dark places. The sprays of tiny blue flowers above the silver foliage of clumps of brunnera have also brought smiles several times this week. I have also found tall bellflowers growing in many new places. While not yet in bloom, the bellflower, also known as Shawney to foragers, has added some sweet leaves to salads this week. Picking out the tops of the bellflower will cause it to branch and result in even more blue and purple flowers come July and August. The wandering nature of such self-seeding plants is the bane of many gardeners. In more formal settings, it may indeed be a bit unsettling to have such surprises popping up here and there, but in a more natural setting, as surrounds my log home, such occurrences add to the whimsy of the gardens and are quite welcome. When plants do pop up in places I do not want them, I simply dig them and pot them up to use at the many plant exchanges I plan to attend in coming weeks.

I also received another pleasant surprise this week. I received a call from a reader, Jo Ann Harris of the Chicago area. Ms. Harris said she had lived in the Springs Valley area as a young child and continued to read the

local newspaper, where she read my column. She and her friend, Tom Lane, came to visit Sandhill Gardens later that morning and brought my some lovely gifts. I had mentioned in my letter to Santa last November that I wanted a steel gazing globe to replace the glass globe that had been lost in a hail storm. Ms. Harris brought a beautiful stainless steel gazing globe, which now is in the stand under the contorted filbert in my yard. I enjoy seeing the glimpses of blue through the twisted branches of the filbert. She also brought three solar lights. Mr. Lane has been crafting birdhouses from wine corks and kindly gave me one of the houses. I sprayed it with a sealer and have put it up in the front garden, hoping that some of the many birds that visit here will make it their home. I thank JoAnn and Tom for these wonderful garden gifts and the delight they have given me, knowing that my readers are so kind and attentive.

As expected, the warm weather of the past week has helped the progression of spring flowers to catch up. The dogwoods have bloomed right on schedule for the festival in Orleans this year. I spent the day on Saturday in Orleans. While there, I visited Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Brown at their daylily gardens. We talked at length about gardens and traded some plants.

Within days, I expect to see the first peony blooms of the season. The tree peony blooms will come first. I only hope that they

## Indiana farmers forced to make tough corn planting decisions

BY JENNIFER STEWART  
Purdue University News Service

For Indiana farmers with a lot of acreage to plant, two Purdue Extension agronomists say it's probably time to start planting corn while keeping in mind best agronomic practices.

Until recent days, cold temperatures and wet soils kept growers from field operations, including tillage, fertilizer applications and planting. A few warm days at the end of last week had farmers out in full force, but with a cold extended forecast, many will have to decide whether to go ahead and plant corn or wait for warmer temperatures.

According to Bob Nielsen, it depends in large part on the amount of acreage a farmer has to plant.

"If you farm small enough to where you have less than a week's worth of planting, I'd wait another week and let the soils warm up," he said. "But clearly, if I had thousands of acres to plant, I'd go ahead this week if soils are fit. Some of these soils are drier than what we would expect, but it's a field-by-field situation."

The forecast for the next 10 days calls for below-normal temperatures with highs in the 50s and lows in the high-30s to low-40s.

"These temperatures are what we would have expected a couple of weeks ago, and that's the time when farmers would have started planting in other years," Nielsen said. "I think planting now is a moderate risk - nothing more than normal. If I had a lot of acres, I'd risk it."

Part of the risk in planting when it's cold is that corn might not emerge quickly enough, leaving it vulnerable to pests. The minimum temperature for corn development is 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

According to the April 21 Indiana Crop Progress and Condition Report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, only 1 percent of Indiana corn had been planted as of April 20, compared with a five-year average of 14 percent planted by the same date. Farmers in the state had only 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork in the two weeks prior to the report.

### Catching a bass in select rivers could win you a gift card

Catching black bass is great recreation but it also can line your wallet, provided you fish — and catch — in the right spots.

The DNR has tagged more than 400 largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass in central and northern Indiana rivers as part of an ongoing study to learn more about angler harvest and fish movement.

Anglers who catch tagged bass can earn gift cards to Bass Pro Shop for \$5, \$10 or \$25 by reporting their catches and returning tags to DNR biologists. All bass were tagged on the lip with a metal tag that has an identification number. Tags must be removed and sent in for prizes to be claimed.

One-hundred-sixty bass were tagged in the West Fork of the White River (Madison, Hamilton and Marion counties) from near Perkinsville downstream to the West Raymond Street Bridge.

The St. Joseph River (St. Joseph and

The optimum window for planting corn in Indiana is typically April 20 to May 10, with that window opening a week earlier in the far southern part of the state and a week later in the far north.

But while Nielsen urged farmers with a lot of acreage to go ahead and start planting, he and Purdue Extension agronomist Tony Vyn were quick to point out that farmers need to remember best agronomic practices - especially when it comes to planting quickly on the heels of anhydrous ammonia applications.

"Because weather delayed field operations there's now a small window between pre-plant anhydrous ammonia application and planting," Vyn said. "A rush to plant corn soon after this typical pre-plant nitrogen application has an element of risk associated with it."

The first roots of corn planted directly over the bands where a full rate of anhydrous ammonia was applied can suffer ammonia toxicity, especially in sandy and cool soils, areas where anhydrous was applied shallowly and when there has been little rainfall between the nitrogen application and seedling emergence.

Vyn encouraged growers to pay close attention to where they apply the fertilizer and to keep it away from the intended cornrows. Real-time kinetic (RTK) guidance systems can help farmers both apply fertilizer and plant more precisely, and this can be especially advantageous when there is less than 10 days between pre-plant anhydrous ammonia application and planting.

Another tip Vyn had for growers was to avoid doing unnecessary tillage just for the sake of being in the fields.

"There's no sense in doing recreational tillage two weeks before planting," he said. "The best time is a day before planting, so wait until you're prepared to plant to do tillage. The only reason to do early tillage is if it's your only weed control, but there are a lot of other weed-control measures."

Follow along with agronomic updates throughout the planting, growing and harvest seasons by visiting Purdue Extension's Chat 'n Chew Café website at <http://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/corn/cafe/>.

Elkhart counties) had 156 tagged bass. Tagged fish are distributed from Bristol to the Indiana-Michigan border.

Manchester University tagged 87 smallmouth bass on the Eel River (Wabash, Miami and Cass counties) from South Whitley downstream to Logansport.

Tagged bass do not have to be harvested to receive a reward, but anglers must remove the tag. To report tagged catches, call the phone number listed on the tag, (812) 287-8300.

The project is a partnership between the DNR and Indiana Wildlife Federation, Reel Women-Reel Men of Indianapolis, Indy Fly-casters, St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers, Indiana Smallmouth Alliance and Manchester College, who are providing administrative and financial assistance.

For more information, contact Sandy Clark-Kolaks at (812) 287-8300 or [sclark-kolaks@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:sclark-kolaks@dnr.IN.gov).

## Senator John Waterman Recognized for Senate Leadership on Healthcare Compact

District 39 State Senator John Waterman (R-SD39) is being recognized for leading the fight to pass the Indiana Health Care Compact, legislation that would give Indiana control over federal health care programs and allow the state to opt-out of Obamacare.

Indiana residents unhappy about cancelled health insurance policies, higher premiums and not being able to access their family physicians due to Obamacare have a champion on their side.

The Health Care Compact transfers health-care decision-making authority from Washington to member states and empowers states to implement their own solutions for health-care delivery.

To date, eight states have approved versions of the Health Care Compact (Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Missouri, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah), and legislation is either pending or has already passed in 12 additional states.

"We applaud Sen. Waterman for his leadership in embracing the Health Care Compact, a common-sense solution that returns power over health care decisions to the states," said Shonda Werry, Executive Director of Competitive Governance Action. "Congress and legislators across the country are wrestling with how to undo the damage of Obamacare, and Senator Waterman is leading the way."

The Compact Clause of the U.S. Constitution gives states the right to form interstate compacts that provide authority and flexibility to the states for administering specific programs - with Congress' consent.

Now, Sen. Waterman is leading the fight to have Congress grant that consent. He joined with over 200 state lawmakers across the country in urging the leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives to approve legislation granting Indiana the power to opt out of Obamacare.

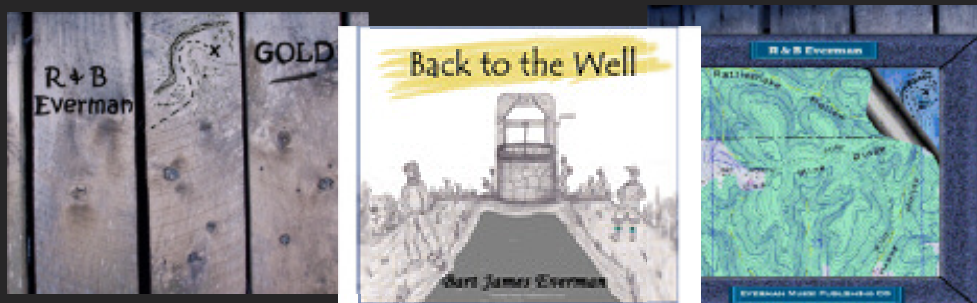
The Health Care Compact was developed by Competitive Governance Action, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization, to offer Americans more influence over decisions that govern health care. Competitive Governance Action is committed to educating and advocating for the devolution of political power from the federal government to state and local governments, to individuals and to non-government community and religious institutions. Central to the concept is the belief that problems should be solved by the smallest, least centralized, most local authority that may effectively address the matter.



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## IDEM recognizes Hoosiers for actions to protect Indiana's environment

Numerous events this month commemorating Earth Day are helping to raise the environmental awareness of Hoosiers around the state.

Environmental quality has improved significantly since the nation's first Earth Day event in 1970. Hoosiers are breathing the cleanest air since the 1970s, when the states began measuring airborne criteria pollutants. Water quality is being protected through programs aimed at preventing sedimentation and other harmful run-off. Communities are actively working to prevent the discharge of billions of gallons of untreated sewage from combined sewer overflows.

Individuals, municipalities, businesses and industry are working in many ways to reduce harmful waste, recycle, and prevent pollution. This includes the State of Indiana. To conserve paper and reduce waste, copies and print jobs are double-sided and envelopes are reused for inter-departmental mail. Employees are urged to conserve energy by adjusting thermostats, turning off unnecessary lights, using sleep mode on electronic devices, and choosing energy efficient equipment when replacing obsolete or broken items. The State of Indiana encourages car-pooling and alternate transportation such as taking a bus or riding bicycles to work. Recycling receptacles are available in offices and public lobbies.

Many Hoosiers show extraordinary commitment and voluntarily go above and beyond the requirements of law in protecting public health and the environment. Numerous child care facilities, industries, communities, small businesses, and individuals have achieved recognition through an Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) environmental recognition program.

IDEM's honor role of environmental stewards and the recognition programs in which they are participating, follow (in alphabetical order, by program).

- **CLEAN Community Challenge:** Participating cities, towns, and counties proactively manage environmental impacts associated with governmental operations. For a map of CLEAN members and more information, visit [www.in.gov/idem/prevention/2361.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/prevention/2361.htm).

- **Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP):** Participating organizations commit to achieving environmental objectives through creating and implementing an environmental management system (EMS). For a list of members and more program information, visit [www.in.gov/idem/prevention/2359.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/prevention/2359.htm).

- **Five Star Child Care Facilities:** Participating child care providers take steps to reduce and eliminate hazards that can cause permanent, long term developmental problems in young children. For a list of facilities and more information, visit

[www.in.gov/idem/health/2336.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/health/2336.htm).

- **Indiana Clean Yard:** Participating auto salvage recyclers proactively monitor environmental conditions at their sites and fix problems. For information about the program and award recipients, visit [www.in.gov/idem/4993.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/4993.htm).

- **Indiana Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence:** Recipients include facilities, state and local units of government, individuals, and technical assistance organizations that operate or support environmental protection efforts of outstanding quality. For information about the award and recipients, visit [www.in.gov/idem/prevention/2358.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/prevention/2358.htm).

- **Indiana Partners for Clean Air:** This coalition of Northwest Indiana and Chicago area businesses, industry, and community groups is committed to improving air quality through voluntary actions. For information and a list of members, visit [www.in.gov/idem/airquality/2587.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/airquality/2587.htm).

- **Indiana Partners for Pollution Prevention (Partners):** Participants include industries, businesses, nonprofit organizations and governmental entities that are interested in promoting pollution prevention and the financial and environmental benefits pollution prevention projects can bring. For information about the program and a membership list, visit [www.in.gov/idem/ppp/2329.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/ppp/2329.htm).

Hoosier Water Guardian and the Voluntary Idling Program, or VIP, are additional programs managed by IDEM. Hoosier Water Guardian participants go above and beyond the minimum state standards for source water and wellhead protection. Information is provided at [www.in.gov/idem/4296.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/4296.htm). VIP recognizes freight carriers, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers for initiatives to reduce inefficient idling and increase fuel efficiency. Program information is provided at [www.in.gov/idem/prevention/2353.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/prevention/2353.htm).

"I am inspired by the organizations, individuals, communities and businesses that voluntarily go above and beyond environmental requirements," said Thomas Easterly, IDEM commissioner. "The good news is that simple, individual actions add up to a positive, collective impact. In commemoration of Earth Day, let us pledge to continue working together for a cleaner, healthier environment."

Staff from IDEM will be on hand at tomorrow's Earth Day Indiana festival in downtown Indianapolis, providing tips to visitors. Hoosiers can find environmental tips on these IDEM Web pages:

- **Recycle Indiana:** [www.in.gov/idem/recycle/](http://www.in.gov/idem/recycle/)

- **You, Me and Water Quality** interactive website: [www.in.gov/idem/nps/pages/water-cycle/](http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/pages/water-cycle/)

- **Air quality tips:** [www.in.gov/idem/airquality/2589.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/airquality/2589.htm)

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



### Helping disabled Hoosiers

When we think about protecting our most vulnerable members of society, we often focus on children, or even the elderly. However, regardless of their age, Hoosiers with disabilities have distinctive needs that deserve our care and attention. This session, we worked together to make that a reality.

One example of this is Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 61, which gives local governments the option to offer short-term disability programs to their Emergency Medical Services (EMS) workers. Under current law, local EMS providers are eligible for worker's compensation if they become disabled as a result of an injury or illness. However, once these benefits are exhausted, municipalities are not able to offer additional insurance.

When this legislation was heard in committee, one of my House colleagues, who is also a retired firefighter, explained that many firefighters who are injured or become ill expend their worker's compensation and begin pulling from their pensions in order to cover medical expenses and provide for their families.

Starting July 1, EMS providers who have become disabled as the result of a work-related injury or illness will be able to get additional short-term benefits from the municipality, if their worker's compensation or occupational disease compensation have been exhausted or simply does not cover it. This will give both local units and emergency responders greater peace of mind and flexibility in choosing how to best ensure the safety and care of their employees.

We also passed SEA 397 which deals specifically with children who have disabilities.

## State Board of Education adopts new academic standards for Math and English

The Indiana State Board of Education Monday adopted new academic standards for Math and English/Language Arts by a vote of 10-1. The adoption followed a months-long process that began last fall and included the inputs from Indiana educators, higher education faculty, content experts and community members. These individuals invested more than 6,000 hours towards the development of new college and career ready standards. Evaluation teams crafted draft standards informed by more than 2,000 public comments and input from independent evaluators. The work of the evaluation teams was then vetted, refined and ultimately endorsed by the College and Career Ready Panel. The board expressed confidence in the rigor and strength of these standards and looks forward to turning its attention to a new state assessment aligned

with the new Indiana college and career ready standards.

Currently, if a disabled child lives in a nursing facility, and cannot be rehabilitated, then they do not qualify for wheelchair reimbursement from the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning. This new law, effective July 1, requires Medicaid to reimburse a nursing facility for a specialized or non-standard wheelchair that is purchased for one of these individuals.

For many of these children, the little things that we take for granted, such as turning our heads, is a major achievement for them. As a father of four, it is disheartening to think that Medicaid will not pay for replacement wheelchairs for certain children simply because they are unable to be rehabilitated; especially when these specialty wheelchairs can cost up to \$4,000 or \$5,000 each. The passage of this legislation will allow children with severe disabilities to get the proper equipment they need to obtain a higher quality of life.

While this may not be an issue that you have heard me speak of many times in the past, it is one that I share a personal connection with. I know several people who are recovering from accidents on the farm, have been in serious vehicle collisions or have a genetic disability. I understand and have witnessed firsthand what a battle it is for them to tackle life's daily tasks. Even during a short session, it is the very least that we can do to help these individuals and to give them the highest quality of life possible. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to help and support these bills this session, which I know will directly benefit people in our community.

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

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# Two Democrats vie for Perry Township Trustee

**Democrat candidates for Perry Township Trustee**  
**JASON HENNETTE**  
**AND JOE MCATEE**

(Candidate Joe McAtee was given the opportunity to answer the questions and responded with "no comment" as noted in the answers below.)

**MCJ: Give me info on your background (family, schooling, jobs, etc.)**

**HENNETTE:** I have been married to my wife Pastor Brandi (Taylor) Hennette for 12 years. We have two children, Jamison age 15 and Hailey age 8. I graduated from Linton-Stockton High School in 1996, and then went to Vincennes University. I graduated from Vincennes University Cum Lade, and

then went to Indiana State University where I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology. I am a graduate from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, and a Certified General Instructor from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. I have worked for the Loogootee Police Department for the past 13 years. I have served as varsity coach for the Loogootee Golf Team for the past eight years, and was junior high and junior varsity golf coach for four years prior to becoming varsity coach. I am the current Perry Township Trustee and have served in this position for the past 3 years.

**MCATEE:**No comment

**MCJ: Why do you want to be Perry Township Trustee (or continue to be)?**

**HENNETTE:** As the current Perry Township Trustee, I have enjoyed the job and the people I have come in contact with through the office. As a police officer, I get to see people at their best and sometimes I see them at their worst.

**MCATEE:** No comment

**MCJ: What do you think is the most important job the trustee does?**

**HENNETTE:** As Perry Township Trustee, I feel the most important job I do is helping people in whatever way I can. As Perry Township Trustee, I am responsible for helping people with utility bills that they are not able to pay due to a circumstances that were not their fault. People come into the trustee's office with higher-than-normal utility bills due to the harsh winter we just had or the extreme hot summer we had last year. I am also responsible for fire protection for all of Perry Township. Perry Township has a fire protection contract with the Loogootee Fire Department. I am also responsible for the mowing of cemeteries in Perry Township. I want these cemeteries to be kept in a dignified manner out of respect for the past residence and their families.

**MCATEE:** No comment

**MCJ: Some think that the whole idea of having township trustees is archaic. What do you think about that?**

**HENNETTE:** I feel that having a township trustee is important. Township trustees are responsible for helping people, protecting people, and ensuring our loved ones are not forgotten. A township trustee knows the peo-



**JASON HENNETTE**

ple, area, and issues facing the township. As the current Perry Township Trustee and as a police officer, I am fully aware of the hardships facing the people of Perry Township, and responsibility it takes to protect the citizens of Perry Township.

**MCATEE:** No comment

**MCJ: Why should voters choose you?**

**HENNETTE:** As the current Perry Township Trustee, I have been able to save the taxpayers of Perry Township almost \$30,000 over the past three years. The last two years as Perry Township Trustee, I have been able to help purchase fire equipment for the Loogootee Fire Department. The fire equipment the township has purchased is fire protection clothing for the firemen.

**MCATEE:** No comment.

## United States Congress District 8

**Republican candidates for U.S. Congress District 8**

ment until March 15, 2015

-Voted yes to pass a bill that prohibits federal funds from being used for an abortion or health benefits if the plan includes coverage of an abortion.

Campaign finance (via opensecrets.org): Total raised: \$749,189. Top 10 contributors: Peabody Energy \$12,000; Koch Enterprises \$10,400; Every Republican is Crucial PAC \$10,000; Thompson Thrift Development \$9,200; Mulzer Crushed Stone \$7,800; United Co. \$7,800; American College of Emergency Physicians \$7,000; Associated Builders and Contractors \$5,500; American International Group \$5,200; Barnes & Thornburg \$5,200



**LARRY BUCSHON**

Larry Bucshon was born Bartholomew County, Illinois on May 31, 1962. He received a B.S. from the University of Illinois in 1984; and his M.D. at the University of Illinois in 1988. He served as a physician in the United States Navy reserve from 1989 to 1998. He was elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Twelfth and to the succeeding Congress (January 3, 2011-present). He is married to Kathryn and they have four children, Luke, Alexander, Blair and Zoe.

Memberships: Member, American Board of Thoracic Surgery; Member, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church; Coach, Youth Hockey

**2014 notable votes:**

-Voted yes to Save American Workers Act of 2014 that increases the number of hours from 30 to 40 that an employee is required to work per week in order to be considered a full-time employee for the purpose of employer-sponsored health care coverage.

-Voted yes to Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America that requires state stream buffer zone management programs to use rules issued on December 12, 2008 regarding excess spoil, coal mine waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams

-Voted yes to Suspending the Individual Mandate Penalty Law Equals (SIMPLE) Fairness Act that delays the implementation of penalties for individuals who do not have health insurance.

-Voted no to concur with House amendments and pass a bill that extends the debt limit for obligations of the federal govern-



**ANDREW T. MCNEIL**

Andrew McNeil was born in Anderson, Indiana in 1973. He attended Huntington University for one semester. He has been married for 19 years to his wife, Andrea, and they have 7 children ranging in ages between 5 months and 18. His oldest daughter was married in 2013. All of his children are homeschooled. In 1997 Andrew began working as a territory manager for Ronnoco, a Midwest coffee company. This was his place of employment for over 16 years before resigning in 2014 to devote more time to the campaign. In 2005 he began a small farming business, McNeil Valley Farms, where he and his family have organic gardens and raise grass-fed lamb. They have been involved in their community farmers' market since 2008, where his wife Andrea currently sits on the board. Andrew has never served in a political office.

Having not ever served in office, Andrew does not have a voting record.

According to opensecrets.org, McNeil has reported no campaign finance data.

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# Collins, George face off for commissioner seat

**Martin County Commissioner  
Democrat candidates  
JOHN COLLINS  
AND PAUL GEORGE**

**MCJ: Tell me about your background (family, schooling, etc.)**

**COLLINS:** I am a graduate of Shoals High School and currently live in Shoals. I am single and have two children, Derek and Bethany. I am the son of Norma Sorrells and Homer Collins. I currently work as a union operator.

**GEORGE:** I am 42 years old and a lifelong resident of Martin County (raised in the Cale/Indian Springs area of Mitcheltree Township). I am the father of two children, Tyler (17) and Taylor (14), both students at Shoals Jr/Sr High School. I am a graduate of Shoals High School and Oakland City College. I have had the honor to serve as a Martin County Commissioner for the past eight years. I currently serve as President of the Martin County Commissioners, a position I have held for 6 years. I serve on the following boards/committees as part of my duties as Martin County Commissioner: Martin County Redevelopment Commission, Martin County Solid Waste, District Oversight Planning Committee, South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, and the task force for county employee compensation/benefits. Other than my duties as Martin County Commissioner, I also serve as president of Martin County Farm Bureau, Incorporated, and I am an active supporter of the Martin County 4-H program. I work in the farming industry and I drive a school bus for the Shoals Community School Corporation.

**MCJ: Why do you want to be a commissioner or continue to be commissioner?**

**COLLINS:** I am running for commissioner because I really think I could help. I served as commissioner about 10 years ago. There are just some things going on, decisions being made that I find hideous. The

main thing I disagree with is taking quality property off the tax rolls. Property that was purchased in Shoals for the solid waste and the building purchased by the county in Shoals and leased out both brought in a lot of tax revenue that we can no longer collect. It's just not good business sense. I wouldn't run for commissioner if I didn't think I could offer something to the county. I am not doing it for the money.

**GEORGE:** I have worked hard the past eight years to keep Martin County financially stable in a very unstable financial environment. I am honest, fair, and work hard for every citizen in Martin County. I enjoy meeting and talking to the citizens of Martin County. I am always willing to hear citizens' comments, suggestions, and questions. I can be contacted anytime on my cell phone or by calling the auditor's office in the Martin County Courthouse and leaving a message for me. I am available in the courthouse 2-3 days per week. I would like to continue to serve the citizens of Martin County as commissioner and continue the programs already started. The Martin County Commissioners re-energized the Martin County Veterans' Service Office, and the amount of Martin County Veterans served has nearly doubled this past year. I believe it is important for Martin County to continue our partnership with the Crane Naval Base and the WestGate Tech Park Authority to maintain as many local job opportunities as possible. Both of these businesses provide skilled and non-skilled jobs for Martin County citizens.

**MCJ: Do you think Martin County residents are undertaxed, overtaxed or taxed fairly? What about in comparison to other counties?**

**COLLINS:** As far as the first part of the question, I guess it would depend on who you ask. A lot of property in the county is agricultural and I know they have gotten hit

pretty hard but. I am not sure how to answer this question. I think there are things that could be done differently as far as spending the money in the county. To answer the second part of the question, I haven't dug that deep into the taxes of other counties yet to know the answer.

**GEORGE:** Compared to the size and population of Martin County, I think our tax rate is fair. Our tax rate is comparable to other counties our size throughout the state of Indiana.

**MCJ: Martin County's roads and bridges are deteriorating at a rapid pace since there is never enough funding to keep up with them, what do you think should be done?**

**COLLINS:** This is what I have done all my life. I know a lot about roads and bridges. I also go out and drive the county roads often and they are bad. In order to maintain a road, you have to build it right. You have to prepare it, ditch it, and get the water off of it. You have to do it right the first time and stop throwing money at it. You have to spend money wisely. I think that money from the timber sales should be set aside to build quality roads. And the county has the cumulative bridge fund that is specifically for and can only be used for bridges.

**GEORGE:** We had an extremely harsh winter and our county roads paid the toll. The Martin County Highway Department did a good job at keeping the county roads as clear as possible this past winter. The county highway employees are now out dura-patching and hand-patching pot holes, and some of the heaviest hit roads will receive some new paving this summer. The only option to increase revenue for the roads is to implement a county wheel tax, and with a deteriorating economy, and everyone worrying about the new national insurance plan, I CANNOT support a wheel tax in Martin County. I have worked hard

not to raise taxes in Martin County, and will continue to do so, if re-elected.

**MCJ: The cost of providing health insurance to the county employees is one of the county's largest expenses along with the payout to those who opt out of insurance. Do you have any ideas to reduce that cost? Do you see a time when insurance just won't be offered anymore?**

**COLLINS:** One way to reduce costs would be to form a wellness clinic for employees. People have to take care of themselves, watch their blood pressure or cholesterol. This would reduce costs. I also do not agree with the buyout paid to employees who chose not to take the insurance. This isn't fair to the employees who really do need the insurance and the amount being paid in the buyout is too much. As far as not offering health insurance, I can't really respond to that yet.

**GEORGE:** The county is always looking at cost reduction options, while still treating our employees fairly. To the second part of the question, at the present time, my answer would be no.

**MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?**

**COLLINS:** Just that the voters are the ultimate decision maker. I encourage people to vote smart. Don't just vote on a name, vote what you think is right.

**GEORGE:** Martin County is operating on a bare-bones budget. We have cut the operating expenses of most county programs as much as possible to ensure we can keep providing services to the citizens of Martin County. I believe the citizens of Martin County understand this, and will continue to work with the county to ensure our success. I want to thank all the citizens of Martin County for their support the past eight years, and hope they will continue that support by voting for me in the Primary Election on May 6th.

## Bassler, Waterman fight for Republican spot in Indiana Senate District 39

**Republican candidates for  
Indiana Senate District 39  
ERIC BASSLER  
AND JOHN WATERMAN**



**ERIC BASSLER**

Eric Bassler was born and raised in Washington, Indiana. He and his wife Julie have been married 20 years and live in Washington. They have five children, Grace, Catherine, Margaret, Will and Nick. Eric graduated from Washington High School, went on to graduate from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and psychology and then a master's in economics. After graduating, Eric worked in the banking industry in northwestern Indiana and Chicago and spent several years teaching economics courses at Indiana University-Northwest. In 1996, Eric accepted an opportunity with the U.S. Peace Corps and worked in Albania and Ukraine as a business development consultant. He worked with small businesses, economic and jobs development centers, and universities. In 1998, Eric took a consulting job to work on bank reform and small business lending programs in Armenia, Kazakhstan, and Russia. In 2011, Eric decided to return to volunteer public service and was elected to an at-large city council seat in Washington. He also was selected a member of the

Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Washington. He's served on the boards of United Way, YMCA, Daviess County Community Foundation, and the Purdue Extension 4Community Project.

Eric is 100 percent pro-life, is a strong advocate for the Second Amendment, believes in traditional family values and supports term limits.



**JOHN M. WATERMAN**

John Waterman was born in 1952 and currently lives in Shelburn, Indiana. He and his wife, Cheryl, have six children. He was first elected to the Senate in 1994. He is also an independent small business owner. Prior to his election to the Senate, Waterman served as Sullivan County Sheriff from 1986 to 1994. He is a member of the Farmersburg Emmanuel Baptist Church, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Greene County Muzzle Loaders Club, Buck Creek, and the National Rifle Association (NRA).

Notable votes this year:

- Voted against authorizing funding for a public mass transit system

- Voted yes to pass a joint resolution that submits a constitutional amendment to the voters that defines "marriage" as between 1 man and 1 woman.

- Voted yes to pass a bill that repeals Common Core Standards implementation

requirements.

- Voted yes to pass a bill that amends certain state business tax rates

- Voted no to pass a bill that authorizes the sale of alcohol at the Indiana State Fair.

- Voted yes to pass a bill that requires ele-

## Indiana State Representative District 63

**Republican candidates for Indiana State  
Representative District 63  
MIKE BRAUN AND RICHARD MOSS  
MIKE BRAUN**

Mike and his wife Maureen have been married for 37 years. They have four grown children, Jason, Jeff, Ashley, and Kristen. Mike is a board member of Conexus Indiana Logistics Council (Southwest) and the I-67 Development Corporation.

Mike is a member of the Nature Conservancy, Indiana Woodland Owners Association, and Quail Unlimited. He manages several tracts of timberland and has been awarded the Charles Deam and Pioneer Forestry awards for woodland management. Mike has volunteered as a coach for youth sports and he currently serves on the Jasper School Board. Mike and Maureen attend St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana. He owns Meyer Distributing

On the issues, Mike is 100 percent pro-life, supporter of the Second Amendment, is pro economic growth, is in favor of term limits, and in favor of controlling spending and making government work smarter.

**RICHARD MOSS**

Dr. Richard Moss has been married to his wife, Supit, for 24 years and they are the parents of four children, Arielle (21), Noah (19), Adina (10), and Isaiah (9). Arielle and Noah

are currently both at IU in Bloomington.

Dr. Moss is a board certified specialist in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (Ear Nose and Throat). He earned his undergraduate degree in Biology at Indiana University, and completed his Doctor of Medicine degree at the I.U. School of Medicine in Indianapolis. Moss has been in private practice since 1991 with offices in Jasper, Washington, and Tell City.

Between 1987 and 1990, he traveled extensively throughout Asia, serving as a visiting surgeon on a voluntary basis at major medical centers in Thailand, Nepal, India, and Bangladesh.

Dr. Moss has written a regular conservative column for the Dubois County Herald for more than ten years. He has written also for the Indianapolis Star, the Evansville Courier, the Bloomington Herald-Times, the Petersburg Press Dispatch, and the Ferdinand News. He maintains a conservative blog and has recently authored a memoir.

Dr. Moss is a member of the Temple Adath B'nai Israel in Evansville.

On the issues, Dr. Moss is in favor of a lean and efficient government, is pro economic growth, is pro-life, in favor of traditional marriage, supports the Second Amendment, is against Obamacare, and is in favor of welfare, and immigration reform.



# Two Democrats go after office of prosecutor

**Democrat candidates for  
Martin County Prosecutor  
R. JOSEPH HOWELL AND  
C. MICHAEL STEINER**

**MCJ: Tell me about your background (family, schooling, etc.)**

**HOWELL:** I reside in Loogootee with my wife, Kim. We are parents of four children, Mackenzie, age 22, who graduated in December, 2013, with a degree in Psychology from Indiana University in Bloomington; Brian, age 21, who is autistic, and resides at home; Evan, age 19, who is employed by Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design in Loogootee; and Jared, age 19, who is a freshman at Vincennes University. My parents, Bob and Carolyn Howell, are lifelong residents of Martin County, and they reside in Shoals. I am a graduate of Shoals High School. I have a bachelor's degree in political science with a concentration in criminal justice from Indiana University. At IU, I served as editor-in-chief of the Indiana Law Journal. After law school, I served as Senior Law Clerk to the Honorable Michael Kanne on the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. I have prior experience as trial attorney and an appellate attorney gained while associated with the Indianapolis-based law firm of Baker & Daniels. Before becoming judge, I also practiced law in Martin County, where I served as Loogootee City Attorney and Counsel for the Loogootee Community School Corporation. I previously served as Martin County Circuit Court Judge for 18 years, before deciding not to seek re-election in 2010. Since deciding not to seek re-election, I have maintained a law office in downtown Loogootee.

**STEINER:** I am married to Shelli (Waggoner) Steiner. We have four daughters, Charli, Jena, Mindi, and Mackenzie. I graduated from Indiana University with a B.A. in Political Science in 1986. I graduated from the Indiana School of Law-Indianapolis in 1989. I began private practice in Washington in 1989 with the firm of Hayes and Dant. I then opened a solo practice in Loogootee in 1997. I became Martin County Prosecutor on January 1, 2003 and have held that position since.

**MCJ: Why do you want to be prosecutor or continue to be prosecutor?**

**HOWELL:** I am a Martin County native, and what happens here affects me, my friends, and my family, just like it affects all of Martin County's residents and businesses. I am concerned by the approach the office of the Martin County Prosecuting Attorney takes toward the filing and prosecution of cases, and I think I can do better. My opponent and I have markedly different approaches to office management and to the overall practice of law. We also have very different ideas about how the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney can and should serve Martin County. Criminal cases begin with investigations and arrests made by trained law enforcement officers, who have attended and graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. A prosecuting attorney should confer and advise law enforcement officials during the investigatory phase of a case and should assist with establishing policies and procedures to insure cases can be successfully prosecuted once filed. However, a prosecuting attorney must be committed to performing the work of a lawyer first and foremost. I believe that cases must be reviewed thoroughly, but in a timely manner, before they are filed. I believe that filing and then dismissing a case because of a lack of evidence or because of a procedural problem is the wrong approach. It can ruin someone's life, and it wastes resources. I believe that thorough preparation at all stages of a case is the key to protecting and serving the interests of everyone affected by allegations of criminal activity. I believe that a lawyer's work does not end when someone is arrested and a case is filed. I understand that dismissing a case or entering into a minimal plea agreement is always the quickest and easiest way



**R. JOSEPH HOWELL**

to end a criminal case. However, I know that the quick and easy way does not mean it is the right thing to do. I believe that a lawyer should not look for the quickest and easiest way to end a case. A lawyer should do the work necessary to protect everyone's interests.

**STEINER:** I would like to continue as Martin County Prosecutor for a variety of reasons. The primary reason is that, as prosecutor, I get to do what I think is the right thing to do most of the time. Every case is different and needs individual evaluation. Trying to come up with a result that benefits everyone, if possible, is a challenge that I enjoy and take seriously. I have done this job for a little over 11 years and think I have done it well. While I wish I were perfect and had all the answers all the time I realize that is not the case. I do the best I can with the information I have at the time and go from there. I strive for perfection with the knowledge that I won't get there but knowing that if I get close it's a pretty good result. Prosecutors also need to develop good relationships with other elected officials, the probation department, community corrections, and, most importantly, police officers. This I know I have done. I know that the law enforcement officers of this county support me and trust me. I deal with the people and cases that they do. To know that they believe that I do a good job is very important to me.

**MCJ: When a criminal case comes to you how and why does it end up getting dismissed?**

**HOWELL:** A prosecuting attorney may decide to dismiss a case because, after it is filed, he or she realizes that there is not enough evidence to convict the persons charged with the crime or after it is filed, a crime victim, or an important witness, refuses to cooperate, or may even request the case to be dismissed. A prosecuting attorney may also decide to dismiss a case as part of a plea agreement. That is, after a case is filed, he or she may decide it is easier to allow someone to plead guilty to a lower charge than proceed with a trial on a higher charge. In some cases, if a prosecuting attorney does not push a case to trial, then evidence is lost, witnesses become forgetful, and cases are more difficult to win at trial. Delay is a defendant's best friend. A prosecuting attorney who accepts or promotes delay is much more likely to lose a case. Dismissing a case or entering into a minimal plea agreement is always the quickest and easiest way to end a criminal case. I know that the quick and easy way does not mean it is the right thing to do. I believe that thorough preparation at all stages of a case is the key to protecting and serving the interests of everyone affected by allegations of criminal activity. I believe that a lawyer's work does not end when someone is arrested and a case is filed. Cases must be reviewed thoroughly, but in a timely manner, before they are filed. Filing then dismissing a case because of a lack of evidence or a procedural problem wastes resources, and it can ruin someone's life. I believe that a lawyer should not look for the quickest and easiest way to end a case. A lawyer should



**C. MICHAEL STEINER**

do the work necessary to protect everyone's interests.

**STEINER:** Almost all cases that are dismissed are the result of a defendant pleading guilty to another charge, a defendant completing a pre-trial diversion program, or because victims request the dismissal. There is nothing nefarious or sinister about this. It happens in every court in every county all across the state and country every day.

**MCJ: What do you see as Martin County's biggest problem, criminally? Is there anything the prosecutor can do to battle that problem?**

**HOWELL:** My opponent's print ads state that there are not many serious or violent crimes in Martin County. I disagree. Serious crimes, in fact, are committed in Martin County. Just because no one is ever prosecuted or convicted does not mean that serious crimes are not committed. Martin County citizens regularly witness illegal drug sales and usage in their neighborhood, they have been the victims of a burglary, they have been the victims of domestic or family violence, battery, and sex offenses, and they have witnessed cases of child abuse, child neglect, or battery upon a child. These are serious crimes. If elected, I hope that the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney will earn a reputation for being efficient, responsive, and professional. Responding to requests for information in a timely manner, providing assistance to crime victims, and setting and meeting deadlines should be a priority. I will be aggressive, but always fair."

**STEINER:** The biggest problem we deal with on a regular basis is two-fold and interconnected. Drug and alcohol addictions as well as mental health issues with people lead to burglaries and thefts. These are obviously not the only problems we see but they are the ones we see most often. If we do not address the root causes of criminal behavior we accomplish nothing except to warehouse people at a cost of about \$105/day. I have tried to use a combination of jail time, suspended sentences, and treatment to get people to modify their behavior. The thought of just locking people up seems appealing but I have learned that just locking people up does nothing but cost us, the taxpayers, money.

**MCJ: Why should the voter choose you over your opponent?**

**HOWELL:** I believe that my accomplishments and experience show that I have the ability to be an effective lawyer and prosecuting attorney. I know the law and the rules of procedure, and I have demonstrated that I can do the work of a successful lawyer. However, in addition to criminal law, I have extensive experience in family and juvenile law and in business law, all of which would be a great benefit to the people who depend upon the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney is not just responsible for criminal matters. The office makes decisions almost daily about whether to investigate and pursue allegations regarding juvenile delinquency, child abuse, and child neglect. I believe that I can make the office

more responsive to the needs of children and parents in the community. If elected, I will not completely delegate all child-support related duties to third parties, and I will actively oversee the members of the staff who handle the day-to-day activities. Once again, with my background and experience in family law, I can insure that the office complies with its legal duties and effectively serves the community who depend upon it. If elected, I believe that my knowledge of and experience with the various grant application processes and my long-standing relationship with state administrators should benefit Martin County in the ever-increasing competition for state, federal, and private grants.

**STEINER:** I suppose I could throw stones in response to this question but I realize I live in a glass house. I prefer to point out what I believe are the positive aspects of what I have done. I know that I have given my best effort. I believe that people who needed to go to prison have gone to prison; that people who have needed a wake-up call have gotten a wake-up call; and that people who need help have gotten help to the best of my ability to give it. I have established solid working relationships with the court, probation, community corrections, the county council, the county commissioners, other officeholders, and our police officers. I have represented Martin County at the state level by serving on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council and the Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys. I was elected President of the Association and currently serve in that capacity. Finally, I believe that I have done this job well.

**MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?**

**HOWELL:** I was raised in Martin County. My family and I live and work in this community. Kim and I have raised four children here, and they are now young adults. Martin County is our home, and what happens here affects us, our friends, our relatives, and our neighbors. We care about Martin County. I will be grateful to the voters of Martin County if they will give me an opportunity to serve as Martin County's next prosecuting attorney so that I can help identify and solve problems affecting all of us."

**STEINER:** The only thing I have left is that I decided not to play politics with this job. I decided I would do the job the way I thought it needed to be done and if that was good enough to warrant re-election then I would get re-elected. Some people are in a job because they want to be involved in politics. Some are in politics because they want to do a particular job. I clearly fall into the second category.

## Polling sites

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

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

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

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

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

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







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

Another election is here! One of my favorite things about being a journalist is covering elections. And every election I cross my fingers hoping there will be record voter turnout. The Primary is the hardest to get people to show up to. I have found that many don't vote in the Primary simply because they are confused about how to do it. Even something as simple as rain can ruin voter turnout at elections. I have seen it happen time and time again.

For those who may not understand, the purpose of the Primary Election is to allow more than one candidate in a political party to run for the same office against each other. The voters decide in the Primary which candidate from their political party is best suited to run against the opposing parties in the General Election. The only difference in voting in the Primary is that you only get one ballot when you go in to vote – Republican or Democrat. So even though there may be contested races on both ballots, you only get to pick candidates from one side. For instance this year, there are three locally contested races on the Democrat ballot (prosecutor, commissioner district two, and Perry Township Trustee) and three state candidate contested races on the Republican ballot (state representative district 63, U.S. Congress district 8, and Indiana Senate district 39). You unfortunately just have to decide when you go in which ones you feel most strongly about getting a say-so in. It can be a difficult decision unless you are a die-hard Democrat or Republican. But if you are registered to vote you should definitely participate in the Primary since it will decide who will be facing off in the General Election.

In this week's issue I have done research on the state candidates and included whatever information I could find about them including their voting record, if that applied, and their campaign finance, if they turned it in.

On the local level, I sent interview questions to the candidates of the three local races, like I do every election. This hopefully will help the voter see where candidates stand on certain issues and help the voter get to know that person, even if it's just a little bit.

If possible, please take the time to read through the questions and answers and biography information. If you don't know a candidate or don't get the opportunity to meet them prior to next Tuesday, this may be the only information you have to go on. Just voting for someone because you recognize the name or because they already hold that office is a scary way to vote.

Keep in mind that you can also go to the courthouse before noon on Monday and vote absentee. It's really simple. You just take your driver's license in show it to someone in the clerk's office. They will ask you which ballot you want – Republican or Democrat. You pick one and then the election workers in the commissioners' room will walk you through how to vote absentee. It takes about five minutes in all. Then you are done and don't have to find time to make it to your polling location on Tuesday.

If you do decide to just go to your polling location, just remember that polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6. Polling sites changed again so you can find a list of them on the previous page, bottom right-hand corner.

I feel strongly about folks exercising their right to vote. So many people gripe and complain about not having any rights in this country anymore, but many of those same people don't bother to exercise one of the most important rights they do have. Those people are usually the ones that gripe and complain about who gets voted into office too. The people that get elected into office affect your life, whether you realize it or not. It's very, very important to cast your vote and make sure the right ones get in there.

## Primary Election candidates

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

### UNITED STATES REP. (DISTRICT 8)

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

### INDIANA SENATE (DISTRICT 39)

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

### INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 62)

Matt Ubelhor (R)  
Jeff Sparks (D)

### INDIANA STATE REP. (DISTRICT 63)

Mike Braun (R)  
Richard Moss (R)

### CLERK

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

### ASSESSOR

Carolyn S. McGuire (R)

### SHERIFF

Robert F. "Rob" Street (D)

### PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER

#### DISTRICT 2

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

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Randy Wininger (D)

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

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

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Barbara D. McFeaters (R)

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

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

### CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Charles S. Hamilton (R)

### HALBERT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Exzelia Montgomery (R)

### LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP

#### TRUSTEE

Mildred C. Brown (R)

### MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP

#### TRUSTEE

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

### PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

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

Jason Hennette (D)

### RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP

#### TRUSTEE

Terry J. Street (D)

### CENTER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY

#### BOARD (vote for 3)

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

Larry L. Downs (R)

### HALBERT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY

#### BOARD (vote for 3)

Travis Montgomery (R)  
Stevie J. Horton (R)

Kimberly L. Albright (R)

### LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY

#### BOARD (vote for 3)

Alice Dianne Butler (R)  
Bruce Fithian (R)

### MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY

#### BOARD (vote for 3)

Sharon K. Belcher (R)  
Charity (Belcher) Tolbert (R)

Dan J. Butler (R)

### PERRY TOWNSHIP ADVISORY

#### BOARD (vote for 3)

Julie Green (D)  
Sue Hunt (D)

Brandi Hennette (D)

### STATE CONVENTION

#### DELEGATES (vote for 4)

Gerald D. Montgomery (R)  
Stevie J. Horton (R)

Warren D. Albright (R)

Karen A. Hickman (R)

### DEMOCRAT PRECINCT

#### COMMITTEEMEN

James Richard Taylor (Perry 1)  
Tammy Jo Gore (Mitcheltree)

Raydies Thimling (East Memphis)

Roger Cooper (Lost River)

Alice A. Robbins (West Memphis)

Richard Baugh (North Halbert)

Charles W. Stringer (South Halbert)

Daniel M. "Dan" Steiner (Perry 5)



## 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR ELECTION DAY

- 1 PLAN AHEAD** Visit [www.IndianaVoters.com](http://www.IndianaVoters.com) or call 1-866-IN-1-VOTE (866-461-8683) to check your voter registration and polling place. You may also call the Indian Election Division at 1-800-622-4941, your county clerk or county board of voter registration.
- 2 Polls are open Election Day from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, prevailing local time.**
- 3 BRING PHOTO ID** A voter must provide an Indiana state government-issued or federal government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot. An Indiana Driver's License, Indiana Photo ID card (available free of charge for voting purposes from the BMV), US Passport, or Military ID is sufficient. The ID must:
  1. Display the **voter's photo**;
  2. Display the **voter's name**, and the name must conform to the voter's registration record (conform does NOT mean identical);
  3. Display an **expiration date** and be current or have expired sometime after the date of the last General Election (except for certain military IDs).
- 4 VOTE EARLY** by taking advantage of your county's **absentee voting** options. Voters who qualify may vote absentee by mail or absentee by traveling board by completing the absentee ballot application and returning it to your county election office.
- 5 PAY ATTENTION** Look at the signs at your polling place for directions on how to use the voting machines, a list of your voting rights, information on provisional ballots and instructions for filing a complaint if your rights have been violated.
- 6 KNOW THE LAW** Every polling place is required to have facilities and voting machines accessible to elderly voters and voters with disabilities.

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