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Noel Harty wins primary for Loogootee Mayor

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With a rocky ballot counting at Tuesday night's primary election, unofficial results were finally announced close to three hours after the polls were closed. Noel Harty edged the other three mayoral candidates finishing with 308; sixty five votes more than incumbent Don Bowling who brought in 243 votes. In third place was Brian Ader with 172 votes while Joe Mattox finished with 21. Harty said, "I am honored and privileged to have been chosen to serve as the next mayor of Loogootee. This is a challenge which will not be taken lightly. I wish to thank the residents of Loogootee for their vote of encouragement and good faith to carry out this responsibility." Harty celebrated with a "win or lose party" at Pizza & More with his campaign team, family, friends and supporters.

What was expected to be short and sweet with only four precincts voting in one location in Loogootee this year, the election aftermath turned out to be a three-hour wait



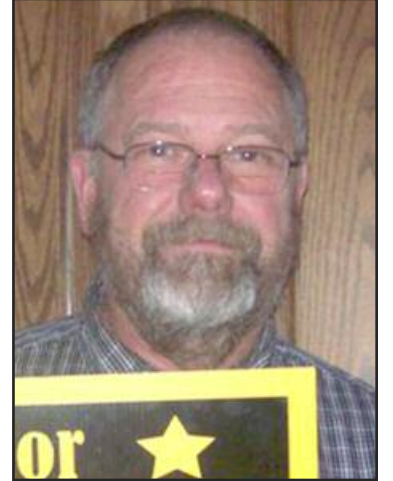
NOEL HARTY



JOHN FRALEY



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for primary hopefuls. According to Martin County Clerk Julie Fithian there were several problems with the ballot counting. In the end, the ballots had to be re-fed through the tabulating machines twice and then counted by hand. Fithian apologized to the voters and the candidates for the delay and stated that she had been on and off the phone with the specialist who set up the ma-

chines. The staff got the machines working again a little after 9 p.m. last night.

In the Loogootee City Council At-Large race newcomer Fred Dupps defeated current city council member Phyllis Parker with a final tally of 444 to 270. Dupps said after the final tally, "I just want to thank everyone who came out to support me. It was deeply appreciated. I will do my best

to serve everyone. If anyone has any issues that they would like for me to work on after I take office, they can reach me at 812-709-1166."

Parker stated that she left whether she was re-elected in God's hands. "I will just continue to follow the path that he has set for me," she said. Parker noted that she still has (See 'ELECTION' on page two)



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shown above, from left to right, are Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder, Loogootee Superintendent Larry Weitkamp, Cary Bledsoe of STIMULUS, Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling, and Matt Craig of Crane.

STIMULUS Engineering plants more roots in Martin County

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A ribbon-cutting was held last Wednesday, April 27 for STIMULUS Engineering at the former Loogootee Elementary East building. STIMULUS recently signed a lease with the Loogootee School Corporation for two years at \$13,000 per month. STIMULUS will be using the building for workforce development and training of Crane employees.

Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder estimates 250 people per week to be streaming into the city during peak training times. He said that he is currently working on a plan to work with local businesses to provide maps and information to those who will be training at the location. Kinder said

this will allow those who have never visited the area to know where to go to buy lunch, gas, prescriptions, and anything else they would need while in the area. Kinder also said that hundreds of thousands of dollars will be generated into the community per year with the influx of people through the building.

Also, it is estimated that STIMULUS will be hiring 10 full-time employees and 40 or more part-time.

Right now, Kinder said his main goal is to find cost sharing to pave the current grass area that once served as a playground. He said more parking is certainly needed and he hopes to find money through various sources to get the job done including the Martin County Redevelopment Commission.

County council split over animal control; general fund already in trouble

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The Martin County Council started off their meeting Monday night with discussion of the humane society and the newly-updated Animal Control Commission. Tasked with appointing one member to the commission, the council had several questions related to the Animal Control Ordinance. Council member Lynn Gee questioned Auditor Nancy Steiner on why some residents are still paying dog tax and where this money goes. She said she knows at least three people in Loogootee who are paying \$11 a year. Steiner replied that she calculates the property tax bills and as far as she knows, no one is being charged a dog tax. Discussion then ensued on whether the tax is being billed by the township trustees. Gee said she would ask that one of the residents bring in their bill to show Auditor Steiner so she can find out

where the money is going.

Council member Warren Albright said that Ben Survance was interested in serving on the Animal Control Commission. He said that those in attendance at the recent commissioners' meeting felt that those already appointed to the commission were in favor of a dog tax therefore the opposing side of the issue needed to be represented.

"I see in the cities or towns they may have problems with dogs," said Council member John Stoll. "But in the country, we don't have a single problem out there with dogs. If we do, they are taken care of right quick."

"I'm sure there's problems someplace with dogs running loose," replied Council member Gee.

Commissioner Dan Gregory who was in the audience explained to the council that the commissioners made their appointments and put a stay on the ordinance for six months

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Loogootee School Board unanimously votes to keep Coach Wagoner for another year

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Prior to the meeting last Wednesday, April 27, Loogootee School Board member Scott Hall asked those in attendance to allow him to say a prayer and join in. The special meeting was held for the board to vote on the fate of Mike Wagoner as varsity basketball coach. Wagoner, according to the board, received a bad evaluation from high school principal John Mullen and Mullen had recommended the board not renew his ECA contract. After a tremendous outcry from residents at the last regular meeting, the board decided to table the decision until

they were able to meet with Wagoner in private. That closed-door meeting was held Saturday, April 23.

Hall started the prayer off asking for forgiveness and guidance in helping the city come together and heal. He went on to pray for the school, residents, board, and administrators saying that only God knows how people feel within their hearts.

At the start of the meeting Superintendent Larry Weitkamp thanked the players, administrators, parents, patrons, and fans for their input on the decision and their concern. He also thanked the school board for their intense review and followed that with (See 'LOGOOTE' on page three)

COUNCIL

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where no fees are allowed to be collected. He said that the Animal Control Commission has six months to form, meet, and come back with recommendations for the commissioners who are tasked with approving or denying.

"The bottom line of the committee from what I gathered at the meeting is they want the county people paying for dog catching in the city," said Council member Warren Albright. "If you listen to some of them, the main thing this is about is generating money to pay for the building."

"And I'll guarantee ya there are more dogs coming from the city out to the country than the country back to the city," said Council member Stoll.

Albright then questioned whether the local humane society was connected to the national humane society.

"They're not," replied Auditor Steiner.

"They use the same name so if there's any connection at all the national humane society it will put every CFO in the county out of business," replied Albright.

Steiner said she looked into that at her son's request and found that they are not connected.

Commissioner Gregory suggested the council appoint the strongest advocate against the Animal Control Ordinance.

Council member Gee expressed interest in serving on the commission saying that she sees both sides of it. "I've seen a lot of stuff they've been going through," she said referring to the humane society. "If you go up there and see the animals they've got right now and how well they're taken care of you'd see these animals need someplace to go."

Council member Stoll commented that the humane society is only allowed to keep dogs for a certain amount of time before they have to euthanize them.

Gee replied that since the local humane society is not connected to the national humane society they can keep the dogs as long as they want to. "They haven't put any animals to sleep unless they were hurt so bad that they could not be fixed, that I know for a fact," she said. She said that the humane society is working with the local vets who are providing care to the animals at the cheapest rate possible and the society will also help anyone who can't afford it to spay or neuter their pets. "They're doing a lot of good," she said.

Council member Stoll said that if Shoals, Loogootee, and Crane want to draw up their own ordinance they can. "They don't have to spread it all over the county because we don't have a problem in the county," he said.

Council president Rich Summers interrupted the conversation asking if anyone had suggestions for an appointment to the commission. Albright replied with a motion saying that Ben Survance would be a good advocate against the other already-appointed members of the commission, "Out of nine people if he can sway them he would be doing pretty good," he said.

Council member Randy Winger said he had a problem appointing anyone to the commission because he didn't know what the end result was going to be.

"That's what the committee has to decide," said Gee.

"It's a county ordinance and a county committee. A county committee can't switch it to a town deal," said Albright.

Stoll made a motion to not appoint anyone until more research was done regarding city and town ordinances. His motion died for lack of a second.

More discussion ensued about the commission going forward with or without the appointment from the county council.

Commissioner Gregory from the audience explained that the ordinance has been county-wide and in place since 1997 but nothing has been enforced. The commission was designed to look at the ordinance and possibly make updates and bring those back to the commissioners for approval.

Albright suggested Ben Survance again

saying that his impression from the commissioners' meeting was that "they (the commissioners) wanted at least one voice that was not 100 percent for everything."

Survance was appointed with a 5-2 vote with Lynn Gee and Rich Summers opposed.

President Summers reported that LTAP was supposed to be at the meeting but couldn't attend. He said they want to come May 23 at 6 p.m. instead and a special meeting would need to be held. Their presentation has to do with the wheel tax.

The council discussed the possibility of LTAP coming during their next regular meeting on June 6 and highway superintendent Jim Williams explained that if the wheel tax was to be approved, which must be done by June 30 to be in effect for the next year, then a June 6 meeting date to gather information may be too late. He said that it had to be read two times by the council.

Williams also noted that with the highway department's shortages over the last several years, the wheel tax, at its maximum amount, would only bring the department back to where it used to be 10 years ago. He also noted that income from the wheel tax must go into designated funds and cannot be spent wherever needed. Loogootee, Shoals, and Crane would also get a portion of the tax.

After quite a bit more discussion on which date to hold the meeting it was decided that it would be May 23 at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and it will be a joint meeting between the council and the commissioners.

The next item on the agenda was the highway salary ordinance. Williams said he had enough money in his budget to pay two temporary employees \$10 per hour for 40 hours a week for 16 weeks. Not needing an official vote, the council okayed the request.

Auditor Nancy Steiner then brought up budget concerns. She said that there are funds that are running low and will soon run out of money. She said that these funds pay for necessities. She also noted that budget hearings will begin in July and something needs to be done about the insurance. Last year, to fund the around \$600,000 needed to pay for employee insurance, the money was taken out of the Rainy Day fund and the EDIT fund. With the Rainy Day fund being almost depleted, another way to pay for it will need to be found. "Some major decisions are going to have to be made and soon," she said. "Or else we're going to have big, big, big trouble with Martin County."

She handed out information with each fund that is running low and suggested the council take them home and take a look. "We can't just keep pushing this off till later," she said. "Later is here."

Steiner added that many of the funds have already been cut for the bare necessities and that it's going to be difficult to operate even with those cuts.

Steiner also reported that the county received \$321,619 in Crane timber money.

Employee health insurance was discussed briefly with council president Summers saying that the commissioners needed to be made aware of the issue.

Commissioner Gregory reported that the fund to operate the veterans' van was depleted from the \$750 appropriated. He requested that \$2,000 be transferred from Rainy Day into the fund to keep the van on the road for veterans. "We don't want to take that away from them but we are going to be forced to do something," he said. It was decided to talk to local veterans' organizations to see if they could help. Council member Lonnie Hawkins told Steiner to make an additional appropriation from the Rainy Day fund of \$1,000 to keep the van going until more funding could be found. The additional will be advertised prior to being approved at the next meeting and was approved by the rest of the council.

Commissioner Gregory addressed the council on the repairs to the exterior to the jail. He said the engineering would be good until the county decided to do the work and suggested going ahead and doing the engineering to see what repairs need to be done.

\$115,000 was budgeted for the project with \$12,500 for engineering through Midwestern Engineers. Gregory said that the commissioners will discuss the engineering at their next meeting and probably go ahead with it.

Alliance Director Tim Kinder updated the council on the ribbon cutting at STIMULUS held last week in the former Loogootee Elementary East building. He reported that this was the first project that the Martin County Alliance was involved in from the ground up. He said hundreds of thousands of dollars per year will be generated into the community from the hundreds of people who will be in

and out of the building. He also talked about needing a parking lot area paved in the former playground area and that he is looking for funding for that project from several sources as a cost-sharing plan.

Steiner reported that the Martin County Chamber will be meeting in the courthouse on May 11 at noon and she invited to council to attend. She spoke briefly on a USBA grant that the chamber oversees for small businesses to get loans that are currently not being utilized. She requested that anyone who was interested in learning more about it to attend the meeting.

ELECTION

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several months left in her current seat and she will still do the best she can for the residents of Loogootee.

John Fraley defeated his three opponents for the Loogootee City Council District 3 race. Fraley finished with 386, Karen Hickman had 193 votes, Pat Burcham brought in 72 votes, and Dwight Schultheis finished with 54. After the election Fraley thanked the voters saying, "I appreciate your votes and I will work real hard for the citizens of Loogootee."

Loogootee school teacher Ron Gilbert defeated Harold Greene in the Loogootee City Council District 2 race 459 to 250. Ron said after the election, "I want to thank all the citizens of Loogootee for coming out and voting. Also, thanks for voting me in as City

Councilman District 2. I will serve Loogootee to the best of my ability; I will listen and vote the way that is best for the citizens."

Current council members Rich Taylor and Rick Norris both ran unopposed and therefore will retain their seats of not challenged by a republican in the November election. Taylor finished with 496 votes, Norris had 526. Current clerk-treasurer Nancy Jones also sought re-election in an unopposed race. She finished with 549 votes.

Republican candidates have until August 1 to file to be a part of the general election in November. If no candidates file then the primary results will stand.

Loogootee had 2,027 registered voters and 745 of them cast a ballot or 36.75 percent.

Loogootee Primary Election results by precinct

CANDIDATES/RACES	PERRY 1	PERRY 2	PERRY 3	PERRY 4	Totals
Loogootee Mayor					
Brian T. Ader	67	39	16	50	172
Don Bowling	94	72	18	59	243
Noel D. Harty	107	90	45	66	308
Joe I. Mattox	3	6	5	7	21
					0
Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer					
Nancy (McAtee) Jones	205	157	62	125	549
					0
Loogootee City Council At-Large					
Fred A. Dupps	168	112	50	114	444
Phyllis A. Parker	97	84	29	60	270
					0
Loogootee City Council District 1					
James Rich Taylor	183	139	59	115	496
					0
Loogootee City Council District 2					
Ronald (Ron) Gilbert	192	110	53	104	459
Harold L. Green	72	90	22	66	250
					0
Loogootee City Council District 3					
Pat Burcham	22	20	12	18	72
John G. Fraley	137	119	38	92	386
Karen Anne Hickman	77	50	23	43	193
Dwight G. Schultheis	22	7	9	16	54
					0
Loogootee City Council District 4					
Donald (Rick) Norris	192	136	64	134	526
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	271	207	84	183	745

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Shoals School Board meeting revisited

Editor's note: The minutes of the Shoals School Board's April 25th meeting were published in last week's Journal. A few of the school board members stated after the minutes were published that the meeting was not properly portrayed. After listening to a portion of the meeting, the Martin County Journal is re-running another version along with modifications from Superintendent Secretary Andrea Qualkenbush.

The Shoals School Board met Monday, April 25 in special session to discuss cost-saving measures for the next school year. At the start of the two and a half hour discussion, Superintendent Dr. Tony Nonte explained to the board that even with the state's estimated revenues possibly being higher than previously expected, the school still needed to make cuts. He said the school is expected to lose \$650,000 over the next two years and in order to keep the school open the board needed to find ways to decrease costs.

He presented his recommendations to the board which included eliminating a second grade class, dropping them down to two, and moving the extra teacher to half-time as a pre-school teacher. The other half of the teacher's contract would be reduced.

Dr. Nonte also recommended doing away with the athletic director position and moving the current AD to teacher only and eliminating a health/physical education position.

He said he originally wanted to look into eliminating the assistant high school principal position but since Mr. Stevens still has a year left on his contract this cannot be done.

Dr. Nonte then recommended the board make a motion to approve sending reduction in force letters to those staff members who would be affected. Board members Christy Farhar and Mary Lou Billings stated their confusion with the recommendation explaining that they thought the purpose of the meeting was for each board member to bring forward ideas for cost-savings. They said they were not aware that voting would be done and were not prepared to vote. Nonte explained that there is a deadline that must be met in order to send out RIF (reduction in force) letters and he was under the impression that this was the purpose of the meeting.

The discussion moved on with Dr. Nonte noting that field trips may need to be elimi-

nated next year with the exception of competitions, the senior trip, and anything local. He also suggested eliminating the \$5,000 stipend the summer coaches receive and split.

Board member Billings suggested that the board consider other ways of reducing expenses to help save jobs. Among the suggestions were to have the athletic department pay toward the cost of the \$5,000 summer stipend divided among the various coaches; reduce the number of games played; have one coach for the elementary teams and pay one stipend only; pay toward the cost of transportation during the year, as well as the summer. Christy Farhar added that the positions of coaching attendant could be eliminated.

The board asked Dr. Nonte to identify the estimated cost savings related to these suggestions and bring that to the next board meeting.

In the end, Dr. Nonte recommended the board approve sending written notice that the following reductions in force will be officially considered for approval a special meeting May 31 at 5 p.m.

-Reduce one elementary teacher by reducing the number of sections of current second graders from three to two. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, Christy Farhar was opposed.

-Reduce one physical education/health teacher for the 2011-12 school year. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, Christy Farhar

was opposed.

-Reduce the position of athletic director/teacher to teacher for the 2011-12 school year. The duties of athletic director would be re-assigned to others. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, Christy Farhar was again opposed.

The board will meet again on Thursday, May 12 at 5 p.m.

Bullying seminar for parents to be held May 10 at LHS

Experience an amazing and insightful evening with Jim Williams, author of "Parenting on Point" and nationally known motivational speaker! Learn the lifelong impact parenting techniques and adult influences have on local youth. Mr. Williams will address raising the strong-willed child and the difference we can make as a community while combating the bullying epidemic our kids face today.

The event will be held Tuesday, May 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium.

For more information, contact Lisa Brittain at 812-247-3652. The seminar is free and open to all parents.

The event is sponsored by The Fathers Forever Coalition of Lawrence County, Indiana Youth Institute, Martin County Probation Department, and Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School.

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a recommendation to keep Mike Wagoner as coach for another year. Board member Tim Bradley made the motion to keep him with Scott Hall making the second. Prior to the final vote board member Eric Ackerman wanted to note that the process the board went through to approve or deny Principal Mullen's recommendation was different then in the past. "I feel like the process kind of blew up in our face, there were mistakes made and I am pointing the finger at myself and other people through this whole process," he said. He said that the issue blew up Tuesday and didn't allow the school board to do their jobs. He said the process was to get a recommendation from

Superintendent Weitkamp, discuss it, and vote on it. "We never fully got that chance," he said. He went on to say that he didn't even want to hold Wednesday night's special meeting because Mike was never let go of his duties. "He had a bad evaluation or a critical evaluation is probably a better word and it was done by his superiors and I stand by the evaluation, I do not stand by the recommendation." He went on to say that he doesn't feel like the recommendation was warranted.

Board member Hall said, "I do want to share that whoever stated 'sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me' never faced a tough crowd with a decision and definitely didn't have the internet. He went on to talk about tradition and quoted Abraham Lincoln about pleasing people.

"Whatever decision is made here tonight does not make us cowards, nor will it make us heroes. We are five men of flesh and blood trying to do what is right for this community and also the other 260 students in our school," he said.

Hall added that the success of our community is not a result of athletics but how the students are prepared to move on in the world. He said that he would like more attention to be given to those who are not athletic but for any student who gives their all representing the school.

After Hall finished the board voted unanimously to keep Wagoner.

Board member Larry Craney commented saying that he agreed with Hall's remarks and wanted to note that the board cannot take one opinion, they have to take the opinions of the whole community and he thanked everyone for expressing those opinions.

Ackerman then commented again saying there were two sides to the issue despite what some may think. He asked that the community get behind the basketball program and support it. He said that Coach Wagoner has looked in the mirror and found things that he is going to work on. "Hopefully we'll have a great year, make a heck of a run next year and we won't have to go through this again because, trust me, it's not fun," he said.

Coach Wagoner thanked the board for their patience and meeting with him.

Board member Tim Bradley finished the meeting asking those in attendance to stay involved and attend the meetings. "Come and be a part of the process," he said.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM H. "DUKE" SMITH

William H. "Duke" Smith passed away unexpectedly at his home Friday morning, April 29, 2011. A resident of New Castle, he was 63.

He was born February 6, 1948, in New Castle; the son of the late Arthur and Louise (Vanderpool) Smith. He was a retired construction and factory worker. He was a member of the New Castle Moose Lodge and the New Castle Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved to hunt and fish. He also enjoyed cooking and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma (Blair) Smith; one son, William H. Smith Jr. of New Castle; two stepsons, Tony Tinkle of Shoals and Roger Tinkle of Loogootee; four grandchildren, Kachina Perkins and Matt Perkins, both of New Castle, and Justin and Lee Smith; one sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Ron Hetrick of Van Nuys, California; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Frank Smith of New Castle and Donald and Gertie Smith of Lafayette. An aunt, nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Arthur Smith; a stepson, Mike Tinkle; a stepdaughter, Kathy Tinkle; two grandchildren, Angel and Matthew Smith; and one sister, Betty Wadsworth.


Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 3 at Main and Davis Funeral Home, Broad Street Chapel, in New Castle, with Pastor Bill Palmer officiating. Burial followed in Green Hills Memory Gardens west of New Castle.

Online condolences may be made at www.mainanddavis.com.


Thank You!

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Thank you, Brian Ader, Mayor Don Bowling, and Joe Mattox for your dedication to Loogootee and for running a great campaign. A special thanks to Mayor Don Bowling for eight years of service!



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, April 26

9:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer to check out a vehicle that has been abandoned.

1:15 p.m. - Received a call from CSX advising that there is a dog trying to attack their workers in the Shoals area.

2:24 p.m. - Assisted Daviess County Sheriff's Department with an investigation in the Crane area.

4:47 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer to investigate a theft that has happened on his property.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in a semi on U.S. 50 heading west from Lawrence County.

8:07 p.m. - Had a subject call and advise he will be parking his vehicles along the roadway outside Loogootee. Caller advised it is due to flooding.

8:13 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on US 231 north of Loogootee.

Wednesday, April 27

4:47 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking Mill Road. County highway department was notified.

6:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee for a female that has fallen. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:12 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in reference to stolen medication.

4:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The ambulance did not transport.

8:50 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in reference to vandalism to a house.

Thursday, April 28

12:46 a.m. - Received a report of a tree over the roadway on Sherfick School Road.

2:35 a.m. - Received a call from Daviess/Martin REMC advising that a tree is blocking the roadway on DH Gate Road.

3:40 a.m. - Received a report of a utility line down across State Road 550.

8:22 a.m. - Received a report of a possible poacher.

8:51 a.m. - Martin County Child Services requested an officer assist with an investigation.

9:11 a.m. - Received a 911 request for an ambulance in Odon. The call was transferred to Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

9:15 a.m. - D&M Market advised they had a drive-off. They advised it was a light blue Chevy truck heading towards Loogootee.

11:18 a.m. - Received a 911 hang-up and were unable to make contact with the caller.

11:23 - Received a 911 hang-up on Winger Road. Were advised that the phone lines were underwater at this time.

12:28 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver traveling east on U.S. 50, toward Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle parked along the road that is a traffic hazard.

2:39 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in the Loogootee area.

7:30 p.m. - Received a call about a tree that was over the roadway near the entrance of the Martin State Forest on Williams Road.

8:15 p.m. - Subject was on station to report his property had been broken into and he had several items stolen..

Friday, April 29

4:56 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism to trailers at the Jason Jones Trucking Company.

6:02 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver near Whitfield area.

7:10 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with a locked vehicle.

8:45 a.m. - A female came on station to report property damage.

2:09 p.m. - A subject came on station for a vehicle check.

2:29 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in locating a subject that had failed to arrive at their destination.

3:31 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northbound on U.S. 231, from Haysville.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound on U.S. 50.

7:45 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, headed toward Lawrence County.

7:57 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious four-wheeler on Brooks Bridge Road.

8:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:36 p.m. - Received a call about a domestic dispute in Crane Village.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a four-wheeler accident on Elliott Cemetery Road.

Saturday, April 30

1:45 a.m. - Received a call about a recreational vehicle on U.S. 231, three miles south of Loogootee, causing a traffic hazard.

2:45 a.m. - The Martin County Ambulance responded to Vine Street in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

11:43 a.m. - A female caller reported threats against her and her dog.

1:46 p.m. - Received a report of two juvenile boys possibly lost in the high water. Another call from the complainant a short time later advised that the boys had been located.

3:37 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on U.S. 231, just north of Nolley Lane.

6:27 p.m. - Received a report of a subject allowing her children to play in the river water in Shoals.

6:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial.

6:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:00 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm east of Loogootee.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of speeding in the Scenic Hill area.

11:40 p.m. - Received a complaint of a loud moped on Sherfick School Road.

Sunday, May 1

6:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee near West Boggs. The subject was transported to Bloomington Hospital.

8:36 a.m. - Received a request for lift as-

sistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but no transport was necessary.

9:46 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident.

12:04 p.m. - Received a request for an officer to assist a mother with an incorrigible child.

1:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Boyd Hollow Road. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity in the Shoals area.

8:04 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm on Seals Road.

Monday, May 2

1:30 a.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler in Loogootee.

4:46 a.m. - Received a report of the water over the roadway on U.S. 150 at Deer Valley.

5:16 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen four-wheeler.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Abel Hill Road.

8:09 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on the roadway on U.S. 150 about two miles from Shoals.

11:53 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle by the bridge in Cale.

12:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

1:40 p.m. - Received information that a four-wheeler that had been reported stolen has been located.

2:34 p.m. - A female caller advised that when she returned home she found that her home had been entered and items were missing.

8:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Vincennes Good Samaritan Hospital.

9:55 p.m. - Received a call from a female reporting a suspicious vehicle on Chicken Farm Road.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a dog in Shoals without shelter from the weather.

Tuesday, May 3

11:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Martin County accident reports

Sunday, April 24

3:19 p.m. - Karen S. Lengacher, of Loogootee, was operating a 2008 Chevy and attempting to turn left from Brooks Avenue onto Butcher Boulevard. Lengacher started to turn into the path of another vehicle so she stopped and then backed into a 2007 Nissan operated by Dana L. Arvin, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill investigated.

Tuesday, April 26

3:08 p.m. - George W. Carrico, of Loogootee, was operating a 2011 Dodge and attempting to turn left onto JFK Avenue when he pulled into the path of a 2011 Ford operated by Kathleen S. Combs, of Shoals. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill investigated.

Friday, April 29

3:47 p.m. - Jason K. Opel, 19, of Jasper, was westbound on U.S. 50 on Warren's Curve in a green 1996 Dodge Dakota. He was west of Rama Dye Road when his attention was diverted and he began to drift off the north side of the roadway and nearly hit a guard rail. He then over corrected and went into the eastbound lane. He over-corrected again and spun around and backwards into a ditch, hitting the embankment. No injuries were reported. The investigating officer was Keith Keller.

Saturday, April 30

10:24 p.m. - Received a report of an injured deer in the roadway at the intersection

of S.R. 450 and U.S. 50. A call was also received, shortly afterwards, from the driver of the vehicle that struck the deer. John Petroski, 36, of Clay City, was traveling westbound on U.S. 50 in a blue 2004 Ford. He was east of S.R. 450, when a deer ran into his path, and was struck by his vehicle. The investigating officer was Steve Nolan.

Sunday, May 1

2:15 a.m. - Douglas A. Cox, 18, of Loogootee, was westbound on Lumpkin Road, east of Hoffman Road, in a silver 2004 Envoy. Cox met an oncoming vehicle that was swerving on the roadway. He swerved to the right side of the road and went off in the ditch in an attempt to miss the vehicle. He then hit the gas too hard and came out of the ditch at a high rate of speed and over-corrected. Cox then went off the left side of the roadway in to the ditch and hit a small tree and the embankment. The investigating officer was Keith Keller.

Monday, May 2

6:31 a.m. - Daniel J. Buhr, 65, of Washington, was traveling north on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee and south of the Burns City turnoff in a red 2005 Chevrolet. A deer ran out onto the roadway and Mr. Buhr could not get stopped in time and he struck the deer. There was damage to the front end and passenger side front fender of the pickup truck. The investigating officer was Chief Deputy Tony Dant.

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Loogootee Police log

Sunday, April 24

4:08 p.m. - A resident in Sunset Trailer Court requested to speak with an officer in reference to her house keys, which she believes may have been stolen.

6:30 p.m. - A male reported a child custody issue.

Monday, April 25

5:15 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 N. for traffic control.

10:16 a.m. - Female caller reported loud music in Sunset Trailer Court.

3:34 p.m. - Female caller reported a reckless driver on US 50. Chief Rayhill followed the vehicle and did not witness a traffic violation.

4:51 p.m. - First responders were requested on West Broadway for a male with difficulty breathing.

Tuesday, April 26

5:47 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a female with difficulty breathing.

7:30 a.m. - ISP reported a drive off at the Haysville Gas Station. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle and the driver returned to pay for the gas.

8:02 a.m. - Female caller requested to speak with an officer about a protective order.

9:05 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity in the Crane area. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

1:57 p.m. - Caller reported a small child left unattended in a vehicle while parked in Shaded Estates. Chief Rayhill located and spoke with the mother.

4:48 p.m. - Captain Akles completed a VIN check.

6:12 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a smoke alarm at the Methodist Church. No fire was detected.

6:18 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

9:03 p.m. - Caller reported a fight in Redwing Trailer Court. Captain Akles and Deputy Nolan responded.

11:27 p.m. - Bedford Police Department advised to be on the look out for a female for a pick-up order.

Wednesday, April 27

6:56 a.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a female who had fallen.

12:54 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

1:00 p.m. - First responders were requested on N. Oak Street for a male with difficulty breathing.

1:57 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person near Seals Road. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

4:52 p.m. - First responders were requested on S. Oak Street for lifting assistance.

Thursday, April 28

9:24 a.m. - A caller at D&M Market reported a drive off. Vehicle was not located.

11:11 a.m. - G&M requested an officer in reference to a vehicle in the ditch near Fairview Street.

12:27 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a reckless vehicle coming into Loogootee on US 50. Vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited.

7:01 p.m. - Female reported being harassed and requested extra patrol.

8:10 a.m. - An employee at CVS reported problems with two customers. Captain Akles responded.

8:11 p.m. - Caller reported reckless drivers in the high school parking lot. Captain Akles responded to the area.

9:03 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male on Walker Street.

Friday, April 29

12:08 p.m. - Female requested a security check on West Broadway Street.

6:52 p.m. - Loud music was reported in Shaded Estates.

8:51 p.m. - Male reported he had been cut off several times through town by another vehicle. Captain Akles spoke with the complainant.

Saturday, April 30

2:32 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported an elderly female had accidentally locked herself in the closet and her husband was unable to assist. First responders and Captain Akles responded.

10:33 a.m. - Caller on Crestview reported a trespasser. Sgt. Hennette responded.

1:17 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on William Daily Drive.

2:33 p.m. - A caller at the Verizon store reported a theft. Sgt. Hennette completed a case report.

3:03 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Vehicle was later located parked on Sycamore Street.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute on Crestview Street. Sgt. Norris responded.

7:06 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Clark Street for lifting assistance.

Jail bookings

Tuesday, April 26

3:30 p.m. - Trevor Kneip, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Martin County Warrant for burglary, residential entry, and theft.

Wednesday, April 27

6:13 p.m. - ISP Trooper Sexton arrested Charlotte Browder, 42, of Shoals, on a warrant for dealing in a schedule II controlled substance and theft. Also arrested was Rory Browder, 45, of Shoals, for theft.

6:50 p.m. - ISP Trooper Sexton arrested Douglas Moffatt, 57, of Shoals, on a warrant of dealing a schedule II controlled substance.

Friday, April 29

6:00 p.m. - Scott Woody, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

Saturday, April 30

5:47 p.m. - Michael Elliott, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with intimidation with a deadly weapon.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

April 20

Rory A. Browder, theft, a Class D Felony. Charlotte A. Phillips Browder, theft, a Class D Felony; dealing in a schedule II controlled substance, a Class A Felony.

April 21

Douglas L. Moffatt, dealing in a schedule II controlled substance, a Class A Felony.

April 25

Melanie Wiscaver, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class D Felonies; operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL

JUDGMENTS

April 15

Theron Gene Chilton, not guilty of two counts of child molesting.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

March 30

Robert A. McCormick, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 364 days suspended including credit for 1 day previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received one year of probation.

April 14

James W. Cunningham, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with all suspended with credit for three months actually served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

April 19

Tony D. Neidigh, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 544 days suspended including credit for 1 actual day previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

April 20

Jeffrey J. Berry, convicted of receiving stolen property, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Martin County Security Center with all suspended including credit for four actual days previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

April 21

William R. Bradley, convicted of possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with all days suspended including credit for time previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

April 25

Ashley R. Tow, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with all remaining days suspended including credit for any time previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received no probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 12

Amanda Sm McCarty, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 15

Theron Gene Chilton, eight counts of child molesting, Class A Felonies, dismissed.

April 19

Tony D. Neidigh, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 20

Jeffrey J. Berry, residential entry, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

April 21

William R. Bradley, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

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

Abraham Lopez, operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Ashley R. Tow, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 25

Calvin Gibson, domestic battery, a Class D Felony, dismissed; intimidation, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Ronald W. Greenhalgh, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 26

Christopher E. Kopp, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 20

Midland Funding, LLC Assignee of Chase vs. James Tincher, civil collection.

Capital One Auto Finance vs. Michael J. Williams, civil collection.

April 25

Capital One Bank vs. Timothy A. Bradley, civil collection.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Timothy May, civil collection.

German American Bank vs. Christopher A. Howell, mortgage foreclosure.

April 26

Joseph L. Zins vs. Sharon Zins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Citibank and against the defendant Joyce Hughes in the amount of \$2,269.98.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

April 21

GE Money Bank vs. Patti Sander, civil collection, dismissed.

April 22

Everbank vs. Jeffrey Martin, Carol Martin, Old National Bank, and State of Indiana, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Phillips Well Drilling and against the defendants Barbetta and Brian Wade in the amount of \$1,400.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

April 20 - April 26

Bradlee Allman, Brownstown, speeding 73 in a 55, \$124.

Rachel Calles, Jasper, speeding 78 in a 55, \$124.

CC Chambers, West Fargo, North Dakota, speeding 62 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

James Coomes, Middlesboro, Kentucky, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Kevin Guilfooy, Greenwood, speeding 65 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Tristan Horsting, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Kathryn Smith, Valparaiso, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Kevin Smith, Jasper, ignore stop sign, \$124.

Allen Swayze, Loogootee, consumption of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle, \$208.

David Tenbarga, Evansville, speeding 65 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Zaser Turnadzcic, St. Louis Missouri, speeding 69 in a 55, \$119.

Kevin Yoder, Montgomery, seatbelt violation, \$25.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

April 27

Jerrod Edward Vaught of Crane and Anna Marie Drynan of Crane.

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FTD THE FLOWER EXPERTS

Special enforcement effort focuses on rural seatbelt use

Since April 29, more than 30 law enforcement agencies across the state increased area seat belt patrols as part of the Indiana's Rural Demonstration Project (RDP). A total of 33 Indiana counties were selected as target areas for the effort, which runs through May 15.

In 2010, 64 percent of Indiana traffic fatalities occurred on rural roadways. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows this to be the case in motor vehicle collisions nationwide. According to NHTSA, Americans driving or riding on rural roadways face a much greater risk of death or injury than those in urban or suburban areas.

"Statistically, we know that the areas identified as targets for RDP enforcement activity have a high percentage of unrestrained fatalities," said Ryan Klitzsch, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) Traffic Safety Division Director. "Participation in this effort provides police agencies with additional resources to enforce the use of seat belts by motorists in all corners of the state," he noted.

Officers will be on the lookout for unrestrained motorists in all vehicles, particularly those in pickup trucks. According to ICJI, the statewide seat belt usage rate for pickups was lower than that of other vehi-

cles by nearly nine points. As of June 2010, about 84 percent of Hoosier pickup truck drivers were properly restrained compared to about 93 percent of those in passenger vehicles.

Seat belt use is required by law in the state of Indiana for all motor vehicle occupants. In 2007, Governor Mitch Daniels signed legislation requiring all passenger vehicle occupants, including pickup trucks, to buckle up regardless of seating position. The use of a seat belt can increase your chances of survival in a motor vehicle collision by over 50 percent.

Areas of enforcement and participating agencies are listed alphabetically below.

Counties: Adams, Blackford, Brown, Carroll, Clinton, Crawford, Davies, Decatur, Gibson, Greene, Fulton, Jasper, Jennings, Martin, Newton, Owen, Parke, Pike, Posey, Pulaski, Randolph, Ripley, Rush, St. Joseph, Steuben, Sullivan, Switzerland, Tipton, Vermillion, Warren, Washington, White and Whitney Counties.

The Rural Demonstration Project (RDP) is an annual traffic safety effort made possible through federal grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). Areas of enforcement were chosen because of their high percentage of unrestrained fatalities between 2003 and 2007.

Bill authored by Rep. Messmer to promote economic growth heads to Governor's desk

A bill authored by State Rep. Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) passed its final vote in the House last Friday and is now headed to Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels' desk for approval.

HB 1007 encourages economic growth through tax incentives designed to help and attract businesses in Indiana. The bill allows a city, town or county to establish tax abatements for a business that locates in a large, vacant building; agrees to invest at least \$10 million in the community; rehabilitates and occupies property located in a downtown area; or locates in a county with high unemployment.

HB 1007 also allows a city, town or county to provide a tax exemption for enterprise information technology (IT) purchases by a business in 2013 and beyond and lets cities and counties provide hiring incentives for new employment in their ju-

risdictions.

"House Bill 1007 is about strengthening our economy and helping out not only our Hoosier businesses but also our Hoosier communities that have been affected by the economic recession," said Rep. Messmer.

"Through these incentives, we are encouraging and making it easier for businesses to hire on more workers and redevelop struggling downtown areas through taking over vacant buildings. Allowing the tax exemption for IT equipment will allow our businesses to modernize their equipment to help ensure that they are able to continue to compete in the ever changing global marketplace."

The bill also assigns a legislative summer study committee to study the possibility of allowing a county to approve property tax exemptions for certain types of personal property.



Sheriff's scholar

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Kara Mann, of Loogootee, at right, was selected by the Indiana Sheriff's Association to receive a \$500 scholarship for the next academic year. Kara is attending Indiana State University pursuing a degree in the field of Criminal Justice. Shown at left presenting her with a certificate is Martin County Sheriff Rob Street.

IDEM celebrates 25th anniversary with "State of the Environment 2011" report

When the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was established in 1986, the young agency faced the challenge of serious contamination from abandoned toxic waste, open dumps, and water and air pollution.

Twenty-five years later, Hoosiers are enjoying cleaner air, land and water, and IDEM is continuing to provide a level of environmental protection that Hoosiers have come to expect. IDEM's primary focus has shifted from reacting to imminent environmental threats common in the past to ensuring the long-term protection of Hoosiers and our environment.

In recognition of 25 years of progress, IDEM Commissioner Thomas Easterly has released the 25th Anniversary State of the Environment 2011. This document provides a review of changes that began in 1986, recent accomplishments, and the issues and challenges which lie ahead.

"As IDEM celebrates 25 years of protecting Hoosiers and our environment, we also celebrate the work of our staff," said Commissioner Easterly. "On any given environmental issue, a public information officer,

inspector, permit writer, rule writer, lawyer or manager may be the face of IDEM. However, they could not succeed without the excellent work done by ALL of our team members."

IDEM has helped thousands of businesses understand their permit requirements, reduce waste and achieve compliance. The agency issues permits critical for business operations in a timely fashion, and agency efficiency and transparency has been greatly enhanced by implementing state of the art processes, software and equipment.

We continue to encourage public participation to ensure decisions made with respect to rules and permits are sound and viable. Meanwhile, communities, businesses, child care facilities local governments, associations and schools continue to participate in IDEM programs to save money and reduce pollution.

"As a group, we have successfully improved the quality of Indiana's environment," said Commissioner Easterly. "We also are looking forward to continuing to build a healthy, environmentally-friendly future."

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IDEM announces top five complaints of 2010

IDEM staffs a complaints hotline and, each year, the hotline receives nearly two thousand calls about environmental issues and concerns. Nearly half of the calls that came into the agency in 2010 were complaints about open burning, odors from various sources, open dumping, fugitive dust, and odors from farming activities.

IDEM investigates all environmental complaints it receives and, in most cases, their investigations reveal that individuals responsible for generating pollution could have easily avoided problems had they been aware of Indiana's rules and best management practices.

Topping the list at 241 calls were reports of someone burning trash or other materials. Smoke from any fire is unhealthy to breathe, and when trash is concerned, much of our ordinary household garbage consists of plastic containers and packaging that produces an extremely toxic smoke when burned. Burning trash is strictly prohibited! Instead of risking the consequences of an illegal and unsafe fire, separate plastics, glass and paper for recycling and set the rest of your garbage out at the curb for pickup or take it to an approved disposal facility. IDEM's open burning website at www.idem.in.gov/4148.htm has more information.

Odors were second on the list, with 230 calls received last year. IDEM does not regulate odors, but often there are best management practices to help alleviate odor problems. When responding to an odor complaint, IDEM inspectors help businesses identify and alleviate the problem, whenever possible.

Complaints about open dumping were third on the list, with 220 calls received. Open dumping is the illegal act of throwing trash and wastes in places other than state-permitted landfills or disposal facilities. This problem is more visible in late winter, when snow has melted, trees and bushes are still bare, and it's easy to spot unsightly trash and wastes that have been illegally dumped in places like roadsides, vacant lots, creek banks, wooded areas and ravines. The materials dumped include abandoned vehicles, parts and tires; household garbage; furniture and appliances; and, household hazardous wastes, including

Skillman awards \$566,900 to Martin County for removal of waterway debris

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced last week that Martin County will receive \$566,900 from disaster recovery funds from the federal Community Development Block Grant program. The grant will fund removal of waterway debris to prevent future flooding in the county.

"A community's basic infrastructure is a key part of its economic success or failure," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. "Flooding has been detrimental to the community in the past, and preventing future damage will make the surrounding area a better place to live, work, and do business."

This grant will fund the removal of log jams at six sites in the county in the Lost River and in Indian Creek. Logjams disrupt proper drainage and can cause significant property damage and road closures due to flooding. Removing the logjams will protect over 140 Hoosier households from significant flooding in the event of heavy rain.

The CDBG funds were made available to aid in economic recovery after several natural disasters caused damage in many areas across the state during 2008. Indiana's CDBG Disaster Recovery program is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. OCRA provides technical assistance to community leaders during the 18-month implementation of their storm water improvement projects.

used oil, weed killer, paint thinners, gasoline, light bulbs and batteries. Many callers report open dumping of construction and demolition waste, such as drywall, shingles, lumber, bricks, concrete and siding.

"It's important for people to know that it is illegal to dump or open burn any trash," said IDEM Commissioner Thomas Easterly. "Anyone who is proven to have illegally dumped trash is responsible for paying the cost of the cleanup and properly disposing of the waste at an approved facility. Preventing pollution before it occurs-including properly disposing of trash-is less expensive than a costly cleanup of an illegal dump. In the long run, it's better to abide by the law."

Fourth on the list is fugitive dust, with over 150 calls lodged in 2010. Fugitive dust is defined as the generation of particulate matter (PM) to the extent that some portion of the material escapes the property and is visible at or near ground level. U.S. EPA classifies PM as one of six major air pollutants. Fugitive dust can come from a specific source, like a business or construction site, or an area like an unpaved road or parking lot. IDEM inspectors can help businesses identify and mitigate fugitive dust. More information can be found at www.in.gov/idem/4981.htm.

There were 112 calls about odor from farming activities, fifth on the list. IDEM does not regulate odors from livestock operations. Odor from farming activities is more common in the spring, when farmers spread nutrient-rich manure to prepare their fields for the summer's corn and soybean crops. There may be best management practices that can reduce odors, and IDEM staff are always available to help provide information to farmers. Where livestock operations are concerned, the main concern is preventing water pollution from manure generated by animals or livestock. IDEM has authority to take action and respond to manure releases that violate water quality standards or violations of manure staging requirements, which only apply to regulated livestock operations in Indiana, not manure that is transported across state lines into Indiana.

For questions or concerns about activities that may cause pollution, the public can file a complaint online at www.idem.IN.gov/5274.htm or call (800) 451-6027, ext. 2-4464. Calls or online complaints can be filed anonymously.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Nearing the light at the end of the tunnel

The final week of a legislative session is usually a very busy and exciting week as legislators work diligently to finish up all of our work before Sine Die (session adjournment) on Friday. At the beginning of the week however, while many bills are having final details worked out in conference committees, legislators take time to recognize deserving groups and people in Indiana with resolutions to acknowledge their achievements and contributions to our state.

One such resolution that I authored along with Rep. Wendy McNamara of Mount Vernon is recognizing an outstanding high school football coach. Zach Beckman, a senior on the Jasper High School football team born with Down Syndrome, has always wanted to be "a real football player and score a touchdown."

During the final game of the season against Mount Vernon High School, Mount Vernon's head football coach Paul Maier wanted to help Zach achieve his dream of scoring a touchdown. Coach Maier talked with his team and with Jasper's coaching staff and made an agreement that if the Jasper team gave Zach the ball the Mount Vernon team would allow him to make a touchdown.

After being handed the ball, Zach ran 59 yards to score a touchdown on the final play of the game and received a standing ovation from the Mount Vernon and Jasper fans.

The resolution the Rep. McNamara and I authored recognizes Coach Maier for his dedication to the spirit of athletics and his desire to help those who need it. Because of his actions, Zach Beckman was able to realize his dream on the last football game of his high school career. He is a great representative for Indiana and what athletics are all about. I am honored to recognize him for his outstanding actions.

In the hustle and bustle of dealing with bills it is great that we as legislators can take some time to honor some very deserving people in our state.

Back on the legislative side of things,

there are a number of bills that are continuing to move through the process that promote an attractive business climate to bring jobs and businesses to our communities.

One such bill deals with industrial recovery tax credits for businesses using large industrial buildings that are currently vacant. The purpose is to promote the rehabilitation of industrial parks and areas that have been hurt by the economic recession and have experienced a number of their large industrial buildings becoming vacant.

There is also a bill in motion that would help Hoosier entrepreneurs by setting up a one-stop-shop where they can file new businesses with the state and apply for all the necessary permits in one place. It is important that we make it as easy as possible for our bright entrepreneurs to establish their new and existing businesses and hit the ground running to benefit our communities and working Hoosiers.

In addition to promoting economic growth for our state, one of my priorities is to promote government transparency. There is a bill going through the legislative process that would provide Hoosiers with a better look at state government spending in numerous areas of the government. Transparency is critical in maintaining a fiscally responsible government especially in these times of tight budgets.

It is my hope that these bills can make it through the process in a timely fashion before we adjourn and I will be sure to update you on their final details and progress.

Finally, I am proud to report that my bill regarding public depositories that I have been giving you updates on is now on its way to the Governor's desk for his final approval. The bill has received a lot of support from various groups and legislators and I am grateful that the bill has come so far.

We still have much left to do and I look forward to giving you all a final update after session is over. Thanks again for all of the support and feedback you have provided me with throughout this session as it has been invaluable in serving my constituents.

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Week in review at the Indiana General Assembly

The 2011 session of the Indiana General Assembly ended last Friday evening before the midnight deadline. With nearly a hundred bills already delivered to the governor, many more measures were approved on Friday and are now on their way to his office.

State budget: The General Assembly's biggest task this year was approving a new two-year budget for the state. Traditionally one of the last bills to gain approval, details on House Enrolled Act 1001 were finalized on Thursday evening and approved on Friday by a vote of 37 to 13 in the Senate.

The two-year budget appropriates \$13.8 billion in fiscal year 2012 and \$14.2 billion in fiscal year 2013. The budget sets aside enough funds to keep \$1 billion in total reserves by July 2013. Democrats argued that the reserve target was more than needed, particularly since the savings will come at the expense of services for disabled and elderly residents as well as job creation programs.

Highlights include the following provisions:

Medicaid and health: Under debate for most of the session, optional Medicaid coverage for chiropractic services, dental services and podiatric services were maintained in the final version of the budget.

The act eliminates the Indiana Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Executive Board as of July 1, 2011, and moves the board's duties and assets under the Indiana Department of Health.

Several changes were made to the First Steps program, Indiana's early intervention system for infants and toddlers with special needs. One significant change will allow the termination of children from the program if the family is over 60 days past due in program fee payments.

An early plan that would have based eligibility for Medicaid waivers for developmental disability home and community-services on parental income was eliminated in the final version of the budget. However, a co-pay can be required for families with an income exceeding 500 percent of the federal poverty limit (\$111,750 for a family of four, for example) under the changes.

Education funding: The proposed budget would establish a new funding "base" for K-12 education, the largest appropriation in the state budget. The new funding base incorporates the governor's 2010 \$300 million cut as a permanent base reduction. The budget makes other changes in the state's school funding formula, including the elimination of a phase-out funding provision for schools that lose students as well as grants for small schools. Democrats also expressed concern over the unforeseen implications of new charter school, virtual charter school and voucher laws that could result in even fewer dollars available to traditional public schools.

While more funding has been committed to full-day kindergarten under the plan, the additional dollars will not guarantee full-day kindergarten for every child in Indiana's public schools. The additional dollars will expand the number of schools receiving state grants that partly pay for kindergarten, but parents will likely still need to contribute as much as \$2,000 per child in many schools.

The budget includes a new \$1,000 tax deduction that will be provided to families with children in private schools and an "early graduation scholarship" of \$4,000 to a student who graduates from high school before grade 12. The early graduation funds will be deducted from the student's high school's funding.

Another new K-12 provision contained in the budget will allow the Indiana Department of Education to bring private companies to take over public schools after five years of poor performance. Referred to as "turnaround academies," the schools will be managed by private companies.

Total general fund appropriations for the state's universities will be \$14.8 million less in 2012 compared to 2011, and down \$10.1 million from 2013 to 2011.

Employment and pension issues: State employees will no longer be allowed to collectively bargain, and their ability to strike will be eliminated. The act also establishes a state civil service system under which state employees are categorized as classified service and un-

classified service. A one-time 13th check will be provided for members of the public employees' and teachers' retirement funds.

A long list of topics for further legislative review have been requested or assigned this year. In the budget, a study committee is established to review state laws related to employee unionization and public project labor agreements.

Illegal immigration: Several illegal immigration provisions were included in the act, including a requirement for state and local agencies, contractors with public contracts for state or local services and certain businesses to use E-Verify to check employees' legal status. The act also prohibits day laborers from working without first completing an attestation required under federal law.

Food banks: An appropriation of \$300,000 per year for the state's food banks was included again in the new budget. This same appropriation was made in the 2009 budget but was never distributed by the State Budget Agency to the food banks.

Anti-bolting language: This contentious language was added by amendment in the Senate on April 19. Under the act, a legislator who is absent from the chamber with intent to defeat, delay or obstruct legislative action which results in the body's inability to form a quorum commits the act of legislative bolting and is liable for a civil penalty. A fine of up to \$1,000 can be imposed at the discretion of the Senate President Pro Tempore or House Speaker.

Surplus revenue refund: The governor's taxpayer "refund" program survived the negotiations, but at a reduced amount than the governor wanted. State reserve balances will be split between the refund and deposits for the state's unfunded pension funds.

School vouchers: A plan to redirect state funds from public schools to pay for tuition and fees at private schools through a state voucher program has been sent to the governor for his signature. Under House Enrolled Act 1003, families who qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program (annual income less than \$40,800 for a family of four), will be eligible to receive a voucher equal to 90 percent of the public school corporation's per-pupil funding. With a household income of about \$61,000, a student could receive a voucher in the amount of 50 percent of the school corporation's per-pupil funding. The maximum voucher amount for students in grades 1 through 8 will be limited to \$4,500 per school year. The act includes a short phase-in period allowing up to 7,500 available for the 2011-2012 school year, 15,000 available for the 2012-2013 school year, and no cap after that.

Charter schools: House Enrolled Act 1002 is the state's plan for the expansion of charter schools and virtual charter schools in Indiana. HEA 1002 would expand charter school sponsors to include universities and private colleges with 4-year education programs, the mayor of Indianapolis, education service centers and a newly created statewide charter board. For any group other than a mayor to sponsor a charter, a public hearing would be required within the district. The act would allow conversion from a traditional public school to a charter school if the school board votes in favor of conversion or if 51 percent of the parents in a school sign a petition requesting conversion to a charter school. It would also make unused public school buildings available for rent or purchase to charter schools. The act has been amended to require 90 percent of charter school teachers be licensed or in the process of obtaining a teaching license. Public funding available to virtual charter schools would be expanded and the current limit on the number of students statewide that can be enrolled in those schools at state expense would be eliminated.

Teachers: Controversial legislation limiting teacher collective bargaining rights was signed into law April 20. Senate Enrolled Act 575 will limit what may be collectively bargained by teachers to salary, wages, hours, paid time off and wage-related benefits including retirement. Two immediate changes will limit contract terms to end with the state's two-year budget cycle and stop negotiations on teacher evaluation procedures and criteria. Among other provisions, the new law will terminate current terms of the members of the Indiana

Education Relations Board effective upon passage. New members will be replaced with appointments made by the governor.

Legislation tying teacher evaluations to student performance and test scores has been approved by the General Assembly and now awaits the governor's final approval. Senate Enrolled Act 1 establishes an annual staff performance evaluation that categorizes teachers as highly effective, effective, improvement necessary or ineffective. Although the act will not cut teachers' pay, it will allow schools to withhold salary increases due to poor performance ratings. Salary raises based upon completion of additional college degrees or graduate credit hours will not be permitted under the act. A teacher's seniority must not account for more than 33 percent of the basis for salary increases. However, the local salary structure may still be collectively bargained. The act exempts charter schools from due process requirements for educators.

Senate Enrolled Act 1 also provides that a student may not be instructed for two consecutive years by two different teachers who have been rated as "ineffective," if avoidable. If not avoidable, parents must be notified prior to the start of the second consecutive school year. A teacher who receives a rating of ineffective, under the act, will be considered a probationary teacher. If that teacher receives a rating of ineffective in the year immediately following their original rating, their contract may be terminated. On the other hand, a teacher who enters into a contract after receiving 3 "effective" ratings in a row during a 5-year period will be considered "established," and their contract will then be considered "indefinite" until they receive a rating of "ineffective" two or more years in a row or a new contract is established. If a school corporation plans to modify its staff evaluation plan, it must submit the plan to the Department of Education for approval in order to qualify for any grant funding.

Guns: Legislation to allow a person to carry a handgun without a license if they are on their own property or in their own vehicle has been approved by both chambers. Under Senate Enrolled Act 506, a person can also carry a handgun without a license on another person's private property or in another person's vehicle with the owner's consent. Under the act, any person may regulate handgun possession on their own property. However, the act does not allow an employer to prohibit employees from keeping a firearm or ammunition in a locked vehicle's trunk or glove compartment. Senate Enrolled Act 506 is now awaiting the governor's final approval.

Senate Enrolled Act 292 would prohibit local government from regulating any matter pertaining to firearms, ammunition or accessories. Any local ordinance enacted on or before June 30, 2011, would be voided. Senate Enrolled Act 292 would allow exceptions for buildings with metal detection devices at each public entrance to the building if the building has at least one law enforcement officer at each public entrance. The local unit, however, still may not prohibit or restrict the possession of the handgun in the building if the person carrying has been issued a valid license to carry.

Restrictions to contraceptives and healthcare: House Enrolled Act 1210 is set to cancel any existing contract and prohibit future state contracts with Planned Parenthood. Under this provision, the state could lose \$3.9 million in federal match funds for Medicaid and family planning services. Planned Parenthood currently receives around \$31,000 in state funds each year. The bill also requires abortion providers to staff doctors with admitting privileges at a local hospital and prohibits an abortion after 20 weeks past fertilization, which is nine weeks earlier than the current state statute.

Alcohol Sales: Legislation to amend an unpopular law approved last year requiring retail clerks to request photo identification including birth dates for all customers purchasing alcohol for carry out has been approved by both chambers. Senate Enrolled Act 78 changes the ID requirement to only concern customers who reasonably appear to be younger than 40 years old. It is now awaiting the governor's final approval.

Texting while driving: The General Assembly has approved a measure to curb distracted

driving on Indiana roadways. House Enrolled Act 1129 stipulates a Class C infraction, which carries a \$500 fine, for drivers who are found to be using a cell phone or other telecommunications device to type, transmit or read a text message or email message while operating a motor vehicle. Use of hands-free devices to transmit or receive a text message, however, is permitted under the act. The measure would not infringe upon a driver's ability to talk on the phone while driving. House Enrolled Act 1129 is now awaiting the governor's final approval.

Redistricting: The drawing of new legislative districts is a major undertaking of the General Assembly completed every ten years after the federal Census is conducted. Changes to Indiana's 50 state senate districts, 100 house districts and 9 congressional districts have been established under House Enrolled Acts 1601 and 1602. Despite repeated calls from the public requesting more time for consideration and input, the maps were released and approved in the final three weeks of the legislative session. When maps were proposed in the Senate, Democrats pushed for delayed approval to allow for greater transparency and public discussion. The new district maps can be viewed at www.redistricting.IN.gov.

Immigration reform: Senate Enrolled Act 590 was watered down from its original language at the request of the governor and others to primarily address issues of employers hiring illegal immigrants. Much of the law enforcement provisions were removed from the original language, with the exception of a section allowing local officers to arrest an individual for whom a detention order has been issued by an immigration court or U.S. Department of Homeland Security, or if there is probable cause to believe that the person has been indicted for or convicted of an aggravated felony. The legislation requires state and local agencies and public contractors to verify the citizenship of their employees using the E-Verify system if hired after June 30, 2011. The act makes it a crime for anyone accepting an ID, other than a passport, issued by a foreign consular as valid form of identification. Additionally, the act increases criminal sanctions for human trafficking or harboring illegal immigrants for financial gain and places restrictions on bail options that can be granted if the defendant is illegal.

Energy: Senate Enrolled Act 251 allows utilities to recover the costs of complying with federal mandates by increasing rates on consumers. The act also amends the definition of "clean energy" to include coal bed methane and nuclear energy. Democrats were disappointed that the act does not include a strong Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) which would require the increased production of energy from renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, biomass and geothermal. Including a RES would have placed an obligation on utilities to produce a specified amount of their electricity from renewable energy resources. Indiana is one of only 14 states without such a standard. The act also gives eminent domain authority to a private company seeking to construct and maintain a carbon dioxide pipeline, presumably for the coal gasification plant proposed for Rockford, Indiana.

Unemployment insurance trust fund: The first bill signed into law this year, House Enrolled Act 1450 will shore up the state's bankrupt unemployment system and payoff loans totaling \$2.1 billion by increasing premiums for businesses and lowering benefits for workers. Average benefits will be about 20 percent less overall. This bill was signed by the governor on February 24, 2011.

Toll road authorization: Senate Enrolled Act 473 provides the governor total authority to create toll roads through public-private partnerships. The act will allow the governor to authorize the addition of toll lanes on existing highways, tolling on the proposed Illiana Expressway in Northwest Indiana and on Ohio River bridges planned between Indiana and Kentucky. The requirement for legislative review will be restored as of July 1, 2021. Legislative action will still be required for imposing tolls on existing lanes of non-toll highways; highways under construction on July 1, 2011; or on I-69.

VU Community Series season tickets on sale now

Vincennes University's 2011-12 Alumni Community Series will celebrate its 60th anniversary year with a lineup of exceptional talent. The series will open on September 24 with a presentation by Hal Holbrook, legendary star of movies, stage, and television. All Community Series performances will be held at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center located on the VU Campus at 20 Red Skelton Boulevard.

Season tickets went on sale May 2 with a variety of pricing options from which to choose. Full details about ticket sales and the season are available by calling the VU Alumni Office, 812-888-4354, or on the VU website, www.vinu.edu/communityseries. If available, single-show tickets will go on sale in August.

THE SEASON

Holbrook's acclaimed one-man show, "Mark Twain Tonight," features the star's personification of noted American writer Mark Twain, which is the pen name for Samuel Clemens. According to Holbrook, "Mark Twain is something precious to me. It's my side arm through life." Holbrook has won both an Emmy and a Tony award and is considered one of the great craftsmen of stage and screen. "Mark Twain Tonight" will be presented September 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Singer Gary Morris will perform on October 8 at 7:30 p.m. Known for his original recording of "Wind Beneath My Wings," he played opposite Linda Ronstadt in the New York Shakespeare Festival production of "Le Boheme" and also performed the lead role of Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables." His performance of "Bring Him Home" can be found on the platinum-selling Grammy Award-winning international cast album. His number one hits include "Baby Bye Bye," "100% Chance of Rain," and "Leave Me Lonely."

"Ricky Nelson Remembered" will feature performances by Matthew and Gunnar Nelson as they pay tribute to their father, the late Ricky Nelson, who is best remembered for his role in the iconic television series "The Ozzie and Harriett Show." The multimedia performance will also feature the music of Ricky Nelson's hit songs which include "Hello Mary Lou" and "Travelin' Man." This performance will take place on November 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The Indianapolis Children's Choir will take the stage on December 4 at 2:30 p.m. Founded in 1986, the ICC provides an opportunity for young performers to learn, grow, and excel through quality instruction and experiences that emphasize the development of musical skills and understanding. The ICC has performed in a variety of pro-

fessional settings, helping set a standard for national professional music associations.

The classic pop musical "Smokey Joe's Café" will be presented March 3, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. Throughout its record-breaking Broadway run, the production had critics raving and audiences stampeding the box office. The show features nearly 40 musical hits such as "On Broadway," "Hound Dog," "Jailhouse Rock," "Stand By Me," "Spanish Harlem," "Love Potion #9," and "I'm a Woman."

The March 25 presentation of "VU on Stage...Live at The Red" will mark the VU Community Series' 60th anniversary. Beginning at 2:30 p.m., a host of VU alumni, students, and employees will present a variety of musical performances that will span the ages.

Singer/songwriter Larry Gatlin will be the featured performer on April 20 at 7:30 p.m. Gatlin became known throughout the Nashville music industry and, during the late 1970s, he joined his brothers in the band, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers. The group released their biggest hit, "All the Gold in California," in 1979. He went on to star in the Broadway production of "The Will Rogers Follies" and published a memoir, "All the Gold in California," in 1998. Since 2010 Gatlin has contributed to FOX News and FOX Business Network as a political and social commentator.

Calendar of Events

Commissioners meeting change

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

Benefit dinner and auction

A benefit dinner and auction will be held for Sissy Woody Saturday, May 7 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Loogootee United Methodist Church. Dinner is donation only. A silent auction will be held during the dinner with a live auction to follow. Proceeds to go toward Sissy's medical expenses. If you have items you would like to donate to the auction, call Renee Street at 812-644-7949 or 812-486-5030.

Tourism meeting

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. The MG club officers will be at the May meeting to collect advertisement items to be distributed June 6, when the MG Car Club's US 50 cross country run will be stopping in Shoals.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, May 11 at noon in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse in Shoals. The public is invited to attend.

Plant Sale

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Haysville will hold their annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May

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

Football fundraiser

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

Relay for Life happenings

Relay for Life Fundraiser: Team "Crusading for a Cure" (captain - Jennifer Randolph) will be hosting "Fishing for a Cure" on Saturday, May 21 from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Two-person teams will catch three fish at the location of their choice. Winners will be determined by weight of live fish. Teams will meet at the St John's parking lot at 6:30 to go over all rules. Crusading For A Cure will be having "Family Day at the Park" on May 7, from noon-3, at the Loogootee City Park. They will be grilling and there will be several games, including corn hole and volleyball. The cost for this will be a donation.

Humane society meetings

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

Youth football meetings

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

Recovery support group

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

Martin County ABATE meetings

The Martin County Chapter of ABATE of Indiana meets the third Saturday of every month at 4 p.m. at Sandy's Dining Room on Main Street in Shoals. The meeting for May, however, is scheduled for May 25 at 6 p.m. in Loogootee Family Restaurant.

Photo exhibits celebrate Historic Preservation Month

Photo exhibits featuring outstanding examples of historic preservation in Indiana will be available for viewing in six Hoosier cities during May, which is Historic Preservation Month.

The six locations are Bloomington, Lafayette, Muncie, Rising Sun, Washington and Winamac and listed below are those locations nearest to this area.

The photos come from the past seven years of the DNR Historic Preservation & Archaeology photo contest. To make the displays available, the DNR is partnering with history organizations and local governments.

The locations allow visitors to not only experience great photography, but also enjoy the historic buildings. Contact individual locations for hours, which will vary by site.

- Bloomington: Wylie House Museum (1835 house of the first president of Indiana University) 307 E. 2nd St. (812) 855-6224; www.indiana.edu/~lib-wylie/
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Still impassable

-Photo by Justin Lamar

Even with blue skies and warmer, dryer weather Tuesday, many areas of Martin County are still underwater and will remain so for several days. The photo above is of Hwy. 550 going toward Hindostan Falls. The river has flooded over the road making it impossible for residents to take the "easy" route home. Current forecasts state that the river will start to fall again tomorrow assuming there is no more rain. As of Tuesday, the river in Shoals stood at 29.4 feet. Flood stage is 20 feet.

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'All this information would be comically ironic if it weren't so dangerous'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Lately I've been hearing and seeing commercials for Monsanto's Round Up (glyphosate). It's the world's most widely-used herbicide.

A study in Sweden by two eminent oncologists has revealed clear links between Round Up and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system. This type of cancer can develop anywhere in the body where there are lymph nodes. The American Cancer Society states there has been an 80 percent increase in cases of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in the past 30 years. The United States Department of Agriculture has allowed Monsanto to increase Round Up's strength by over three times in the past 20 years.

Now, as of April 25, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture will allow biotech companies like Monsanto to do their own environmental impact studies. Gee-I'll bet they'll all be honest and forthright in policing themselves, don't you? I think this situation spells disaster!

Monsanto's Round Up Ready soy, corn, and cotton has caused Round Up resistant super weeds to develop. Farmers then use

more Round Up to douse their crops to try to kill weeds. The result has been increased environmental problems, especially to water.

Because of the water contamination by Monsanto chemicals, including PCB's, dioxin, and glyphosate, the company has begun purchasing local water systems, filtering the chemicals out of the water, and selling the water back to the users! Does that sound like double profit for Monsanto?

All this information would be comically ironic if it weren't so dangerous. For information on what can be done to fight Monsanto's egregious acts, please go to the OCA website and click on genetic engineering or to USDA watch page, www.organic-consumers.org.

Diana Abell
Loogootee, Indiana

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Lady Lions Tennis team takes Blue Chip Championship

The Loogootee Lady Lion Tennis teams found a break in the rain last night, Tuesday, May 3 to travel to Vincennes Rivet and pull off their first Blue Chip Conference Championship since 1998. The varsity team polished off a win with a score of 4-1 while the junior varsity was defeated 1-4.

"Brittany and Jill set the tone early playing nearly perfect first sets. After a slow start, doubles teams seemed to feed off of our singles players and finished their matches strong," said Coach Mike Tippery.

Tippery said, "At this time last year, we were 5-0 in the conference. Rivet came over to our courts and got a hard-fought 3-2 win to take the title from us. Today, we came out focused and determined to not let that happen again. The Blue-Chip Conference is a tough conference to win in any sport. I am proud of the way the team performed today to capture the title."

Varsity

#1 Singles Jill Taylor (L) defeated Lexi Pea 6-0, 6-4

#2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (L) defeated Anjelica Carandang 6-1, 6-2

#3 Singles Alyce Perry (VR) defeated Allison Kiser 6-2, 6-3

#1 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins (L) defeated Maria Matick/Molly Webster 7-6 (5), 7-6 (2)

#2 Doubles Kylie Sims/Erin Wittmer (L) defeated Dani Hunckler/Bonnie Hinkle 6-4, 6-3

Junior Varsity

#1 Singles Julia Pratt (VR) defeated Sabrina Stuffle 8-1

#2 Singles Haley Potter (VR) defeated Dana Sibrel 8-0

#3 Singles Makala Emmons (VR) defeated Paige Schaefer 8-2

#1 Doubles Emily Sutton/Devan Arvin (L) defeated Julia Pratt/Brittney Weber 8-5

#2 Doubles Makala Emmons/Brittney Weber (L) defeated Abby Ackerman/Emilee Lannan 8-1

Loogootee High School Track results

NE Dubois, Spring Valley, Loogootee, Crawford County meet

GIRLS

100 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 13.53
High Jump, 2nd, Lauren Walton, height of 5'1"
200 M Dash, 2nd, Lauren Walton, time of 28.99

BOYS

100 M Dash, 3rd, Travis Osborne, time of 11.9
200 M Dash, 3rd, Travis Osborne, time of 25.23

North Knox, Loogootee meet

GIRLS

100 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 13.59
High Jump, 1st, Lauren Walton, height of 5'0"
400 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 1:11
200 M Dash, 2nd, Lauren Walton, time of 29.37

BOYS

110 M Hurdles, 3rd, Tyler Spears, time of 19.49
100 M Dash, 3rd, Travis Osborne, time of 11.73

1600 M Run, 2nd, Liam Hollihan, time of 5:51
800 M Run, 2nd, Liam Hollihan, time of 2:41
200 M Dash, 3rd, Travis Osborne, time of 26.07

3200 M Run, 2nd, Wesley Whitman, time of 14:08

Bloomfield, Eastern Greene, Loogootee meet

GIRLS

High Jump, 1st, Lauren Walton, height of 5'0"
100 M Dash, 2nd, Lauren Walton, time of 14.55

200 M Dash, 2nd, Lauren Walton, time of 29.69

BOYS

3200 M Relay, 2nd, team of David Donnersberger, Wesley Whitman, Dylan Byers, Shelby Hodges, time of 11:14

100 M Hurdles, 3rd, Tyler Spears, time of 20.04
Shot Put, 2nd, David Allen, distance of 34'0"

300 M Hurdles, 4th, Tyler Spears, time of 50.35
Discus, 2nd, David Allen, distance of 82'1"

Long Jump, 4th, Chris Axsom, distance of 15'9"
3200 M Run, 3rd, Wesley Whitman, time of 13:23

Forest Park, Wood Memorial, Loog. meet

BOYS

3200 M Run, 2nd, Liam Hollihan, Wesley Whitman, Dylan Byers, Shelby Hodges, time of 11:11

100 M Dash, 1st, Travis Osborne, time of 12.29
400 M Dash, 3rd, David Donnersberger, time of 1:00

200 M Dash, 3rd, Travis Osborne, time of 25.37
North Daviess, Linton, Washington, Loogootee meet

GIRLS

100 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 13.72
High Jump, 1st, Lauren Walton, height of 5'1"
400 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 1:08
200 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 29.10

BOYS

100 M Dash, 3rd, Travis Osborne, time of 11.85
3200 M Relay, 3rd, Wesley Whitman, Dylan Byers, Liam Hollihan, Shelby Hodges, time of 11:10

400 M Dash, 2nd, David Donnersberger, time of 58.9

200 M Dash, 3rd, Travis Osborne, time of 23.78
3200 M Run, 5th, Liam Hollihan, time of 12:19

Mitchell, Springs Valley, Loogootee meet

GIRLS

100 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 13.2
High Jump, 1st, Lauren Walton, height of 5'2"
200 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 29.96

BOYS

Long Jump, 3rd, Tanner Trambaugh, distance of 18'2"

100 M Dash, 3rd, Travis Osborne, time of 11.91
800 M Run, 4th, Dylan Byers, time of 2:45

200 M Dash, 2nd, Travis Osborne, time of 25.41
High Jump, 1st, Tanner Trambaugh, height of 5'10"

South Knox, Loogootee meet

GIRLS

100 M Hurdles, 2nd, Sarah Richer, time of 26.19
100 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 13.66

High Jump, 1st, Lauren Walton, height of 4'10"
Discus, 3rd, Courtney Gokey, distance of 44'2.5"

Shot Put, 3rd, Becca Ader, distance of 22'15"
1600 M Run, 1st, Sarah Richer, time of 7:29

400 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 1:07
200 M Dash, 1st, Lauren Walton, time of 30.56

BOYS

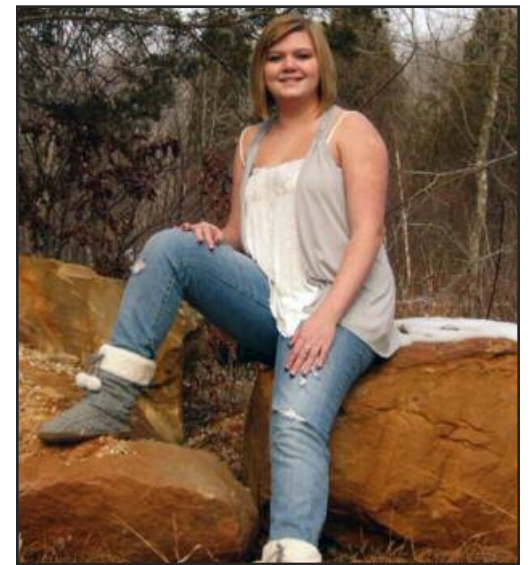
Long Jump, 3rd, Tanner Trambaugh, distance of 17'4"
100 M Dash, 1st, Travis Osborne, time of 11.94

High Jump, 1st, Tanner Trambaugh, height of 5'8"
Discus, 3rd, David Allen, distance of 84'1"

Shot Put, 2nd, David Allen, distance of 32'4.5"
400 M Dash, 3rd, David Donnersberger, time of 57.81

800 M Run, 1st, Shelby Hodges, time of 2:45;
2nd, Wesley Whitman, time of 2:47

200 M Dash, 1st, Travis Osborne, time of 25.31
1600 M Relay, 1st, David Donnersberger, Travis Osborne, Tyler Spears, Tanner Trambaugh, time of 4:18



PATIENCE COSS

Patience Rene Coss is the daughter of Tonia and Davie Hulman. Her favorite things to do are hang out with friends, going to vocational class, going to prom and to homecoming dances. While in school, she has been involved in basketball, softball, and volleyball. Her favorite memory is going to Jessica Mae's to play Yahtzee. She also will never forget when she drove Ryan Baker's car through Cameron Brown's yard. Patience plans to attend college and become a registered nurse.



HILLARY JONES

Hillary Diane Jones is the daughter of Jason Jones and Misty Hightower. Her favorite things to do are spend time with family, friends, and Stevie. During high school, Hillary has been involved in Beta Club, Student Council, Pep Club, and SADD. One of her fondest memories of school was teepeeing Mr. Smith repeatedly with Shae and Deidre. She says she also will never forget getting married on the playground at recess in elementary school. After graduation, Hillary plans to go to college, get a good job, get married, and then start a family.

Loogootee Junior High Track teams run over by Vincennes Rivet

The Loogootee Junior High Track team held a meet against Vincennes Rivet at home last Tuesday, April 26. Loogootee's girls were defeated 94-6. Ariel Jones was the only one to place for the Lions. She finished first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:11.59 and third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.37 seconds.

The boys were also defeated 15-85. Hayden Bell finished in first place for the high jump with a leap of 17'2". Bell also placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.03 seconds, second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.54 seconds, and third in the long jump with a distance of 16'6". Grant Carrico finished third in the discus with a distance of 83'10", Mitch Daniels placed third in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 20.32 seconds, and Justin Kisor placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:09.57. The team finished second in the 400- and 1,600-meter relays.



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Loogootee's Mitch Daniels placed third in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 20.32 seconds.

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LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY
Breakfast
Thursday, May 5
 Cereal, sausage, muffin, juice
Friday, May 6
 Sausage and egg biscuit, juice
Monday, May 9
 French toast, sausage, juice
Tuesday, May 10
 Breakfast pizza, egg, juice
Wednesday, May 11
 Biscuit and gravy, sausage, juice
Lunch
Thursday, May 5
 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, pineapple, bread
Friday, May 6
 Sausage pizza, green beans, apple
Monday, May 9
 Chicken sandwich, corn, fruit
Tuesday, May 10
 Hamburgers, green beans, fruit
Wednesday, May 11
 Turkey and noodles, peas and carrots, applesauce, bread
LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch
Thursday, May 5
 Cook's choice or pizza, corn, Mexican rice, fruit, salad plate, milk
Friday, May 6
 Spicy chicken sandwich or pizza, French fries, carrots, fruit, salad plate, milk
Monday, May 9
 Hot dogs, corn dogs or pizza; French fries, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, May 10
 Chicken strips or pizza, corn, rice, fruit, salad plate, milk
Wednesday, May 11
 Turkey Manhattan or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk
SHOALS SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Thursday, May 5
 Cereal, muffins, cheese stick, milk
Friday, May 6
 Egg wrap, hash browns, milk
Monday, May 9
 Cereal, cinnamon bread, juice, milk
Tuesday, May 10
 Pancakes with syrup, sausage, juice, milk
Wednesday, May 11
 Cereal, muffins, cheese, milk
Lunch
Thursday, May 5
 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, yeast roll, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza
Friday, May 6
 Chicken tenders, tater tots, peaches, yeast roll, milk
Monday, May 9
 Chicken sandwich, French fries, fruit, cookie, milk
Tuesday, May 10
 Beef steak nuggets, mashed potatoes, broccoli, yeast roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza
Wednesday, May 11
 Fajita chicken with white rice, green beans, fruit juice, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

Classes and programs at the Martin County Learning Center

Résumé Writing and Career Planning - Need help with your résumé? Darlene Ridgeway with Bramble Consulting will offer Résumé Assistance-Level One on May 12. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and cost is \$25. This is a basic course designed for an applicant needing help with the application process for government civilian and/or government contractor positions, specifically for NSWC Crane. Applicants need to pre-register no later than the Friday before the scheduled class date. Contact Kathy at the learning center to pre-register.

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class will meet on Wednesdays, April 27 through June 15 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call the learning center for more information!

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

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Eighth grade
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 Distinguished Honor Roll: Audrey Bowers
 Honor Roll: Johnny Arnett, Haylie Brace, Kyle Courtright, Michael Hawkins, Austin Jones, Grady Key, Kelsey Sellers, and Alexis Young
Ninth grade
 All A's: Robin Hamby and Kandi Tichenor
 Distinguished Honor Roll: Nicole Harder and Cole Hovis
 Honor Roll: Jenna Bleemel, Erica Bratton, Caleb Davis, Ariel Hert, Logan McCrary, Cody McKibben, Sistoria Neeley, Ashley Payne, Katlyn Sanders, Sydney Tedrow, Kristen Waggoner, and Briana Wagler
Tenth grade
 All A's: Whitney Albright and Ramona Simmons
 Distinguished Honor Roll: Jennifer Montgomery and Emily Richardson
 Honor Roll: Amberly Albright, Tristan Bennington, Kayla Butler, Jessica Courtright, Lezlie Hart, Ethan Jones, Austin Kimmel, and Courtney Overfield

Eleventh grade
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Twelfth grade
 All A's: Bradley Phillips, Charles Shartzner, Augustus Sherfick, and Kyla Tichenor
 Distinguished Honor Roll: Shaelin Adams, Amber Lynn Bauer, Jess Jenkins, Hillary Jones, Megan Montgomery, and Diamond Wright
 Honor Roll: Garrett Bateman, Jill Bradley, Jessica Conrad, Dillon Cornett, Casey Davis, Justin Franklin, John Harder, Ashley Hawkins, Kayla Kidwell, Eric McDonald, Kaylea Mulder, Rachel Parsons, Caroline Pruett, Amber Royston, and Amanda Stewart

Seminar gives high school seniors a look at engineering

BY JUDITH BARRA AUSTIN
Purdue University News Service

Registration is available for this summer's Purdue University Seminar for Top Engineering Prospects (STEP). STEP is a one-week camp for high school students heading into their senior year who are interested in studying engineering. It provides an opportunity to explore disciplines within engineering and the careers for which an engineering degree can prepare a student.

Participants, who are chosen on the basis of academic performance, work on teams using imagination and creativity to find so-

lutions to a multifaceted design challenge. Students will be involved in collaborative classroom experiences that will help them develop skills engineers need.

STEP students will tour departments within the College of Engineering and will visit local companies where engineers work.

The program runs from Sunday afternoon through lunch on Friday. Students stay in campus residence hall rooms.

Two sessions are available: July 10-15 and July 17-22. Cost is \$750. The application and more information are available at <https://engineering.purdue.edu/ENE/InfoFor/FutureStudents/visitUs/STEP>

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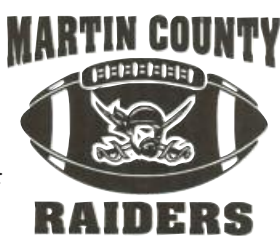
All sign-ups after June 1st will be \$50 per child.

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VU raises room and board, reports positive enrollment numbers

Room and board rates are going up 3 percent at Vincennes University this fall - the smallest increase since 1999.

The VU Board of Trustees approved the residence hall rate at its April 29 meeting. The new rate of \$7,838 (for two semesters) ranks second lowest when compared to all state-supported universities. It will also be the second lowest percentage rate increase announced this year.

The room and board rate will cover increases in operating costs such as food service, housing employee compensation and health insurance, ongoing maintenance and repairs, and long-term repair and rehabilitation costs. For example, this summer Harrison Residence Hall will undergo a \$700,000 renovation that will include a new front facade and installation of a high-efficiency hot water system. VU has six residence halls at its Vincennes Campus.

"We have tried to balance the need for additional revenue with students' ability to afford living in the residence halls. We believe this modest increase achieves that balance. It also incorporates housing facility plans with strategic enrollment goals for the Vincennes Campus," said Phil Rath, vice president for Financial Services and Government Relations.

The VU room and board rate includes room rent, meals, all utilities, cable television, internet service, residence life programming, and proximity to classrooms and other campus facilities.

Although VU's tuition rate for 2011-12 will not be set until next month, last year VU's combined tuition and room and board fees ranked lowest among all state-supported universities and more than \$5,000 lower than those at Ball State, Indiana University, and Purdue University.

"The administration and Board of Trustees have long demonstrated a commitment to both quality and affordability when establishing student fees. This year is no exception. Our goal is to make higher education accessible for as many people as possible," said VU President Dick Helton.

In other business, the Board of Trustees:
-Approved a policy that states that VU will continue to be a tenure-granting institution and re-affirms that the tenure policy adopted in 1999 will remain in force.

-Approved recommended curriculum changes.

-Approved changes to the university's admission requirements.

-Approved granting police powers to two officers, Kyle A. Evans, a 2009 graduate of VU's Law Enforcement program, and Patrick R. Williams, a 2004 graduate of VU's Conservation Law Enforcement program. Both officers have worked this year on the VU Police Department and have prior experience with sheriff's departments in Knox County and Morgan County, respectively.

Positive enrollment numbers were also reported to the Vincennes University Board of Trustees on Friday.

Kristi Deetz, senior director of External Relations, said that system-wide enrollment for next fall is up 2.19 percent compared to the same date last year. She said this increase builds on system-wide enrollment this year that is the highest since at least 1986.

Speaking on spring enrollment, Deetz said that three areas reached all-time highs. They include Distance Education, Project Excel, and American Sign Language. The Vincennes Campus had its highest enrollment since 1995 during both the fall and spring semesters.

Deetz also reported that applications for this fall at the Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis are up 40 percent. In reference to the Vincennes Campus, she said there are currently 4,352 accepted applications which represent an increase of 2.7 percent in the conversion rate from applicant to accepted student. She reported that Jasper Campus applications are about the same as last year at this time.

Citing a strong correlation between campus visitors and enrollment, Deetz said she is encouraged by an increase of 650 students who participated in group visits this year. She said that individual visits to campus are also up by more than 10 percent. Two remaining PreVU Days, on May 13 and 14 will also attract additional visitors.

Deetz said that another indicator of growth is that 30 more housing contracts have been submitted for VU's six residence halls.

Humane Society PETS OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has two dogs that are looking for their owners. They are a Boston terrier mix and a poodle that was picked up east of Shoals. If you know someone that is missing their pet or you know who they belong to, call Don at 812-296-0952.

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Martin County Share the Fun Contest held at fairgrounds



The 2011 Martin County Share-the-Fun contest was held on April 21 in the community building on the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds. The contest is composed of Martin County 4-H members performing a musical curtain act, a non-musical curtain act, or a group act. The winners of the Group Act were the Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club. They performed the skit, "Old McTroutman's Farm". The participants shown at left, from left to right, were Megan Hawkins, Halee Davis, Philip Troutman, Megan Hawkins, Justin Sanders, Macey Way, and Olivia Wells. The participants in the musical curtain act in the photo below were, from left to right, Delani Armstrong, who performed the song "On My Own", and Macey Way, Halee Davis, and Olivia Wells, who won the category together by performing the song "Hillbilly Bone".

Farmers forced to make tough tillage decisions as rain continues

BY JENNIFER STEWART
Purdue University News Service

As the wet spring continues to delay planting in Indiana, grain farmers are faced with tough decisions about their intended tillage operations.

As of May 1, just 2 percent of Indiana's corn crop and 13 percent of the national acreage had been planted. Once the ground is dry enough for farmers to work in the fields, some tillage operations may need to be sacrificed, said Purdue Extension agronomist Tony Vyn.

"The major question this season is, 'How should my intended tillage program change in response to the current realities of saturated soils within fields, the weather forecast and the calendar?'" he said. "Overall, the most essential aspects of tillage management for corn planting in Indiana and surrounding states over the next few weeks will be to exercise caution, control weeds and enhance seedbed quality where possible."

Important to choice of tillage systems is limiting soil damage and root-restricting soil layers during tillage or corn planting.

"It is essential to leave the soil condition with the maximum opportunity for unimpeded corn root development," Vyn said. "Potential corn yields can be compromised more by poor soil structure following poor tillage choices from now on than they have been by lost planting days thus far."

Poor tillage choices can include wrong tool selection, operation timing, tillage depth and frequency.

While corn farmers cannot control the rain on their fields, Vyn said they do have control over tillage and planting systems. Those choices now represent the principal soil management decisions required to get corn plants off to a healthy, though delayed, start.

Vyn gave recommendations farmers should consider when they decide how to handle 2011 tillage operations:

* Tillage operations in specific fields depend on the amounts needed for satisfactory weed control. As air temperatures warm, weed growth continues on fields that did not receive recent residual herbicide applications. Generally, herbicide sprayers should precede tillage and planting operations in fields that are not going to receive intensive, full-width tillage this spring.

* Surface roughness left after fall tillage op-

erations in 2010 constrain tillage options in May. Effectively, soil conditions need to be fit down to, and at least an inch below, the intended tillage depth, before secondary tillage is advised. Farmers will need to be more patient in delaying secondary tillage operations if they have fields with rough soil surfaces.

* Stale seedbed planting often reduces seedbed compaction damage and enables earlier planting. In situations where the soil surface is smooth enough to permit planting corn seed at uniform depths and where timely weed control can be achieved, stale seedbed planting should be considered. Prime candidate fields for stale seedbed planting might be those fields where secondary tillage, but not planting, was completed in the first half of April this year.

* A single, shallow and well-timed tillage operation is preferred if pre-plant tillage is deemed necessary. As long as the first tillage operation following weeks of rain delays is done at a soil moisture condition when tillage can make a suitable seedbed, and when emerged weeds can be killed, no further secondary tillage operations should be required.

* No-till corn planting remains a viable option. The probability of successful yields with no-till does not decline with later planting dates; if anything, the relative yield potential of no-till corn increases versus corn yields likely to be achieved after more intensive tillage operations.

* Vertical tillage systems may speed surface soil drying. Typically, shallow and high-speed vertical tillage operations may help to speed up the rate of surface soil drying when there is non-uniform residue cover or rain-matted residue cover.

* Spring strip-tillage operations should be shallow. If farmers can wait until soil conditions are fit down to a 4- or 5-inch depth and have the equipment options to do shallow strip-till in spring, there can be corn yield advantages associated with doing so.

* Precise automatic guidance tools provide new opportunities to limit soil compaction in the actual corn rows. Use of the real-time kinetic, or RTK, steering systems enable corn farmers to precisely control where the wheel tracks will occur before planting.

Vyn's complete list of recommendations can be found in the April 29 issue of Purdue Extension's Pest and Crop Newsletter at <http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/pest-crop/2011/issue4/index.html#tillage>



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New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL
Pastor's wife

How to Move a Mountain
Mark 11:20-26
May 1, 2011

What is it going to take to see God do miraculous things in our lives today? What is it going to take for us to see God, who will help us move mountains in our lives? You want to see God do miracles, you have to have the eyes to see God and the ears to hear God.

Ephesians 3:17, "so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." To see God and to hear God you must have faith in God. Having faith in God means we know who He is. We trust what He says is true. Having faith means we believe that He is God of the universe, that He created everything for our good. That Jesus died on the cross for our sins and if we turn from our sin and turn to Him we have the promise of life and life abundantly. Believing that He is who He says He is and the only way we can know this is to read His word and trust in His promises.

You can move that mountain once you truly believe and trust in Him. Once you believe in God's power working in and through you, you can be a mountain mover.

Jesus said, truly I say to you WHOEVER. Are you WHOEVER, do you know WHOEVER?

Verse 23, "Truly I say to you, WHOEVER says to this mountain, "be taken up and cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted to him."

Do Not Doubt the Power of God. Do you find yourself saying, "but I prayed and asked that this mountain would be removed and its still here." Did you pray without doubt and pray for God's will to be done? Remember the story in the Bible of the boy with a demon and the disciples could not heal him? Jesus rebuked the demon and it came out of the boy. Afterwards, the disciples asked Jesus why they could not cast him out. Jesus said because of the littleness of their faith. True faith is not just positive thinking or making the object that you are trying to overcome the focus, but making the source and the object of that faith, God.

Believe you have received and have been fulfilled. Pray knowing you will receive. Pray with the confidence that God hears your prayers. Prayer is not an emergency measure that we turn to when we have problems. Real prayer is part of our constant communion with God and our worship of God. The Bible tells us, "Therefore I say to

you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them and they will be granted to you."

When you ask for God to move a mountain do you get out your shovel and start digging to help move the mountain? Do you know its God's will to move that mountain? Do you believe that the mountain will move?

Why in the verses is forgiving connected to mountain moving faith? Because, if we are going to be the mountain mover we have to not only be in fellowship with God but fellowship with our brothers here on Earth. We can't say, 'God please move this mountain, I believe you are going to move it, but I am going to hold on to this sin and not have a forgiving heart.'

If you want to see God do miraculous things in your live, in the lives of the people around you, the church, you must forgive.

Ernie and I enjoyed a wonderful weekend in Nashville, Indiana, at the Southern Baptist Annual Pastor and Wife conference. O.S. Hawkins and his wife, Susie, were there and each spoke about being husband and wife supporting each other in the ministry/ministries of the church. I found out the pastor's wife does not have to do everything or be good at everything she does. LOL. We got a sneak preview of the movie Courageous coming out September 30th

from Lifeway. This movie is awesome. It focuses on fathers and becoming a father serving God and taking care of his family. I noticed the support each wife giving to her husband as he struggled and made decisions for his family.

We are still taking donations for the U.S. Ministry. We plan to have another distribution in June at the church. Donations can be dropped off at Printing Express, Shear Perfection, New Beginnings Community Church in Loogootee and Wabash Valley Transportation in Shoals. If you have any questions call Shirley at 709-2525.

I want to thank Eric and Ashley for the donations from O'Reilly Auto Store in Loogootee, of hamburgers, hotdogs and buns. Ernie and I delivered this food to the people in Shoals that we could find at home, in the trailers that have had to be moved because of the flood water. We, of course, didn't get everyone that has been affected by the flood but did help some.

In our service to God, He calls upon us to be servants and to help others. We will continue to pray and to help where we can.

This past Sunday we started Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., going until 10:15. Service is now starting at 10:30 a.m. with praise and worship. We invite you to join us anytime. If you have any questions, call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

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National Small Business Week - all about entrepreneurship

Each year since 1963, the President of the United States has set aside one week to recognize the contributions that small businesses make to America's economy. This year, National Small Business Week is set for May 16 – 20, and Loogootee resident and Lia Sophia Manager Lacy Jeffers thinks that this celebration of entrepreneurship in America is a perfect time to think about the opportunity of small business ownership.

"At first glance, some women may not think about direct selling as 'small business,'" says Jeffers, "but that's exactly what it is. The direct-selling industry offers women a chance to start their own small businesses where they can pursue a range of financial options, from a new full-time earnings opportunity to a chance to add to the family paycheck."

According to the Direct Selling Associa-

tion's latest survey in 2008, women make up 90 percent of the 15 million direct sellers nationwide. The National Small Business Administration adds that more than half of Americans work for, or own, one of the 27.3 million small businesses operating in America today, and that small businesses create 60-80 percent of all new jobs.

Armed with these facts, women who are looking for financial security or independence might want to consider starting their own small business in the direct-selling industry.

"One of the keys to success as an entrepreneur is to center your business on something you love and to do your homework before you commit," says Jeffers.

For more information about Lia Sophia, please contact Lacy Jeffers at www.liasophia.com/lacyjeffers.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all 270 Loogootee residents who voted for me in yesterday's Loogootee Primary Election. I appreciate each and every one of you. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with my campaign and those who openly supported me throughout this process. I will finish out my term on the city council and then continue to follow the path that the Lord has set for me.

I would like to congratulate Fred Dupps, my opponent, on winning the primary. I have no doubt that he will do the best job he can for the citizens of Loogootee.

Sincerely, Phyllis Parker

-Paid for by Phyllis Parker for Loogootee City Council

