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Loogootee City Council talks dogs, development

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Martin County Humane Society President Don Greene informed the Loogootee City Council Monday night, May 9 that the land donated by the city may not be needed after all. He said that the Four Rivers Daycare building in the area of Industrial Park may be available for the society to purchase. He said that a purchase price has not been discussed yet and he should be receiving that shortly. The daycare will be moving to the Red Door. Greene said that the building is set up great for the society; the only thing needed would be dog

runs added. Donna Greene, Don's wife, then spoke to the council regarding the numerous phone calls that their household receives.

Greene said that Don is not a paid employee and took on the job of president of the humane society with the intention of saving a few dogs. She said he did not intend to take care of all the dogs in the county. "He's not the dog catcher," she said. She went on to say that people call at all hours including after midnight, sometimes under the direction of the police departments who give the caller Don's number. She said Don receives calls about neglected dogs on private property and there is nothing he can do about those animals. She said that is the job of the police department. "We don't get any help," she said. "You give everybody else a break on filling their pools," Greene noted citing the policy for the public works to discount a water bill for that purpose.

She said that the dogs that Don takes in

are put on their property, private property, not humane society property. She said that they have to water the dogs and clean out the pens twice a week and they have to pay for the water they use. She also said that people come on their property to drop dogs off and they have had people steal puppies from the cages that were not ready to be weaned from the mother. "Everybody just ruined everything that he set out to do," she said. "Right now we are overloaded with dogs, we are way maxed." She said that when all the dogs they currently have are gone they are done taking them in and that until people start helping and taking respon-

"I've learned one thing, one real good lesson, and that is if you don't put out any money, you're not going to get anything." -Mayor Don Bowling

sibility they are done. She said that Don has been sick and worn down and was hospitalized recently. "That's why I'm putting my foot down. I'm not going to lose this man sooner than what is expected because of some animals and nobody else taking some responsibility," she said.

Rick Norris, police officer and city council member told Donna that the officers have been told to call the humane society when they receive a call about a dog. Greene replied that there is no humane society because there isn't a shelter to put the animals in. "The county is the one that is technically supposed to provide animal control," said Norris.

Mayor Bowling said that he understands what Donna is saying and that Don has been very good trying to take care of the problem. "He's a good man; he's been doing everything he can. He was abused at a county meeting and I would guarantee you he would not suffer that abuse here; he never has and he never will," said Bowling.

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Animal Control Commission holds meeting for the first time

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The Martin County Animal Control Commission met for the first time Tuesday night, May 10 in the Loogootee Municipal building.

The newly-formed commission's members were appointed by various government bodies and the humane society. Present at the first meeting was Don Greene, Theresa Abney, Terri Dye, Phyllis Parker, and Courtney Hughett. Those not present were Ben Survance, Johnny Simmons, and Jim Marshall.

Theresa Abney was nominated as president, Phyllis Parker as vice president, and Courtney Hughett as secretary.

Due to lacking three members present, the commission briefly discussed the Animal Control Ordinance that has been put on hold by the county commissioners for the next five months. It was decided for each commission member to look over the ordinance for familiarity and for possible revisions or additions.

It was discussed that fees and licenses would be a topic at the next meeting.

Also discussed was the need to gather ordinances from area cities and counties to bring to the next meeting, along with information on state laws.

The next meeting of the commission will be Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. in the Loogootee City Council meeting room. The meetings are open to the public.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Loogootee Little League was finally able to start their season last week after the rain out of opening day and many first games. Teams are busy playing catch-up to make up those matches that were missed. Loogootee Sixth Grader Jake Nonte, above, puts some serious force behind his swing. Shoals Youth Baseball, however, is still at a stand still due to the inches of river water that still stands on their fields. According to a representative of the Shoals Baseball League, as soon as the water recedes volunteers will begin assessing the damage and begin making repairs to start the season.

Commissioners go over bi-weekly business

Minutes provided by Auditor Nancy Steiner

The Martin County Commissioners met Wednesday, May 4. Commissioner Paul George was unable to attend due to flooding.

Sheriff Rob Street updated the commissioners on the progress of the plumbing and outside lighting repairs at the jail. Commissioner Gregory reported that the engineering portion of the repairing of the exterior of the jail will begin soon and the actual repairing of the structure may have to be completed in phases. Sheriff Street also reported that the jail just received nine Department of Corrections inmates.

Assessor Carolyn McGuire brought a contract updating the eGIS layering system before the board. The contract will include a land layer on the website. The commissioners approved the contract with 39 De-grees North for \$31,577.32.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams presented his two-week work schedule. Currently, his department is trying to stay on top of the problems caused by the flooding. He reported that the county council approved his wage ordinance to hire two temporary workers for the summer. Beginning next week, the highway department will be working four 10-hour days. He also reported he received a letter from INDOT stating there will be an unofficial detour on State Road 450 to work on the road in the spring of 2012.

EMA Director Cameron Wolf asked all

involved with the flooding whether it is damage or work hours to report it to him through the Auditor's office at 247-3731. Anything related to the flooding needs to be maintained and recorded if Martin County is to be aided by the Federal government.

Community Corrections Director Pat King presented the Commissioners with an agreement to sign for the funding grant. She introduced her administrative assistant Kathy Collins. Mrs. King told of several educational training sessions they will be attending.

Commissioner Winger reported Mid-western Engineers will be doing the planning for the Lost River Township Fire Station if the grant is funded for this project.

Rutherford Trustee Sue Hembree came before the commissioners with photographs of trees either fallen or partially damaged in the Inman Cemetery and asked for help in removing the trees. Community corrections will be contacted to see if they can help with the project.

Bernard Butcher reported flooding due to a storm sewer owned by Crane Naval Base and asked if the commissioners could help get the situation settled. Crane altered a four-foot storm sewer to make it two feet in diameter which is causing his property to be damaged as well as several others. Commissioner Gregory said he would look into it further.

County Attorney Dave Lett reported he is

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He went on to say that the city would do all they could to get those phone calls to stop but after all these years it was going to be difficult. "Until we hear from you further we will not bother you with them (dogs)." The mayor said that the city does what they can but there is just not enough money to go around. He added that the city donated a piece of land which is worth \$20,000 to \$30,000. "That's not peanuts," he said.

Mayor Bowling went on to say that the city employees are busy and do not always have time to go out and pick up a dog. "We're doing the best we can," he said.

Council member Rich Taylor said at the end of the discussion that he doesn't see issue with giving the Greene's an adjustment on their water for taking care of the animals. "If we can give adjustments in sewage for cleaning a house we can damn sure give you a little help on the water," he said.

Mayor Bowling said adjustments are usually given a couple times a year and he didn't know how it would work on a monthly basis.

In other business, Mayor Bowling reported that a rumor has been spreading that the deal regarding the Perfect Fit building falling through has been circulating. He said he spoke personally to Mike Carney, who will be moving into the building, and the rumor is not true and everything is moving along.

Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder talked to the council about the need for a paved parking area at the former Loogootee East building for Stimulus, who will be leasing it for the next two years. The parking lot would extend from the current paved area back to the fence. He asked if there was a way they could help with the funding of around \$58,000. "Why isn't the school responsible for that, they own it?" asked council member Sue Brewer. Kinder replied that the school is one place he is looking for the money, one of three entities - the city, the school, and the Martin County Redevelopment Commission. He said that in economic development, you must spend money to get businesses to relocate. He said in this case the business came first so now

the money must be spent adding that for every \$1 spent the community will receive \$10 back.

Council member Rich Taylor asked if the cost could be split three ways between the school, the city, and Stimulus.

Mayor Bowling commented that he has been working on economic development since taking office, mostly at the tech park but he has also worked on the Perfect Fit building and the Elementary East building. "I've learned one thing, one real good lesson, and that is if you don't put out any money, you're not going to get anything." He went on to say that every city in the country is trying to get jobs and factories to relocate. "You are very lucky if you can even get anybody's attention," he said. He added that the East building has not cost the city any money to date and he didn't see any problem helping with the paving. "That's what economic development is all about," he said. "I think it's something that we need to do."

Don Greene, from the audience asked why St. John parking lot couldn't be used. Kinder replied that they want a fee for the use and that the plan is to improve the East property for future use. The Stimulus lease is only for two years.

"Well, I'm at this point, if the city gives a dime to this and not give the humane society - something when we've been fighting for years, I'm done." He added that the Mayor just said the city doesn't have any money.

"I just stated that we don't have money that we can go out and spend anywhere," replied Mayor Bowling. He went on to say that the city can build a humane society building but that doesn't make any money. He said getting people into the Stimulus building every day makes money. Greene replied that the school is making \$13,000 a month off of the building and that they should pay for it.

"It's economic development and if we want it we've got to pay for it," said Mayor Bowling.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said that the EDIT fund has \$19,000 remaining in it that is unspoken for. She explained that the EDIT money comes from the state, is not

taxpayer money, and is strictly for economic development.

Council member Sue Brewer asked if the discussion could be put on hold until Kinder find out what the other people are willing to do.

Noel Harty, from the audience, asked if St. John could be leased since Stimulus is only going to be in the building for two years as per the current lease. Kinder explained that paving the lot would be a capital improvement for future businesses that may come in.

Council member Taylor asked who would own the lot when everything is said and done to which several replied that the school will. Taylor said that the school is getting all the benefit. Council member Brewer added that most of the tax dollars already go to the school now and again said she would like to wait on making a decision on giving any money until it is found out what the others will give.

Mayor Bowling went on to talk about economic development and the tech park - the jobs that have been created and the tax money that will be generated. "I think it's the best thing that has happened to Martin County in probably 100 years," he said.

After quite a bit more discussion it was decided to table the decision until next month to wait and see what the school is willing to do.

In other business, the issue with eliminating the Loogootee Police dispatch program was tabled for a later date to see if Sheriff Rob Street could attend.

Mayor Bowling finished the meeting defending accusations that were brought up during the election regarding city council. The first one he said was that city council meetings are not open to which he replied that anyone is welcome to attend. "I've always encouraged public attendance," he said. "I believe openness has been the strongest feature of this administration."

Regarding budget questions, the mayor said anyone is welcome to visit the munic-

ipal building or a meeting to get answers pertaining to the city's budget. He added that budgets are published and approved by the state also.

A public hearing was held before the start of the city council meeting for an additional appropriation of \$4,500 for the police department to pay for the purchase of a new police car. No public comments were made.

Mayor Bowling reported that the annex lighting project has been completed. The lighting was put in with a grant the city received and the mayor said the cost-savings for energy could be 30 to 40 percent with the new lights.

During the board of public works meeting prior to the city council meeting the proper operating procedure for sick time with police department employees was discussed. According to Mayor Bowling, the city adopted a handbook last year and the police department is not following the policy in that handbook. The State Board of Accounts audited the city and cited them for that reason.

The resolution that the mayor read stated that each police department employee is to receive 48 hours of sick leave at the beginning of each year. It was originally 85.5 hours a year.

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working on the specifications for the ambulance service bid.

Judge Lynne Ellis reported the computers in the courthouse will be converted to DSL Monday which will save Martin County several thousand dollars a year. The courthouse will be separate from the prosecutor's office and jail.

Auditor Steiner reported the Crane Timber has been received in the amount of \$321,619.

There will be a Special meeting combined with the county council on Monday, May 23 with a representative from LTAP to discuss possible options.

Generations names new AngelWorx® Coordinator

Lori Bledsoe, of Loogootee, has been selected as the Martin County AngelWorx® Coordinator.

A 1996 graduate of Loogootee High School, Lori earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Southern Indiana in 2000. She has seven years experience in various management positions. She and her husband, Jeff, have two sons, Peyton and Brandon.

AngelWorx® is sponsored by Vincennes University's Generations program and is designed to promote "ageless communities" where members, young and old, learn to protect and care for one another. The program allows volunteers of all ages and lifestyles the chance to give back to the community. Volunteer "Angels" cultivate personal, one-on-one contact with isolated, homebound older adults or individuals with disabilities called VIPs ("Very Important Pals").

"I am very excited about becoming the new Martin County AngelWorx® Coordi-



LORI BLEDSOE

nator," Bledsoe said. "I look forward to helping the homebound community and working with the volunteers."

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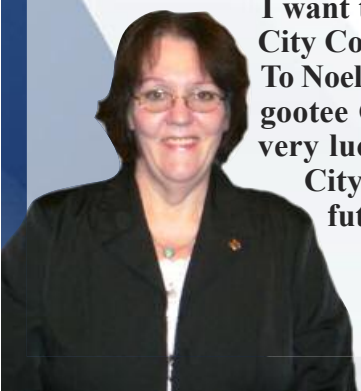
THANK YOU

I would like to take this time to thank so many friends and family that had faith in me and never wavered from that faith for a minute, while I was campaigning for Loogootee City Council District 3.

If I miss anyone please forgive me it is purely unintentional: Joe Dunn, Leslie Summers Guy & Family, Lynzee Hickman, Marianne Swartz, Elaine Renorie, Don Greene, Donna Greene, Jason Greene, Noel Harty, Ron Gilbert, Janice, Jason Jones, Phillip Norris, Pastor Ernest Cannell & Family, Cathy Beckett-Harris, Kim Beckett, Bobbie Cherry, Sue Carrico, Joe & Mary Ringwald, Judy Blackwell, Pizza & More and the employees who were so kind to me while I attended Noel's meeting and Noel's celebration party. Everyone who ran for something this year and were at the polls campaigning, I enjoyed my day with all of you except for when nap time came, you all remember that don't you?

To Karen Mattingly for being such a wonderful person and making my t-shirts in record time. Misty Kinder and Chris Main, Megan, and Shaun. Bill Patterson and everyone who was so kind to let me put a sign in their yard. Also, to the Martin County Journal, Courtney and Josh Hughett; Anna Laura Fields, anyone who wished me good luck or said a prayer for me, or just had a good thought for me. Of course all who voted for me, Thank you. God Bless all of you. I would not have missed this campaign for the world. I met so many kind and giving people through this and I am proud to call Loogootee home.

I want to wish John Fraley the best in his work on the City Council; I know he will do his best for Loogootee. To Noel, Ron, Fred, what great guys to have on the Loogootee City Council and as Mayor. I think we are all very lucky to have them. I look forward to attending City Council meetings and looking forward to the future of Loogootee.



God Bless All of You,
Karen A. Hickman

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



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ANNA HASKINS

Anna Imogene Haskins, formerly of Washington, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2011 at Gateway Medical Center in Clarksville, Tennessee. A resident of Cadiz, Kentucky, she was 89.

She was born in Martin County on June 15, 1921; the daughter of Willard

Hobart and Zulah Marie (Cannon) Moore. Anna's mother passed away when she was 10 years old and she was raised by Frank and Annie Huebner. Anna was married to Robert Haskins. Anna graduated from Plainville High School in 1939. She was very active with the Free Methodist Church in Indiana where she was the director of many Christmas and Easter plays, taught Sunday school and was the VBS director for many years. She was a member of the Mission Circle, Homemakers Club, and served on the Smith Township Advisory Board in Greene County. Anna was a 4-H leader, employed at the Woolworth 5 and 10, Montgomery Ward, Spiegel's and JC Penney as a cash auditor. She was employed at Indiana State Forestry Office, school secretary and trustee secretary and wrote many poems and stories throughout the years.

She is survived by one son, Robert Haskins (Deborah Scott) of Asheville, North Carolina; two daughters, Donna (Marc) Clinkenbeard of Cadiz, Kentucky, Judy Hayes of Woodstock, Georgia; three grandchildren, Steve Hayes of Woodstock, Dr. Julie Hayes of Parker, Colorado, Nathan and Trina Clinkenbeard of Cadiz; three great-grandchildren, Hunter and Jaxson Clinkenbeard, and Ethan Hayes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Haskins; one brother, Lawrence Moore; one sister, Betty Stephens; and one granddaughter, Sara Clinkenbeard.

Friends may call at Anderson-Poindexter Memory Chapel in Linton from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 11.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 12 at the funeral home, with Revs. Jack Haskins and Dan Holtsclaw officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Anderson-Poindexter Memory Chapel of Linton was in charge of all local arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.andersonpoindexter.com

BEVIOUS JACK RANEY, JR.

Bevious "Jack" Raney, Jr. died at 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2011 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 74.

He was born January 15, 1937 in Crane; the son of Bevious V. and Kathryn (Crane) Raney. He married Eva June Stewart on December 29, 1955 in Shoals and she survives. He was a graduate of Shoals High School and was retired from N.A.D. Crane as an ordinance worker. He was a member of the Mount Union Church of Christ.

Other survivors include four daughters, Vickie and Eric Blessinger of St. Anthony, Connie and Joe D. Buechler of Holland, Angel McCarty of Shoals, and Cheryl and Jeff Lake of Loogootee; ten grandchildren, three sisters, Sue Sellers of Trinity Springs, Jean Steward of Loogootee, Judy Glass of Poland, Indiana; and a brother, Jim Raney of Loogootee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, William L. and Jon P. Raney; one sister, Essie Mae Brock; and one grandson, Jeff Earl.

A funeral service was held Monday, May 9 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home. Burial followed in Mount Union Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

CATHY SWARTZENTRUBER

Cathy J. Swartzentruber passed away at 7:05 p.m. Sunday, May 8, 2011 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 49.

She was born August 24, 1961, in Washington; the daughter of Alvin and Wilma Jean (Miller) Swartzentruber. She attended Loogootee High School and was a member of Providence Mennonite Church. She had a great love for horses, whether it was riding them, getting them to obey her every command, or just sitting and watching them.

She is survived by one son, Jimmy Swartzentruber of Loogootee; her mother, Wilma Jean Swartzentruber of Loogootee; one brother and sister-in-law, Marlin and Marlene Swartzentruber of Odon; two nieces, Brooke Swartzentruber and Taylor Swartzentruber, both of Odon; her beloved Boston terrier, Max; several aunts and uncles; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alvin Swartzentruber in August 2010; and her grandparents, Pete and Katie Ann Miller and Daniel and Elizabeth Swartzentruber.

The funeral was held this morning Wednesday, May 11 at Providence Mennonite Church, with Shawn Otto and Eddie Graber officiating.

Arrangements were made through Ed Lee Mortuary. Condolences may be sent online at www.edleemortuary.com.

LAERTES ARVIN

Laertes Ajax Arvin, formerly of Loogootee, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2011 at his home. A resident of Avon, he was 84.

He was born March 6, 1927 in Reeve Township, Daviess County, the son of Thomas Ewing and Eva Gladys (Hershman) Arvin. He married Lea Anna Baker on November 21, 1948 and she preceded him in death on May 10, 2007.

Ajax Arvin was a WWII Army Veteran serving in the Army Signal Corps. He was a graduate of Alfordville High School Class of 1944 and a graduate of Purdue University in 1956. He worked at the Crane Naval Weapons Center as a comptroller for many years. He also worked for the Union Starch Cummings, Inc. and retired from Keating of Chicago where he was the Vice President of Accounting Department. He was instrumental in forming the Crane Federal Credit Union.

He served as president of the Indiana Jaycees from 1962-1963, served as past chairman of the International Committee for US and Canada Standardization of Equipment, and assistant director of the Notre Dame Football usher program for 48 years.

He is a member of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Avon and American Legion Post #147 in Jasper.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jim (Diana) Morse of Crawfordsville; five granddaughters, Andrea and Christina Morse, Tessa, Brittney, and Kathleen Egloff; one sister, Lethe Oenone Bradley of Loogootee and one brother, Delano Zeus Arvin of Lafayette.

Preceding him in death besides his wife was one daughter, Kathleen Egloff.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 13 in Christ Lutheran Church with burial to follow in Community Cemetery in Haysville. The Rev. Phil Rigon will officiate. American Legion Post #147 in Jasper will conduct military graveside rites.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at the Becher & Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper and one hour before services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Shepherd Lutheran Church.

JAMES TEEGARDEN

James "Jim" M. Teegarden, 85, formerly

of Trenton, Indiana went to be with his Lord at 9:35 a.m. on Sunday, May 8, 2011 at the I.U. Health Blackford Community Hospital. A resident of Poneto, he was 85.

He was born on September 8, 1925 in Blackford County; the son of Luther A. and Georgia W. (Long) Teegarden. Both parents precede him in death.

He served our country as a member of the United States Marine Corps in WW II.

Jim married Esther (Horton) on February 9, 1946 in Trenton, Indiana, shortly after returning home from the war. She survives and lives in Poneto.

Jim worked as a farmer for many years, a factory worker, a custodian for various schools and most recently was retired from the custodial position at the Blackford County Courthouse. He was a long time member of the Olive Branch Nazarene Church where he attended faithfully.

Jim will be greatly missed but will be remembered as a loving, friendly, always smiling man who loved God and his family and never met a stranger.

He was a loving husband to Esther and a loving father to his five children, Shelia (husband, Danny) Grayson of Hartford City, Scottie Teegarden of Pennville, Jim (wife, Marcia) Teegarden of Poneto, Carol (husband, Jay) Sands of Hartford City, Lisa (husband, Allen) Valentine of Hartford City; he was a wonderful grandpa to twenty-two grandchildren; forty-nine great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister, Wilma June Sanders of Shoals and several nieces and nephews.

Both parents, one brother, Albert Teegarden; one sister, Mary Emogene Crouse-Wentz and one grandson preceded him in death.

Funeral service for Jim will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 12, 2011 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City with Rev. Dewey Miller officiating. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Muncie.

Visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011 and from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at Keplinger Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 6415 Castleway West Drive, Suite 114, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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

**Mother's Day Dinner**

Shown above are mothers and daughters who attended the May 5th Mother's Day Dinner at St. Joseph Church. They were Denise Henninger, Mary Kay Perkins, Brooke Perkins, Peggy Padgett, Marie Ringwald, Melanie Padgett, Michelle Ringwald, Barbara Stoll, Jean Ellis, Allie Henninger, Patti Parsons, Mary Jane Ryan, Rose Ann Morris, Norma Hall, Emma and Ellie Hall, Adrienne Kraft, Stasia Padgett, Donna Rayhill, Chris Peter, Jane Holder, Sue Porter, Brenda Smith, and Darrah Holder.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, May 3

1:59 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, southbound from Loogootee.

3:59 p.m. - Received a report of damage to the roadway on Windom Road., near Ridge Road.

4:45 p.m. - Received a report of a theft from Pomp's Tire.

5:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:49 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance on Progress School Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:53 p.m. - Received a report of illegal entry into a residence in Crane.

7:33 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver, westbound on U.S. 50, just passing the Martin State Forest.

9:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

9:23 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident in Lawrence County.

9:38 p.m. - Received a call regarding underage drinking.

11:08 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing.

Wednesday, May 4

12:24 a.m. - Received a call from a subject in reference to a friend that may be suicidal.

1:45 a.m. - Received information regarding underage drinking.

6:15 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with a locked vehicle in Shoals.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of a dispute in downtown Shoals.

2:37 p.m. - Male subject came on station to report a break-in.

3:27 p.m. - A female caller advised of a theft of construction materials from her property in Crane.

3:36 p.m. - A female caller reported a fight at the Subway restaurant in Loogootee.

4:28 p.m. - Received a call about a suspicious subject on Brooks Bridge Road.

6:39 p.m. - Received a call advising that Indian Springs Road was now open again and the water had subsided.

7:15 p.m. - A female subject advised that someone had busted her lights out on her residence.

7:38 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer about four of his dogs that had been shot.

7:53 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in progress in Shoals.

8:34 p.m. - Received a call from a male regarding a custodial dispute.

8:45 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver in Shoals.

10:52 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 231, north of Pinetree Road.

Thursday, May 5

12:45 a.m. - A female caller requested assistance with a male at her residence in Loogootee.

5:35 a.m. - Received a request to attempt to locate a stolen vehicle from Washington.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a possible suicidal subject.

11:32 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 231, southbound from Alfordsville Road.

12:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on S.R. 550. No transport was necessary.

12:19 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing.

6:25 p.m. - A male caller requested we be on the lookout for his father and do a welfare check because he has been gone from home for a longer time than expected.

6:46 p.m. - Received a report of a hit and run accident on U.S. 231, with the subject that left the scene traveling northbound from Haysville.

Friday, May 6

3:08 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 231, just north of Haysville.

7:11 a.m. - Requested an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

7:30 a.m. - Dubois County advised that they had received a request for an ambulance just inside Martin County.

8:37 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals.

9:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:03 p.m. - A male caller reported threats made against him.

3:17 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver eastbound on U.S. 50 in Loogootee.

4:18 p.m. - Received a complaint about custodial issues.

7:39 p.m. - Male called about harassment.

8:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:49 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident U.S. 150.

9:46 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing on private property.

Saturday, May 7

3:10 a.m. - A female caller complained about noise at Nu-Tap in Shoals.

4:02 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver southbound on U.S. 231, from Farlen area.

4:20 a.m. - Received another call about the possible impaired driver's location is now in Loogootee.

11:38 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50, near the state highway garage.

11:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. No transport was necessary.

12:54 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee.

7:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

9:08 p.m. - A female caller reported property damage done by her teenage son.

9:18 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

11:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance to meet with a subject in a personal vehicle at the Loogootee Police Department. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a fight

in progress on Pineview Drive.

Sunday, May 8

1:40 a.m. - Received a report of a trailer westbound on U.S. 50, with its rear lights going on and off and the trailer dragging the ground.

3:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:45 a.m. - Received a report of a boy on U.S. 231, near the Whitfield power station, flagging down traffic.

7:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:28 p.m. - Received a report of a water main break on Low Street in Shoals.

Martin County accident reports

Saturday, May 7

11:46 a.m. - Lauren E. Alexander, of Loogootee, was operating a 2000 Pontiac and attempting to turn onto Broadway Street when she pulled into the path of a 1990 Ford operated by Scott L. Arvin, of Loogootee. Sgt. Hennette investigated.

12:55 p.m. - Christopher A. Gentry, of Jasper, was operating a 2009 Ford on U.S. 50. At this time, a black vehicle struck the front of his and left the scene. Sgt. Hennette investigated.

1:57 p.m. - Received a report of cows out on County Farm Road.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of a subject on home detention leaving his residence.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of gun shots in the boat landing area in Shoals.

Monday, May 9

10:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Family Medicine. The patient was transported to Vincennes Good Samaritan Hospital.

12:09 p.m. - Received a report that a vehicle had struck a fence at the Loogootee City Park.

12:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Odon. The Daviess County Sheriff's Dept. was contacted.

4:25 p.m. - Received a call from a subject in reference to a theft case.

4:48 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle checks in Shoals.

5:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. No transport was necessary.

5:46 p.m. - Received a complaint about an aggressive dog in Crane.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off at the Marathon station in Shoals.

6:46 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in Loogootee regarding a theft.

8:03 p.m. - Received a call about a custodial disagreement.

9:01 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm east of Loogootee.

Tuesday, May 10

5:34 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with a locked vehicle.

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Loogootee Police Department log

Sunday, May 1

8:40 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a female who had fallen.

5:06 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in County Place Apartments. Sgt. Hennette responded.

Monday, May 2

10:51 a.m. - Female caller reported a possible forgery case.

12:13 p.m. - Female caller reported a possible theft at a local business. The item was found and returned.

8:01 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on Crestview Drive.

Tuesday, May 3

8:59 a.m. - Female caller reported loose dogs in Shaded Estates. Chief Rayhill spoke with the owner.

11:02 a.m. - First responders were requested in Shaded Estates for a female with difficulty breathing.

11:54 a.m. - Caller reported loose dogs on Elm Street. The owner was contacted.

12:27 a.m. - Caller reported harassing phone calls from another female.

4:12 p.m. - Caller reported unauthorized control of a vehicle.

4:51 p.m. - Caller reported public indecency on North Line Street. Captain Akles spoke with the parties involved.

7:44 p.m. - Robert Taylor, of Loogootee, reported a theft from his vehicle.

8:01 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible overdose on Park Street. Subject was not transported to hospital.

Wednesday, May 4

Unknown time - Caller reported a vehicle hauling an unsafe load. Vehicle was later located between Shoals and Loogootee.

9:41 a.m. - Phyllis Tedrow, of Loogootee, reported several solar lights taken from her yard. Chief Rayhill completed a case report.

12:01 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a

bank alarm, which was later, deemed false.

12:31 p.m. - Caller reported trash overflowing from a dumpster on North Line Street.

12:44 p.m. - Female caller reported a civil issue.

3:38 p.m. - Caller reported a fight in progress in front of Subway. Chief Rayhill responded.

5:28 p.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

8:01 p.m. - Male caller reported a child custody issue.

10:03 p.m. - Caller reported a civil issue involving a fallen tree.

11:57 p.m. - DCSD requested a tanker for a fire at 1200 East. Loogootee Fire responded.

Thursday, May 5

5:30 a.m. - James Kreilein, of Loogootee, reported several items in his front yard either moved or broken. He also reported an item missing from his vehicle. Chief Rayhill responded.

5:40 a.m. - Melissa Dobson, of Loogootee, reported an item stolen from her vehicle. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the victim.

12:22 p.m. - Sarah Erwin, of Loogootee, reported a theft from her vehicle. Sgt. Hennette filed a report.

5:19 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up at Southwind Manor.

6:49 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported to be on the lookout for a black truck, which was involved in a hit-and-run accident near Haysville.

9:51 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle near his residence on SW 3rd Street. Captain Akles responded.

10:16 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver east of Montgomery.

10:39 p.m. - Caller from Chuckles requested an officer in regards to a disorderly customer.

Friday, May 6

2:09 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette tagged an abandoned vehicle in Sunset Trailer Court.

2:12 p.m. - Caller on North Line Street advised that subjects have been shooting guns inside the city limits.

6:03 p.m. - Female caller advised she was having problems with her daughter. A statement form was given.

Saturday, May 7

12:14 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol at a local business.

4:05 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

5:09 p.m. - Caller reported a four-wheeler in Shaded Estates.

7:42 p.m. - Caller stated some young kids were playing on the cross ties near the railroad track.

7:47 p.m. - First responders were requested on Reinhart Road for an allergic reaction.

9:41 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons walking on Bloomfield Road. Sgt. Norris was unable to locate.

9:44 p.m. - Caller reported an alarm going off at a local business.

10:22 p.m. - Caller reported her vehicle was disabled near Cooper Street.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported kids walking in St. Johns Cemetery. Sgt. Norris responded.

10:57 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested assistance with a domestic dispute on Pine View Drive.

Sunday, May 8

3:35 a.m. - An employee at Chuckles reported a drive off. Person was later located.

3:49 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a male waving down traffic near Whitfield.

5:44 a.m. - Caller stated someone was trying to get into her apartment. It was later learned a neighbor was at the wrong door.

7:01 p.m. - Caller reported a four-wheeler in Country Court. Sgt. Norris was unable to locate.

Court News

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 28

Sandi Miller vs. American International Finance, Inc., Carplex, Inc., and Accelerated Asset Recovery Co., Inc., civil tort.

April 29

Mainstreet Acquisition Corp. vs. Michael E. Chambers, civil collection.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jordan VanMeter, civil collection.

Convergence Receivables, LLC vs. Robert Smith, civil collection.

RAB Performance vs. Donna S. Boyd, civil collection.

May 2

Megan Cooper vs. Tyler K. Cooper, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Dennis R. Stepanak vs. Terry E. Walls, Stacia L. Wells, and Hoosier Accounts, mortgage foreclosure.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

April 27

Schlomer Enterprises, Inc. vs. Jeramey Osborne, complaint.

April 28

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Ronald and Mary Quick, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Sharon L. Lake, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Misty D. Kelsey, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Michael L. Kane, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Shirley Holt, complaint.

April 29

Johnette Payne vs. Robert Taylor, complaint.

Michael E. Clifton vs. Lexi Murray, complaint.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

April 27 - May 3

Christopher Hellums, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

John Jones, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

William Kendall, Dry Ridge, Kentucky, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Steven Stewart, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Branden Vonderheide, Francisco, semi trailers in excess of 48 feet, 6 inches restrictions of operation, \$119.

William Davis, New Albany, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Robert Grehl, Dillsboro, speeding 70 in a 55, \$124.

Travis Sergent, Loogootee, speeding 57 in a 40, \$124.

Jail bookings

Thursday, May 5

1:26 a.m. - Andy Holt, 32, of Loogootee was arrested and charged with invasion of privacy.

4:14 a.m. - Jeffery Bruce, 48, of Oakland City, advised that he was driving his white 2000 Honda northbound on U.S. 231, near the Raglesville turnoff, when he struck a deer that was present in the roadway. Damage was done to the front end and the hood areas of the vehicle. The investigating officer was Major T.A. Burkhardt.

Saturday, May 7

4:35 p.m. - Loogootee Police arrested Scott A. Sellers, 40, of Loogootee. Sellers was wanted on a Dubois County warrant. Sgt. Hennette was the arresting officer.

Sunday, May 8

4:26 p.m. - Loogootee Police arrested Joshua L. Arthur, 19, of Loogootee. Arthur was charged with escape from home detention and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Sgt. Hennette was the arresting officer.

9:19 p.m. - Donald Hawkins, 40, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Governor Daniels declares May 'Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month'

The Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) are asking drivers to help keep Indiana roadways safe by looking out for motorcyclists.

According to ICJI, there were 2,615 crashes involving motorcycles on Indiana roadways last year. As a result of these collisions, more than 2,100 people were either killed or injured. Data also shows that more than half of these collisions involved impact with another motor vehicle. Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), shows that per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 37 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in traffic crashes.

"Size and maneuverability have made motorcycles a popular form of transportation for many Hoosiers," said Ryan Klitzsch, ICJI Traffic Safety Division Director. "The downside is that these features are also what make our effort to increase motorist awareness so necessary," he continued. "Motorcycles are smaller and provide less protection than automobiles, making riders less visible and more susceptible to injury in the event of a collision."

Hoosier motorists can help protect the safety of motorcyclists by simply using safe driving practices and obeying traffic signs and signals. While distracted driving, tailgating, and following too closely can result in a crash for any roadway user, motorcyclists are at even greater risk. In fact, nearly 55 percent of fatal motorcycle crashes with another vehicle last year were caused by a failure to yield or following too closely.

Motorcyclists also have a responsibility to keep themselves safe on the road. "The most important safety precaution a rider can take is to see and be seen," said ABATE of Indiana executive director, Jay Jackson. "Find ways to make yourself more visible. Whether holding the handlebars or the steering wheel, accidents can often be deterred just by being seen," he added.

Hoosier motorists can safely "share the



road" with motorcycles by:

-Allowing motorcyclists the full lane width—never try to share a lane;

-Always checking mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections;

Martin County real estate transfers

Gary D. Lee and Gail A. Lee, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jason L. Wadsworth**, of Martin County, Indiana a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 8.863 acres, more or less.

Thomas A. Porter, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wilma F. Terrell**, of Martin County, Indiana a part of the north half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing one acre, more or less.

Nathan W. Hart, of Daviess County, Indiana to **George W. Hart, Steven L. Hart, Nathan W. Hart, and Matthew B. Hart**, of Daviess County, Indiana the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and portions of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 West of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing

99.703 acres, more or less. Except two tracts of land containing 1.216 acres and 1.141 acres, more or less. Containing in all after said exceptions 97.346 acres, more or less.

Mark Taylor and Dawn Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Phillip Goodpaster**, of Martin County, Indiana a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing one acre, more or less.

Lenora Larkin, unremarried widower of James A. Larkin, of Martin County, Indiana to **Karen M. Slaven**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 12 and the north half of Lot Number 11 in Walker's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Paula Baechle, Tamara Salmon, and Maria Pruet, of Martin County, Indiana to **Eddie F. David and Patricia Sue David**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lots Number 3 and 4 in Risacher's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Terror concerns post Osama bin-Laden death

Many media and public outlets have expressed concern for an increased likelihood of terrorist activity as a result of Osama Bin-Laden's death on May 1, 2011. While there are presently no threats known for the State of Indiana, it is reasonable for all citizens to continue to remain vigilant and alert for activity that looks out of place or otherwise suspicious.

An excellent way for any citizen to report unusual or suspicious activity is located at the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center web site located at this link: <http://www.in.gov/iifc/>. Clicking on the red "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!" link will lead viewers to: <http://www.in.gov/iifc/2373.htm>.

A key aspect of the "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!" campaign is the toll free number 877-226-1026. Citizens are encouraged to call this number if they see suspicious activity. Trained personnel will answer this number 24 hours a day and collect tip information to forward

to the proper investigating agency. And of importance to many – the caller may choose to remain anonymous.

Keep in mind the following when reporting suspicious activity:

-Activity (Describe exactly what they are doing)

-Location (Provide exact location)

-Size (The number of people, ages, gender, and physical descriptions of each individual involved)

-Time (Provide date, time, and duration of activity)

-Equipment (Describe vehicle, color, make, license plate, guns, camera, etc...)

Again, the tip line number is 877-226-1026. For more information please visit www.in.gov/iifc. In cases of emergency, please call 911 or local law enforcement. Hoosiers may also prepare for any type of emergency, natural or manmade, by preparing a family disaster plan or emergency supply kit. For more information please visit www.in.gov/dhs.

Gov. Daniels signs bill giving incentives for local governments to voluntarily consolidate

Governor Mitch Daniels has signed into law a measure offering financial incentives to local governments that find efficiencies and voluntarily consolidate.

Senate Enrolled Act 26, authored by State Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport), allows local governments to retain parts of their levies and budgets that would otherwise be reduced because of government reorganizations.

"This new law is a great step for local units of government and taxpayers," Head said. "More local officials may be motivated to cut costs, find efficiencies and consolidate because the transition will now be easier."

Head said this new law allows, but does not require, local units to merge departments or functions.

Local governments could keep up to 50 percent of any savings the first year after a merger. The amount would be phased down to 10 percent after four years and continue at that rate.

Indiana Receives Top Honor for 2010 Economic Development

Area Development magazine awarded the Indiana Economic Development Corporation with a 2011 Gold Shovel award, the publication's top honor for economic development efforts.

Indiana was one of only three states to receive the award, which is based on 2010 performance in categories including total job creation, job creation per-capita, new capital investment and number of new facilities.

"People are taking notice that 2010 was a record-setting year for economic development activity in Indiana," said Mitch Roob, Secretary of Commerce and chief executive officer of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "Receiving the Gold Shovel is a great honor, but it's also a challenge to continue doing all we can to make Indiana the most business friendly destination for growing companies."

The 2011 award is the first Gold Shovel recognition that Indiana has received in the six year history of the award. The state received Area Development's Silver Shovel recognition, its next highest honor, in 2008, 2009 and 2010. The Sil-

ver Shovel is awarded using the same criteria to three states in each of three population categories: under 4 million; 4 to 9 million; and over 9 million.

"In the wake of the Great Recession, economic development agencies are working harder than ever to not only achieve economic recovery, but also to attract new businesses and grow their existing businesses," said Geraldine Gambale, editor of Area Development.

The accolade is Indiana's second in as many months. In March, Site Selection magazine ranked Indiana ninth among all states for the number of new economic development projects in 2010. The ranking was up one spot from 10th place the year before.

Area Development is a bi-monthly publication focusing on business site selection and relocation issues. Published since 1965, the New York -based magazine has more than 45,000 subscribers. The full-results of the 2011 Gold and Silver Shovel Awards will be available in the magazine's Spring 2011 Executive Summary issue and online at www.areadevelopment.com/awards

Disaster assistance for livestock and poultry producers affected by flooding

Julia A. Wickard, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Indiana reminds livestock and poultry producers throughout Indiana that FSA programs may be available to assist them. Many are dealing with inclement weather, which is causing serious harm to livestock and forage due to heavy rain, flooding and storms. "This is turning out to be a tough spring for many farmers in Indiana, and learning about our FSA programs is an important step for producers to take," said Wickard. "We need producers to document the number and kind of livestock that have died as a direct result of these spring storms and timely notify their local FSA office of these losses."

FSA administers several programs that help producers recover from livestock deaths that are beyond normal mortality

rates, losses of purchased and/or harvested forage, and with the additional costs of providing or transporting feed. Among the key programs are the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

To be eligible for assistance for livestock death loss or feed losses, producers must file a notice of loss with their local FSA office within 30 calendar days from when the loss is apparent to the producer.

Fact sheets for these two programs can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov; click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets.

Wickard also encourages producers to use Hay Net on the FSA website, www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet, an online service that allows producers with hay and those who need hay to post ads so they can make connections. Hay Net is a popular site for farmers who have an emergency need, such as the one caused by the recent spring storms. Individual ads can be posted free of charge by producers who complete a simple online registration form the first time they use the site.

"We encourage all who have suffered losses due to adverse spring weather to read the fact sheets and visit with their local FSA county office staff so they can get a quick start in the recovery process," added Wickard.

Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has this very nice Bullmastiff. She is around one-and-a-half years old. She needs to go to a good loving home; she does have some trust issues. She could be a great dog for the right family. If interested in this nice dog, call Don at 812-296-0952.



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Governor signs charter school and education choice bills

Two more bills in Governor Mitch Daniels' comprehensive education reform package became law last Thursday when the governor signed measures that will give Hoosier families more choices to educate their children. HEA 1002 will expand opportunities for charter schools and HEA 1003 will give parents who meet income guidelines choice scholarships to attend private schools.

"If we've learned anything in Indiana, we've learned change can happen, but change is hard. Change always brings uncertainty. Indiana has seen a lot of change in the recent years, but none bigger and more important to our long-term future than the change we are about to make the law of this state," said the governor. "We say today, that every child is precious. Every child deserves an equal chance to be all they can be. Regardless of race, regardless of income, every child and every parent deserves an equal chance."

The charter schools bill:

- Creates more opportunity for high quality charter schools by expanding authorizers
- Creates new statewide body that can issue charters
- Requires all charters to be open to any student who lives in Indiana; random drawings must be held at a public meeting if there are more applicants than slots
- Charters held to rigorous accountability standards, as are traditional public schools
- Ends the virtual pilot program and gives these schools more flexibility to function like other public charter schools for funding, authorization, accountability
- Gives charters more flexibility to hire non-traditional educators and part-time teachers
- Gives charters more access to unused facilities owned by traditional public schools
- Allows for conversion of an existing public school to a charter school under certain conditions

"Today we celebrate the culmination of not months, but years of hard work," said Russ

Simnick, executive director of the Indiana Public Charter Schools Association. "With the signing of these bills, we've removed ridiculous obstacles to parents selecting options for their children. We're not just changing the landscape of education in Indiana, but the entire nation is watching us today."

The choice bill:

- Makes choice scholarships to private schools available to families who meet income guidelines. Families below free and reduced lunch (\$40,000 for family of four) eligible for 90 percent of state tuition support; families below 150 percent of free and reduced lunch (\$60,000 for family of four) eligible for 50 percent of state tuition support.
 - Provides a maximum scholarship amount of \$4,500 for grades 1-8; no limit on high school
 - Caps the number of scholarships at 7,500 for 2011-12 and 15,000 for 2012-13. No limit thereafter.
 - Expands the current tuition tax credit to provide more students scholarships to attend private schools
- "With the passage of a comprehensive set of reforms, Indiana has reaffirmed its commitment to public education, put its trust in parents, and realigned our education system to put the needs of children ahead of adults," said Robert Enlow, president and CEO of the Foundation for Educational Choice. "The quality of a child's education is no longer based on their parents' zip code or a family's income. We are at the head of the class when it comes to reforming K-12 education thanks to the courage and leadership of Governor Daniels."

The authors of the HEA 1002 were Speaker Brian Bosma, Rep. Robert Behning, Rep. Mary Ann Sullivan and Rep. Cindy Noe. Sponsors of the bill were Sen. Dennis Kruse, Sen. Jim Buck, Sen. Carlin Yoder and Sen. Jim Banks.

Authors of HEA 1003 were Behning, and Bosma, and sponsors were Kruse, Yoder, Banks, Buck and Sen. Greg Walker.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



Strengthening our economy by helping Hoosier businesses and entrepreneurs alike

Now that session is over, things have calmed down and legislation is all finalized we can take a deeper look at all that was accomplished over the last four months. This week, I will focus on a few of the job creating and economic rehabilitating bills that passed.

One such bill that I authored promotes private sector job creation in a number of ways. First, it allows local government to create flexible abatement schedules that reward companies of all sizes with the ability to qualify for a property tax abatement. The length of the abatement must be based on scoring from four factors, the size of the investment, the number of jobs, the pay rate of those jobs and the reuse of existing infrastructure. The abatement can be for up to 10 years.

The second component allows designating a downtown area as a rehabilitation zone, and would allow for a 100 percent abatement for up to three years for companies that reuse existing 50,000-square-foot building and a business investment of \$10 million.

It also allows local government to set up hiring incentives for new or existing companies by rebating local option income taxes for new jobs created.

The last component of this bill extends the expiration date to 2017 for the enterprise information technology property tax exemption. This will allow Indiana to be competitive in attracting the large data storage companies that have been a growing business sector.

Another jobs bill that passed this session makes adjustments to the industrial recovery tax credit. This tax credit is designed to encourage businesses to purchase large, old vacant industrial facilities. Currently the tax credit applies to vacant facilities that have been in service for 20 years and vacant for at least two years and have 250,000 square feet of vacant floor space or more.

The passed legislation reduces these requirements to vacant facilities that have

been in service for at least 15 years and vacant for one year and it also lowers the minimum square footage of vacant space.

This increases the number of buildings that are eligible for the tax credit and therefore can bring about more extensive rehabilitation and job creation to our Hoosier communities that have been hit by the economic recession and seen many companies close or leave town.

A third bill creates a one-stop-shop for our Hoosier entrepreneurs to visit to take care of the necessary permits and registration required in filing their new business with the state. This reduces the red tape involved in the process and makes it much easier for our bright entrepreneurs and existing businesses to launch and support their new businesses.

That same bill also has the Indiana Department of Education, in conjunction with the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) and Indiana Economic Development Corporation, develop a curriculum guide based on best entrepreneurship practices for entrepreneurship programs in high schools. It also has the CHE perform an inventory of entrepreneurship programs offered at Indiana colleges and universities and put the list of programs up on their website.

Not only does this bill help Hoosier entrepreneurs get their businesses off the ground, it also trains great entrepreneurs of tomorrow here in our great state.

We also passed legislation that enhances the Venture Capital Investment (VCI) Tax Credit by extending both the duration of the program as well as the amount of credit and waiving the tax credit application fee for two years.

The VCI Tax Credit basically increases access to capital for fast-growing Indiana businesses by providing investors incentive to invest in early stage firms. By expanding the tax credit we are allowing our Hoosier businesses more opportunities to grow and expand and add more jobs to their business.

All of this legislation represents our efforts to make Indiana the best state for private sector job growth through both statewide and local initiatives. They benefit all types of businesses, both large corporations and local businesses, as well as young entrepreneurs. Through these initiatives we are promoting job creation and investments in our local communities all across the state.

I am pleased to have been a part of this meaningful legislation. I truly believe we have put Indiana on a great track for job and economic growth.

Keep checking back over the next few weeks as I continue to recap everything that was accomplished during the 2011 legislative session. Have a great week.

Attention flood damage victims

Martin County Emergency Management Agency Director Cameron Wolfe has asked that all flood damages, whether in costs of repair, replacement, man hours, etc., due to flooding, be reported to him through Auditor Nancy Steiner's office at 247-3731 as soon as possible.

Please leave your name, address, telephone number, and brief description of damage.

This information is needed to secure federal help for Martin County.

Spring Clean-Up is Saturday, May 14
for Martin County residents only
from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Loogootee Recycling Center - 295-4142

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Cell phones added to Do Not Call List, consumers, homeowners protected

State legislators passed new laws to protect the telephone privacy of cell phone users, provide restitution to consumers who have been scammed and create important legal protections for homeowners at risk of foreclosure.

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller last week thanked area legislators for passing eight important consumer protection bills during the 2011 session of the Indiana General Assembly that ended the 29th of April.

"The public perception is often shaped by the disagreement and divisive aspects of the Legislature. But that's not really the case in the areas of protecting Hoosiers from frauds and scams. Your state legislators of both parties and both houses consistently work across the aisle to reach agreement and craft effective new laws. The consumer protection bills my office recommended at the beginning of session have all passed nearly unanimously, and that reflects how legislators step up to serve as advocates for their constituents. For the effort they put into reviewing bills and anticipating unintended consequences of new laws, the legislators deserve our thanks," Zoeller said.

At a news conference last week in Evansville, Zoeller thanked area legislators who supported consumer-friendly legislation this session, including State Representatives Suzanne Crouch, R-Evansville, Gail Riecken, D-Evansville, Ron Bacon, R-Chandler, Wendy McNamara, R-Mount Vernon, and Sue Ellspermann, R-Ferdinand; and State Senators Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville, Jim Tomes, R-Wadesville, and Lindel Hume, D-Princeton.

Some of the bills already have been signed into law by the Governor and others await his signature.

Most provisions of new laws will take effect July 1. Zoeller highlighted these bills:

Cell Phones and the Do Not Call List - House Enrolled Act 1273

Bill Status: Final version passed 50-0 in the Senate and 93-0 in the House; sent to the Governor's desk.

Telephone privacy is enforced by the Indiana Attorney General's Office. Implemented under former Attorney General Steve Carter, the popular Do Not Call law protects Hoosier consumers from annoying, unwanted telemarketing calls. More than 1.8 million residential phone numbers now are registered on the Do Not Call list. Telephone solicitors who violate the law and call those numbers can face lawsuits from the Attorney General's Office and financial penalties.

"Because many Hoosiers now use cell phones only and do not have land lines at home, we wanted to statutorily extend the protections of the Do Not Call list for cell phone users so they also can be shielded from intrusive solicitors," Zoeller said. House Enrolled Act 1273 clarifies the statute, allowing Hoosiers to register their cell phone numbers, prepaid wireless calling and interconnected VOIP service onto the Do Not Call list if that cell number or service is used as their residential phone number. Telemarketers who call a cell phone number registered on the Do Not Call list will face the same penalties as those who call a registered land line.

Senators Becker, Tomes and Hume were Senate co-sponsors of the bill. "HEA 1273 is a common sense proposal to add the same protections regarding the Do Not Call List for cell phone users which we currently have for land lines," Becker said.

Consumer Enforcement Assistance Fund - House Enrolled Act 1182

Bill Status: Final version passed 48-0 in the Senate and 90-0 in the House; sent to the Governor's desk.

During the foreclosure crisis, many homeowners were victimized by foreclosure-rescue fraud or by deceptive credit-services or home-loan practices. Many in turn filed consumer complaints with the Attorney General's Office. But if a com-

pany committing a fraud or scam went out of business, there might be no assets with which to pay restitution or damages to the victims.

Attorney General Zoeller supported creating an Enforcement Assistance Fund, so that victims who report wrongdoing to the state can receive up to \$3,000 in compensation in certain cases. The assistance is funded through civil penalties recovered from companies sued by the Attorney General for violating certain consumer protection laws. The fund is modeled on a \$125,000 restitution fund the 2010 Legislature created to reimburse victims of the American Escrow fraud.

Representative Riecken was a co-author of the bill. "Victims of real estate fraud should benefit greatly by the restitution fund set up in HEA 1182, legislation the Attorney General spearheaded," Riecken said.

Human Trafficking and Child Solicitation Study - House Enrolled Act 1083

Bill Status: Final version passed 93-1 in the House and 50-0 in the Senate; sent to Governor's desk.

Many law enforcement agencies are worried about the growing problem of human trafficking that forces vulnerable minors into lives of child prostitution and underage sexual exploitation. House Enrolled Act 1083 creates a summer study committee to examine whether Indiana's criminal penalty for child solicitation should be revised, or if a new criminal offense of child trafficking should be added to the Indiana code. The study committee's recommendations then would be considered by the 2012 Legislature.

Representative Crouch was author of the bill, which also contains several other important provisions that will assist school corporations in educating students about the risks of sharing explicit materials online and in protecting them from online bullying.

"The legislation I authored this session to further protect children from cybercrimes and bullying on school computers is something I believe is very necessary in this technological age," Representative Crouch said. "We want to ensure that if materials that are harmful to minors are sent using technology, whether that be a cell phone or computer, especially if they are sexually explicit, that the people sending those materials are prosecuted. The bill also will require the Criminal Code Evaluation Commission to study certain sex crimes against children this summer. These are steps that I hope will cut down on bullying in schools and that will help shield our children from harm," Crouch said.

Homeowners Associations - House Enrolled Act 1058

Bill Status: Passed 90-8 in the House and 49-0 in the Senate; signed into law by the Governor on April 20.

Under state law, the Attorney General's Office has a regulatory role over charitable and nonprofit organizations to ensure they spend donations as intended; and it can seek legal remedies such as an injunction or board reform if a nonprofit has engaged in illegal or fraudulent activity.

House Enrolled Act 1058 was the result of concerns expressed by constituents in Jeffersonville who complained they had little recourse to stop questionable activity by a homeowners association. Zoeller supported HEA 1058 which extends the legal safeguards on nonprofits to homeowners associations as well. The legislation allows the Attorney General to bring a lawsuit against a homeowners association or its board and seek injunctions against illegal conduct, or seek restitution or civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation.

"Because they impose fees on and require certain things of residents, homeowners associations exist almost as their own form of government. Therefore it is appropriate that they be publicly accountable and subject to review. House Enrolled Act 1058 was the result of Hoosier constituents bringing a local problem to their

elected officials and asking them to pass a law to correct it. This is a perfect example of democracy at work," Zoeller said.

Mortgage Foreclosure Best Practices - Senate Enrolled Act 582

Bill Status: Final version passed 89-0 in the House and 47-1 in the Senate; now moves to the Governor's desk.

The Indiana Attorney General's Office is participating in the 50-state investigation of "robo-signing": the practice by mortgage lenders of improperly signing and filing foreclosure documents in court without authenticating them, leading to erroneous foreclosure actions. A foreclosure-prevention task force developed a list of guidelines called "Mortgage Foreclosure Best Practices" that Attorney General Zoeller filed in the Indiana Supreme Court and recommended the court implement statewide.

Separately, Senate Enrolled Act 582 makes some of the Mortgage Foreclosure Best Practices part of state statute. It requires courts to schedule settlement conferences between lenders and borrowers, and judges would not take final action on foreclosures until settlement conferences can take place. Courts could impose monetary civil penalties on lenders who failed to comply with the new requirements. Riecken was House co-sponsor of the bill.

Background Checks for Health Care Professionals - Senate Enrolled Act 363

Bill Status: Final version passed 95-0 in the House and 46-4 in the Senate; sent to Governor's desk.

To screen out individuals with criminal records from working around the vulnerable elderly, Zoeller supported Senate Enrolled Act 363, which requires licensed health professionals — such as nurses and administrators — to undergo criminal background checks when they apply for a new license. Paid for at licensees' expense, the background checks would be sent to the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA), which oversees licensing applications for nurses and administrators.

Prescription Drug Disposal Sites - House Enrolled Act 1121

Bill Status: Final version passed 96-0 in the House and 48-0 in the Senate on April 25; sent to the Governor's desk.

Abuse of prescription drugs — often stolen from medicine cabinets by teenagers — is a problem in Indiana. Attorney General

Zoeller supported legislation to make it easier for Hoosiers to safely dispose of their unused or expired prescription medicines so the drugs are not diverted and abused, or flushed into waterways.

In some other states, pharmacy stores can provide disposal bins where consumers can safely discard unneeded prescription pills, tablets, and liquids. During the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event on April 30, Hoosier consumers were able to drop off unwanted drugs at 85 collection points statewide, but law enforcement officers had to stand by and supervise. To make the process more convenient, House Enrolled Act 1121 revises state law so that pharmacies and other health care facilities can voluntarily offer their customers drug-disposal sites, without the need for a police presence monitoring the disposal. To fully implement the program, a regulatory rule change by the Indiana Board of Pharmacy also is anticipated.

Transparency in Gaming Revenue - Senate Enrolled Act 325

Bill Status: Final version passed 87-0 in the House and 48-0 in the Senate; signed into law by the Governor on April 28.

If riverboat casino dollars flow into a development company's coffers, that company should be required to disclose to the state how it spends the money, under legislation Attorney General Zoeller supports. The legislation requires disclosure by any for-profit or non-profit corporation that receives casino revenue through a Local Development Agreement or LDA.

In communities with riverboat casinos, state law already requires setting up an LDA so a portion of casino revenue is set aside and directed to fund local economic development projects to boost tourism. A for-profit company that received \$16 million from the East Chicago casino over 10 years never has publicly disclosed how it spent the casino revenue, however, and so the Attorney General's Office has pursued ongoing litigation to require transparency.

Senate Enrolled Act 325 requires disclosure by any organization that receives casino revenue through an LDA: a for-profit corporation, a nonprofit such as a community foundation, or a charitable trust. Results of an accounting will be provided to the Indiana Gaming Commission and Attorney General's Office.

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2011 ISDA Photo Contest is underway statewide

Attention all shutterbugs! The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is proud to announce the 2011 Indiana State Department of Agriculture Photo Contest.

"Indiana agriculture is not only an industry but a community," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "These photos are a powerful and beautiful testament of this hard-working community and the invaluable contributions of our Hoosier farmers."

Contest winners will have their winning photographs framed and featured in the Offices of the Lt. Governor's Family of Business in Indianapolis as well as the 2012 Hoosier Ag Today calendar.

For this reason, participants are encouraged to submit photos that are reflective of our changing seasons. In addition, contest winners will be the special guests of ISDA at this year's Indiana State Fair, where they will be recognized at the Celebration of Agriculture event.

Categories are as follows:

Conservation: landscape, water and wildlife

Agritourism: destination agriculture, including products from orchards, wineries, and flower gardens

Faces of Agriculture: photos featuring people engaged in the activities of daily farm life and/or giving non-ag audiences a deeper understanding of Indiana agriculture

On the Farm: buildings, animals and equipment

Contest guidelines:

The general public, ISDA staff and partners are all invited to submit images for consideration.

Applicants may submit up to 5 entries in

digital form only.

Applicants may only submit each photo once and it should be accompanied by a completed entry form.

Photos should be submitted in TIFF (preferred at 300 DPI or JPG format at 150 DPI)

All images and entry forms must be submitted electronically to photocontest@isda.in.gov

Entries must be received by June 15, 2011 ISDA will confirm each entry's appropriate contest category upon receipt.

All photographs must be your own original creation. Photos that have been digitally altered, as determined by ISDA as going beyond standard optimization, will be disqualified.

All contest submissions will be considered for future ISDA publications, web sites and newsletters. Visit www.in.gov/isda/files/ISDA_PHOTO_CONTEST_FORM2011.doc to download the 2011 Indiana State Department of Agriculture Photo Contest entry form which includes the photo release agreement.

8th Annual Wood Fiber Art Fair to be held May 21

Hoosier Hill Rug Hooking Guild is sponsoring the 8th annual Wood Fiber Art Fair on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the fair will be held at the Washington Conservation Club at 350 W 150 in Washington.

Vendors this year will include: Hooked on George (rug hooking supplies, patterns, wool), Esther's Pressed Flowers (pressed flower products), Country Comforts (soaps, lotions, etc.), Green Hills Farm (yarn, roving), Turkey Trot Workshops (painted floor cloths, penny rugs), Nicole Wilson & Judy Stone (needle felting, wool appliqué, hooked items), Wooly Woolens (rug hooking supplies, patterns, wool), Mid-Indiana Alpaca Ranch (fiber, roving, knitted & woven products), Indiana Fiber Producers Association (spinning, weaving, fiber, roving, associated products), Barb Elliott (recycled wool, handmade items), Heirloom Wool Room (braiding), Hollyhock Hills (rug hooking supplies, wool, patterns), Spiderweb Specialties (spinning, hand-knit items), The Rooster Run (products from sheep-to-shawl), Stitches from the Heart (needle punch, cross stitch, needlepoint), Village Knitter (everything for the knitter), Etienne's Farm Market (potted herbs & flowers) and Sunflower Broom Shop (broom maker).

There will be demonstrations in rug hooking, needle punch, knitting, sock machine knitting, needle felting, cording, sheep-to-shawl, spinning, penny rug making, rug braiding, color planning, and different styles of weaving.

Classes offered this year will be a beginning rug hooking class in the morning for \$35 and a punch needle class in the afternoon for \$40. For class reservations or more information on classes, please call Sheila Parker at 812-354-2971.

For more fair information visit www.hoosierhills.blogspot.com or call Colleen Schmidt at 812-897-8161.

Martin County Relay for Life happenings

REMINDER: Martin County Relay for Life meets this Thursday, May 12 at the Martin County Community Building.

Committee meeting starts at 6 p.m. Captain's meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Fundraiser: Relay Day!

Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. - noon
Parking lot of the Old Gospel House, Loogootee

- Various Martin County Relay for Life teams will be selling items to raise donations for Relay. Stop by and support a great cause! It's time to paint this town PURPLE!

Fundraiser: Yard Sale & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 14, 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Odon Christian Church Parking Lot
- Chestnut Crusaders (Captain Krystal Chestnut) will be having a yard sale and

Calendar of Events

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.

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.

Humane society meetings

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

Youth football meetings

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

Recovery support group

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

Martin County ABATE meetings

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

US Route 50 Yard Sale

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

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~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

Dependency – My take

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

It is my opinion that the party that now holds the presidency of the United States of America is in the middle of a program to make each of us dependent upon the federal government for all of the basic necessities of our lives. We are susceptible to these enticements either because we have genuine needs or because we want something for nothing. But, the “nothing” turns out to be our own tax dollars. In other words, our present government is using our tax dollars to buy the votes of those who receive that money. That is one reason why our national debt is over 14 trillion dollars. Whom do we think the recipients of those “handouts” will vote for in the next election? Those who take money from Peter to pay Paul, normally do not ask Peter for his permission to rob him. Are we Peter or are we Paul? This is “class warfare” (poor versus rich), a basic communist tactic for achieving forcible redistribution of wealth. What are the forms of these “handouts”? Farm, corporate, ethanol and rent subsidies, generational welfare, food stamps, and unending unemployment benefits, to name a few. I do not consider Social Security or Medicare to be “handouts” because we are required, by law, to pay for these benefits. They are not “free”. We must ask, which party stands for more and more government spending, handouts and higher taxes? Are these programs constitutional?

The Constitution of the United States of America defines a democratic republic or a representative form of government, NOT a pure democracy. In a pure democracy, every issue is decided on the basis of the popular vote. The brute majority rules, regardless of principle. The founders established a system of government in which citizens vote to elect representatives. Those representatives are then responsible for conducting the affairs of government in our behalf according to the principles we have agreed upon. We, the citizens, are responsible for electing representatives who understand and adhere to the limits of the United States Constitution. Constant citizen follow-up and oversight are required to make sure that those representatives are adhering to the Constitution. A basic requirement is that each of us understands the Constitution and its limits.

Anyone desiring a better understanding of our Constitution may log onto

www.constitutioninstitute.org for information concerning constitution classes to be held in the Martin County Community Learning Center, located between Loogootee and Shoals, on Highway 50 starting on June 14, 2011 at 7 p.m.

God bless you and yours.

Dennis Jones
Shoals, Indiana

‘I also have nothing but positive things to say about the new school’

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I am writing this to let anyone reading know that this school year has been an incredibly pleasant surprise. We are all quick to judge and find fault but slow to compliment and admit when we are wrong. I am sure that a lot of people are aware of the reservations I had at the beginning of the school year, with my children entering the new Loogootee “Intermediate” school. I was pretty outspoken at meetings. I learned a lot this year, mostly about giving new things a chance and trying harder to remain positive and open to change. My children have loved their new school from day one. I have to say that they were very nervous, but I am certain I did not help that situation!

I have to say that the teachers were very supportive, understanding, and positive, even though it was such a change for them

too. That made the transition easy. Mr. Powell, a man that my children and I admire and are comfortable with, met parents and children outside at the entrance the first day. This put us all at ease right away. Being the person I am, I walked my children in the first day as always, and the teacher even made me comfortable before I left. As for Mr. Mullen, I was in his office with an attitude at the end of last year! I didn’t even wait for this year to start. The day I knew we were leaving the old school I went directly to his office. The first time he saw me in the parking lot this year, he asked me how every thing was going, if my kids liked the school, and if I had any problems. I realized that he not only remembered our meeting, but was genuinely interested in my concerns, even though as I was taking up his time, he had much bigger “fish to fry”.

I think the principals, and teachers should be very proud of the way the transition went. I miss the old school for many personal reasons and history, and still can’t say that I agree with the move, but I also have nothing but positive things to say about the new school and my children’s experiences this school year.

Gianna Armstrong
Loogootee, Indiana

Setting the record straight on reproductive health options

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Recently, Senator Scott Schneider (R-Indianapolis) claimed in his editorial to “set the record straight” on his amendment to defund Planned Parenthood of Indiana (PPIN). Since Sen. Schneider’s last-minute amendment was added to legislation without public comment or input, I would like to address a few of his “claims.”

Sen. Schneider claims that his amendment to defund PPIN will not result in fewer federal dollars for health care. NOT TRUE.

Governor Daniels’ FSSA Secretary, Michael Gargano, has said that Indiana is at risk of losing all of its \$4 million in Medicaid family planning funding due to Sen. Schneider’s amendment. In fact, federal law prohibits state Medicaid plans from discriminating against any willing provider, including PPIN. If Indiana is no longer in compliance with federal requirements, the state could lose some or all of its Medicaid dollars which could amount to much more than \$4 million.

Sen. Schneider claims that his amendment will result in no loss of services for women because dollars would magically shift to other providers. NOT TRUE. He claims that 150 “other providers” will offer reproductive health care services identical to PPIN. ALSO, NOT TRUE.

According to the Indiana Family Health Council, which administers Title X federal funds, there are only 24 other centers that provide family planning and preventive health services through Title X. Because of Sen. Schneider’s amendment, women will go un-served since these centers are scattered throughout the state and not necessarily located where everyone who needs health care and contraceptives can access them.

Sen. Schneider claims that his amendment is needed to keep tax dollars from funding abortions. NOT TRUE.

In fact, none of PPIN’s federal grants are used for abortion services since it is prohibited by both federal and state laws. Funds are separated and audited regularly to comply with federal requirements. All abortion services, only 6 percent of the services PPIN provides, are paid for with private funds - not tax dollars.

Sen. Schneider’s amendment will instead increase the number of abortions by limiting access to birth control and family planning for thousands of women. PPIN provided education and contraception to over 105,000

Hoosiers last year.

Sen. Schneider claims that “no tax dollars were directed to any entity that performed abortions” prior to the Clinton administration. NOT TRUE.

Federal family planning funds became part of the budget during the Nixon administration and have for nearly four decades been allocated to Planned Parenthood affiliates across the country. Most people agree that the best way to reduce abortion is through affordable access to birth control.

Planned Parenthood provides important health care services in our communities, particularly to low-income women. Sen. Schneider’s amendment does great harm to that vulnerable population. By reducing access to family planning, there will be more unplanned pregnancies. By reducing access to preventive health services like Pap tests for cervical cancer and tests to identify sexually transmitted diseases, there will be greater incidences of disease and death.

In his zeal to forward his own agenda,

Sen. Schneider has missed the real threat to society. Lack of affordable health care and family planning will add to our costs - more children born in poverty, more women with expensive and deadly diseases, and yes, more abortions. These costs to society cannot be measured.

Indiana State Senator Vi Simpson
(D-Ellettsville)

LETTER POLICY

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



Girl Scouts care

-Photo provided

Girl Scout Troop #440 recently sent a care package of Girl Scout Cookies to former Shoals resident and Army Ranger, Andrew Otero. The troop had collected donations during the spring cookie sale and used those donations to support our troops. Seated, from left to right, are Sage Harker, Maddy Gaines, Ivory Jackson, and Aryonna Braun. Standing, from left to right, are Storm Bradley, Amber Fields, Ashlynn Wathen, Katrina Sipes, leader Missy Fields, and Sara Craft. Not pictured: Kendra Howard and Rose Holt.

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Classes and programs at the learning center

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USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder) - The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the Federal government's official website and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an online resume training session and will provide applicants with information and advice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshop will be held on May 26 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Call the learning center to sign up!

Résumé Writing and Career Planning - Need help with your résumé? Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting will offer Résumé Assistance-Level One on May 12. The

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

24/7 Dads - Are you a father or soon to be father who would like to meet with other men and discuss what it takes to be a great dad? "24/7 Dads" is a free, innovative fatherhood mentoring program that focuses on identifying and developing the personal characteristics that every father needs. The program hones fathering skills as the individual learns about himself and the important roles he has with his children and what makes a positive home environment. The class will meet on Wednesdays 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 are conducting an ongoing Overcomers' Recovery Support Group at the center. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and newcomers are invited. There is no cost for participation. For further information, contact Jason Underhill at 812-653-1908.

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

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

Contact - Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email kkerr8@ivytech.edu

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Tickets available for Loogootee Alumni Banquet

The Loogootee Schools Alumni Association is working hard to organize an evening of enjoyment for all attendees. The honored classes of 1961 and 1986 have promises to attend from classmates from as far east as Maryland and as far west as California. There will be good food, good entertainment, and stories that have been enhanced from fact to fantasy over the years.

A few new activities have been planned, such as PowerPoint presentations, door prizes, and music from various periods of history.

The banquet is the same weekend as the Butcher-Gee Golf Tournament which provides scholarships for athletes from Loogootee High School. Further information will appear in the local media at a later date.

Everyone is welcome to attend if you are not in one of the honored classes, there will be people there from other classes. You also might even find some of your "old" teachers there.

The date is Saturday, July 23, 2011, so mark your calendar and show up for a great evening. Just fill out the form, send your money in, and have a great time.

To order tickets, fill out the form below and mail to Loogootee Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee, IN 47553. Tickets are \$20 each. You may also include a check to the Loogootee Schools Scholarship Trust.

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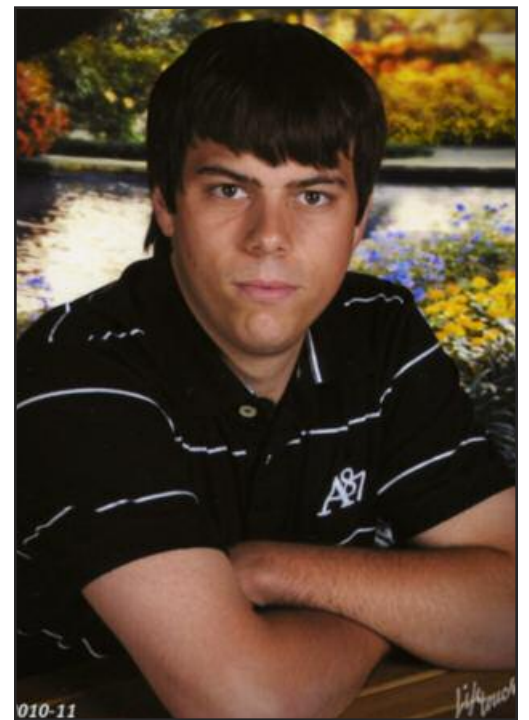
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SHOALS 2011 SENIOR Spotlight



SAMANTHA BOYD

Samantha Haley Boyd is the daughter of Sonja Boyd. Her favorite pastime is being with her friends. During high school, Samantha has been involved in cheerleading, media, SADD, and Pep Club. Her best memory was winning the 2009 Catfish Queen Contest. One of her funny memories of school was when Amber lost her hair extension at the Barr-Reeve game and told them to run in the middle of the floor to get it. Samantha plans to attend Vincennes University and receive a General Studies degree until she knows what she'd like to pursue.



JAMES GRABER

James Erwin Graber is the son of Brian and Melissa Graber. His favorite hobby is riding four-wheelers. While in school, James participated in the Special Olympics. His best memory in school was his funny teachers. James' plans for after high school include getting a job.



DILLON CORNETT

Dillon Kent Cornett is the son of Jonathan Cornett and Shelly Rainey. His favorite things to do are hunt, fish, hang out with friends, and go to Denny's to eat. During school he was been involved in chorus and his best memory was 'Riding Party '08'. One of the memories that he will always have is when Tyler Price dislocated his elbow. Dillon plans to attend college and become a registered nurse and live a happy life.



KAYLEA MULDER

Kaylea Renee Mulder is the daughter of Kristina and Jeff Williams. Her favorite things to do are spotlighting, bowling, shopping, and four-wheeling. During school, Kaylea has participated in volleyball, served as basketball manager and in the choir. Her best memory in life was meeting her biological dad and sisters. She says she will never forget when she went spotlighting with Garrett, his friend, and her brother and they chased a fox. She plans to attend college to become a pediatrician, get married, and start a family.

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Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY
Breakfast
Thursday, May 12
 Cereal, muffin, sausage, juice
Friday, May 13
 Sausage, biscuit, juice
Monday, May 16
 Sausage, egg, biscuit, juice
Tuesday, May 17
 Breakfast pizza, egg, juice
Wednesday, May 18
 Biscuit and gravy, sausage, juice
Lunch
Thursday, May 12
 Sloppy Joe, corn, peaches
Friday, May 13
 Corn dogs, baked beans, mixed fruit, bread
Monday, May 16
 Ham and cheese sandwich, corn, carrot sticks
Tuesday, May 17
 Chicken nuggets, green beans, mixed fruit, bread
Wednesday, May 18
 Macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, applesauce, bread, celery sticks

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch
Thursday, May 12
 Chicken wraps or pizza, corn, rice, fruit, salad plate, milk
Friday, May 13
 Breaded chicken sandwich or pizza, French fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, salad plate, milk
Monday, May 16
 Breaded tenderloin or pizza, scalloped potatoes, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk
Tuesday, May 17
 Popcorn chicken or pizza, tossed salad, corn, fruit, salad plate, milk
Wednesday, May 18
 Turkey noodles or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Thursday, May 12
 Eggs with biscuit and jelly, juice, milk
Friday, May 13
 Cereal, sweet rolls, juice, milk
Monday, May 16
 Cereal, toasted cheese, juice, milk
Tuesday, May 17
 Pancakes with syrup, sausage, juice, milk
Wednesday, May 18
 Colby omelet, biscuit, juice, milk

Lunch
Thursday, May 12
 Spaghetti, garlic bread, corn, apple crisp, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza
Friday, May 13
 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, California-blend vegetables, whole wheat roll, milk
Monday, May 16
 Hamburger, French fries, chilled fruit, cake, milk
Tuesday, May 17
 Chicken noodle tray, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza
Wednesday, May 18
 Taco salad with chips, corn, jello, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

Lady Lions' Tennis defeated by Paoli

The Loogootee High School Tennis teams battled hard against Paoli last Thursday, May 5. The varsity team finished one down with a score of 2-3 and the junior varsity tied 2-2. The varsity team moved to 9-2 on the season. After the game, head coach Mike Tippery said, "This was a very good tennis match. I was concerned about a let down after the loss to Rivet. We didn't have a let down tonight. We just got beat by a team that played a little better than we did today."

- Varsity - Paoli 3, Loogootee 2**
 #1 Singles Abbie Franklin (P) defeated Jill Taylor 6-4, 6-4
 #2 Singles Jennifer Lundergan (P) defeated Brittany Eckerle 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2
 #3 Singles Jaclyn Thomas Thomas (P) defeated Allison Kiser 6-0, 6-2
 #1 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins (L) defeated Nicole Bridgewater/Shelby Litsey 6-4, 7-5
 #2 Doubles Kylie Sims/Erin Wittmer (L) defeated Hannah Balsmeyer/Stevie Thomas 6-3, 6-4
- Junior Varsity - Loogootee 2 Paoli 2**
 #1 Singles Devan Arvin (L) defeated Tessa England 8-6
 #2 Singles Luci Waynick (P) defeated Dana Sibrel 6-0
 #1 Doubles Emily Sutton/Emily Lannan (L) defeated Mariah Thorlton/Luci Waynick 7-6 (5)
 #2 Doubles Tessa England/Mariah Thorlton (P) defeated Sabrina Stuffle/Hannah Walters 6-2

New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY ERNIE CANELL
Pastor, New Beginnings Church

The Fear of God - Acts 9:31
 Shirley and I went to a Pastor and Wife retreat last weekend and O.S. Hawkins preached on something that really made me think. It made me search and search the Bible. So, a lot of the things I'm sharing come from His prompting and direction. It is something that just makes a whole lot of sense and answers a lot of question to me as it should for you. Like why things are the way they are in the church and the world.

He asked three questions: Why, What and How.
 Why are we believers living in a no fear culture where the fear, reverence, and awe of God are a forgotten subject? We tend to think of God as our buddy, who we can come up to and give Him a high five. When in reality, when we see the holiness of God, we should be like Isaiah when he saw the glory of God He cried out "Woe is me I am a man of unclean lips." When we begin to see God's holiness we begin to see ourselves and realize that we are not what we should be.

All through the Old Testament we see the men and woman of God who were blessed, anointed, the touch of God on them, or the power of God was on them; whatever you want to call it. They had an underlying thread that ran through all their lives and that is they feared the Lord God. Then, if we turn to the Gospels, Acts, and the rest of the New Testament, we see the same thing in the people like you and I that are directed to walk in the fear of the Lord.

Second question was: What is the fear of God? Is it that we fear God's hand of punishment on us any time we might say something or do something wrong? If that is your idea, you have missed what the Bible is talking about. The Old Testament word is reverence, awe or respect. The New Testament word is like it; that we have a reverential stand, an awe that is so much so that it becomes controlling motivation of our lives. What is the fear of God? It is not that God will beat us over the head with a big club. It is not that God will put on His hand of punishment but that HE would take His hand off of us. That's what the Bible talks about when it talks about walking in the fear of God; that the almighty God would not take His hand off of our lives. When we walk in the fear of God and have the attitude in our lives, in our relationships with our spouses and children, even in our work places. He will give us a supernatural ability to overcome our sinful desires. Proverbs 16:6 says, "By the fear of the Lord one departs from evil. He will give us supernatural wisdom." Psalms 111:10 says "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. And, He will give us greater understanding of the Bible." Psalm 24:14 says "The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant."

The last question is how. How can we put a handle on the fear of God and put it into our lives with the power and blessings of

God? It begins with how we start everything in the Christian life with the word of God. Deuteronomy 31:12-13 say that we learn to fear the lord and teach it to our children by the word. WE learn that it is not the fear of God's hand of retribution on us, but that he doesn't take His hand off us.

The wisest man whoever lived was Solomon, after searching all the things of the world, laughter, lust and liquor summed it all up in the last chapter of Ecclesiastes. Which should perk up our ears to hear what His end conclusion was.

He says: The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. Eccl 12:13

Oh that the people of God would only fear God so it could be said of them what was said of the early church in Acts 9:31. So, the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

If you have any questions about your faith and what it takes for God's hand to be on your life, please call Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258. Please note we have changed our Bible study to 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning and worship to start at 10:30 a.m.

Matthew 5:16 Day is May 14

Mark your calendars for May 14 - Loogootee's Matthew 5:16 Day. "In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all those to see, so that everyone will praise your Heavenly Father."

A first annual day of service and good deeds is being planned for May 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. Sign-up sheets are available at your local church.

A free pancake breakfast will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Loogootee High School cafeteria in honor of the event.

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2011 Sign-Up Schedule

Wednesday, May 4th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Sunday, May 15 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 1 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

Cost: \$40 first child, \$30 for each additional sibling.
 All sign-ups after June 1st will be \$50 per child.

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

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

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

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

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

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IDEM reminds Hoosiers to avoid contaminated floodwaters

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) reminds Hoosiers in flooded areas that wastewater treatment plant disruptions and outages are to be expected due to power outages and flooding. Untreated sanitary waste can end up in waterways and on streets when heavy rain overwhelms sewer systems and treatment plants.

Hoosiers are warned to avoid coming into contact with floodwaters. Exposure to contaminated floodwaters can lead to illness from infectious diseases, according to state health officials. Anyone exposed to floodwater should wash their hands thoroughly with warm, soapy water, especially before eating. As floodwater recedes and soaks into the ground, pools will remain, and those pools likely contain contamination.

Wells and cisterns may also be affected. State health officials warn that private wells located in a flooded area should be assumed to be contaminated. These wells should be evaluated before using the water for drinking, cooking and washing dishes. People are advised to discontinue use of the well water until it can be inspected by a professional well contractor.

IDEM staff members are available to work with wastewater treatment plant officials who experience problems caused by

the rains and need special assistance. As floodwaters recede and power returns, normal operations will resume at wastewater treatment plants affected by flooding or power outages. The public may contact their wastewater facilities for the status of operations.

More information from state health officials about other potential hazards related to flooding, and flood safety and sanitization recommendations, can be found on the Indiana State Department of Health website at www.in.gov/isdh/20401.htm. Local health departments also can provide tips for staying safe during post-flood cleanup.

School board meetings

The Shoals School Board will meet tomorrow, Thursday, May 12 at 5 p.m. Items on the agenda include field trips, request to declare old piano surplus, elementary science and health textbook adoption, summer coaching hours, first reading of handbooks, and report on the STAR period.

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. Items on the agenda include textbook adoption, summer recreation, and the second reading of the student handbooks.

Both meetings are open to the public.

Where to write or call

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