

## Loogootee to pay \$202,308 for superintendents next year

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Loogootee School Board held a special public input meeting Monday night, May 12 to hear public comment on the proposed superintendent contract. Board member Tim Bradley was not present for the meeting due to being on travel for his job.

No one from the public was present so no comments were made.

The board was asked by Martin County Journal Reporter Courtney Hughett whether any change has been made to the former superintendent's contract which is not set to end until June 30, 2015. Board President Scott Hall replied that no decision has been made on the contract and it is unchanged.

Former Superintendent Larry Weitkamp left his position last September. At that time,

the school board explained in a statement that Weitkamp would be using up his accumulated vacation days and "explore the future" and "ponder his opportunities". Weitkamp's contract states he is paid \$105,000 a year, pays one dollar toward a family health, dental, and vision insurance plan; receives an annuity equal to six percent of his base salary, and has 20 paid vacation days per year.

The new superintendent, who is supposed to be announced at next Tuesday's school board meeting, will receive an annual salary of \$97,308 beginning July 7, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The new superintendent will be required to work 240 days a year and will receive 20 paid vacation days, 21 paid sick days and will be able to transfer up to 90 paid sick days from their previous school corporation for the 2014-15 school year and

up to three days per year of unused sick leave days annually from their previous employer until either all days have been transferred or the superintendent's employment with the school corporation terminates, whichever comes first. The new superintendent will also pay one dollar toward a family health, dental, and vision insurance plan and the school will provide group term life insurance equal to 2.5 times the base salary. The new superintendent will also have access to the corporation's vehicle for school business travel.

Without a change to Weitkamp's contract for next school year, the corporation will be paying \$202,308 in superintendent salaries, not including benefits.

Hughett also asked the school board if there has ever been discussion on combining Shoals and Loogootee's superintend-

ents' offices as a cost saving measure. She noted that she did not mean consolidating schools, but just consolidating superintendents' offices. She said with the declining enrollment at both schools and the constant funding cuts from the state, this may be a way to save money. Each school has a superintendent and office staff for roughly 1,500 students total and costing upwards to half a million dollars. Board members Scott Hall and Larry Craney both replied saying that it has never been discussed.

Rumors have swirled county-wide for weeks that current Shoals Superintendent Joan Keller will be taking over the helm at Loogootee although no official announcement is scheduled until next Tuesday night's board meeting. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office.

## Carroll Rayhill takes open seat on Loogootee City Council

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Mayor Harty told the Loogootee City Council at their meeting Monday night, May 12 that council member John Fraley has resigned his seat due to relocating to Shoals. Harty noted that Fraley worked for the city public works department for more than 30 years. A Democrat caucus was held on Tuesday night and Carroll Rayhill was voted in to take Fraley's position. A total of four people put in for the position, Don Bowling, Pat Burcham, Roger Downey, and Carroll Rayhill. The four precinct presidents voted and Rayhill received the majority.

In other business, the council approved pledging an additional \$100,000 from city EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax)

funds to go toward the re-building of the city pool, \$20,000 a year for five years. A few months back, the city council had already pledged \$50,000 in EDIT funds to go toward the pool.

Mayor Harty told the council that at the May 5 meeting of the Martin County Council they approved giving the pool project \$150,000 in EDIT funds, spread out over five years beginning in 2016. Part of the stipulation from the county in giving the money was that construction on the new pool be completed by 2016. Mayor Harty said he hopes to break ground next year. "I'd like to get it built for next summer," he said. Harty said that with the county's pledge of \$150,000, the city's pledge of \$150,000 and the amount brought in so far in fundraisers, (See 'CITY COUNCIL cont. on page 2)

## Martin County Council votes to give \$150,000 to city pool project

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Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty along with members of the park board spoke to the Martin County Council last Monday, May 5 about getting tax dollars for the city pool.

Harty read a statement to the council talking about the park board's effort over the past year to get the half a million dollars raised to build a new pool. He said that the pool is a very popular attraction in the city and in its worst year, had 10,000 visitors. He went on to say that he has spoken to each council member and received many fundraising suggestions. He noted that unless the person suggesting the fundraiser wants to coordinate it, financial back it, or show up to help run it, they are not in support of the city pool. "I'm sorry, but that's the reality," he said.

Commissioner Dan Gregory, who represents the district that includes the City of Loogootee, spoke next explaining that a spreadsheet was passed out to the council in

March. He said he was out of town at the time and the proposal was intended to be hypothetical. The proposal was to pledge \$100,000 of EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) funds now and an additional \$39,400 for the next five years for a total of \$297,000.

Gregory said he felt the county's current financial situation was stable and that the park board needs an answer as to what the council is willing to do. He said that people moving to Loogootee look for amenities like a city pool so the council giving the money would directly affect economic development.

Harty then spoke up noting that at a recent tourism meeting, one of the county's innkeepers said that there are people who will not come stay in Martin County because there is no pool.

Whitney Edwards, city pool manager, spoke to the council about how the pool impacted the children that came every day and now they have no place to spend their summers. She said Martin County has the Summerfest and the Catfish Festival during the summer, but that is really all kids have. She (See 'COUNTY COUNCIL cont. on page 2)



-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

## Flight

It would be nice to be able to get up off the ground and away from the soggy conditions of late. The area has been pounded by rains the past several days creating flooding conditions and hazardous county roads. According to the forecast tomorrow we will be a break in the rainfall before it picks back up again Friday.

## Welfare check results in discovery of DMT lab

A welfare check into the living conditions of six Shoals children resulted in the discovery of a clandestine DMT lab.

At approximately 10:30 last Thursday morning, Trooper Steven Sexton assisted the Indiana Department of Child Services in conducting a welfare check based on a complaint of living conditions at 818 Lynwood Drive in Shoals. While checking the residence, Trooper Sexton discovered what was believed to be a Dimethyltryptamine lab, or commonly referred to as a DMT lab. DMT, a hallucinogen that naturally occurs in particular South American plants and can be synthesized in a lab, is categorized as a Schedule I Controlled Substance. Further search of the residence revealed the presence of hash oil and drug paraphernalia.

The homeowner, Christopher Couchman, 34, Shoals, was present and was placed in custody without incident. Two other suspects will have charges pending the is-

suance of arrest warrants through the Martin County Circuit Court.

The Department of Child Services relocated the six children as a result of the investigation. No children were present at the time of the investigation as they were in school.

The Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Section believes this may be the first seizure of a DMT lab in Southern Indiana, as its usage is somewhat rare. If you have information regarding the manufacture of illegal drugs and substances in your neighborhood or area, please contact the ISP Meth Hotline by dialing 1-800-453-4756. You may remain anonymous while providing your information.

Christopher Couchman was arrested and charged with manufacturing a schedule I controlled substance, a Class B Felony; possession of hash oil, a Class D Felony; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.



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# CITY COUNCIL

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around \$100,000, the city will need an additional \$100,000 to \$200,000 from fundraisers. He said the project will be put out for bids to see what the final cost will be.

The city council approved purchasing a new tractor from Hoeflings for \$18,000. Mayor Harty explained that the current tractor is 30 years old and they are unable to buy parts for it anymore. The new tractor will be financed over three or four years with German American Bank at two percent interest.

The council, members of the park board, and Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones then spent some time discussing the park board's budget. They discussed whether the parks department needed to use some of their budget to pay for the new tractor since so it could be used to cut the grass at the park. Members of the park board said they are unsure of what their budget contains because they don't have a copy of it. Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that since Mayor Harty goes to all the park board meetings, he could take them a copy of their budget. Jones said the budget currently contains around \$23,000 and there was some excess due to not having expenses with the pool.

Mayor Harty said that a slide at the park needs to be replaced and asked if the park board could have approval to buy a new one. The current slide was purchased in 1997 at a cost of around \$4,300. Jones said the park board budget has \$3,428 in machinery and equipment and \$1,500 in general improvements. A few council members noted that they believe the cost for a new slide would be between \$8,000 and \$12,000. Jones said she is not sure where the park board would come up with that much because wages and benefits for park employees will still be coming out of the budget. The council decided to approve spending up to \$8,000 on the slide if the funds can be found.

Council member Rich Taylor asked what the plans were for the gravel lot the city purchased on the railroad tracks at the corner of Church Street and JFK Avenue. Mayor Harty replied that there have been a few suggestions including putting in a gazebo with parking on each end as a "green space" and another suggestion was to reconstruct the depot that used to be there and make it a visitors' bureau. Taylor suggested in the meantime to erect a sign on that lot stating that no one is allowed to park there unless they speak to the Loogootee Chief of Police first. He said that the companies currently parking equipment in the lot could be paying the city every month for its use. It was decided to get quotes for a sign.

The council approved hiring Eric Rasico for the Loogootee Fire Department. JD Flynn, with the fire department, said Rasico was a former firefighter that moved away and has recently moved back. He said they would like to have him back on the department.

Mayor Harty said a resident suggested putting signs at the end of the one-way street at the post office. The resident told him that there was almost an accident in that area re-

cently because there are no markings at the end of the street by the stop sign directing drivers on which way they are allowed to turn depending on what side of the street they are stopped. Council member Rick Norris said that the left lane is left turn only and the right lane is straight or right turn only. The council decided to mark the pavement with the arrows and see if that corrects the problem before purchasing signs.

Mayor Harty then told the council that his office had a request for a "dead end" sign to be placed on Bridgewater Street. The council approved the request.

The council approved street closings, the same as in years past, for the Summerfest to be held June 19, 20 and 21.

The council approved changing the salary ordinance to include two part-time positions in the public works department. The part-time positions are not to exceed 29 hours per week, one at \$7.25 per hour and the other at \$10 per hour.

The council approved adding \$2,350 to the superintendent's salary and \$1,050 to uniform rental.

During the board of public works meeting, Mayor Harty said he had a request from a resident on Southwest 3rd Street to install a 'slow, children playing' sign so drivers will slow down. Harty said someone will check the area and they will discuss it again next month.

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said it was not just Martin County children, she also saw several children and families from Washington.

Joyce Jones, who was in the audience, asked the park board how much profit the pool will make to keep up with maintaining it. Park Board Member Samantha Nelson said that it wasn't intended to make money with the pool, it was a service offered to the community. She said if the pool did end up having a profit, she would hope that the money would go back into the pool or given to the community. Harty added that any money that may be made would go toward keeping the pool maintained. Nelson said that with the continuous pledges they have received for the years after the pool is built and the few fundraisers that will be planned each year, they will have the money to cover the cost to run the pool.

Jones then asked the council if the other two commissioners would get an equal amount of whatever Gregory's district is getting. Nelson, with the park board, said she didn't understand the question because the pool would not just affect one district, but affect the county as a whole and other communities.

Council President Rich Summers replied saying that on paper, yes, the other two commissioners would be entitled to their allotment of EDIT money as well. Council member Lonnie Hawkins said that back in 2006, when the redevelopment commission was funded, a formula was used allotting 25

# Homeland Security Foundation awards more than \$400,000 in grants to public safety agencies

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation has approved more than \$400,000 in grants to aid public safety agencies statewide. Awards were given to 112 recipients in 62 counties. Recipients include local fire departments, emergency medical services, law enforcement and emergency management agencies in all 10 IDHS Districts.

Locally, grants were awarded to the following agencies:

-City of Loogootee Fire Department was awarded \$3,956 for fire hoses and nozzles.

-City of Washington Fire Department was awarded \$3,825 for extrication equipment.

-Elnora-Elmore Township Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$3,999.99 for three sets of turnout gear.

-Town of Odon Police Department was awarded \$4,000 for radios.

-Town of Montgomery Fire Department was awarded \$3,875 for adapter fittings, a low level strainer, and a ball intake valve.

The focus of the foundation is to support the future of public safety and to provide grant funding to local agencies for critical needs across Indiana. Grants provide up to \$4,000. Eligible projects include:

Equipping emergency responders with personal protective equipment;

Acquiring equipment for use by emergency responders;

Providing radios and technology equipment; and

Training for emergency responders.

Examples of items that current grant approvals funded include protective equipment, fire gear, defibrillators, fire hoses, computer and communication equipment, thermal imaging cameras and rescue mannequins.

"Local public safety agencies play a critical role in the safety of Hoosiers across the state," said Governor Mike Pence. "This grant money allows our first responders to replace and upgrade equipment vital to daily operations. By improving equipment and capabilities, our emergency response personnel statewide will have the tools they need to help keep Hoosiers safe."

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation is funded through the purchase of "Secure Indiana" license plates. These funds provide grants to public safety agencies and scholarships to students statewide.

A full list of agencies that were awarded grants can be found here: [file:///C:/Users/Hughetts/Downloads/DHS\\_Foundation\\_Grants%20\(2\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Hughetts/Downloads/DHS_Foundation_Grants%20(2).pdf)

percent of EDIT funds to the three commissioner districts and the final 25 percent to the council. He said this was not carved in stone but there was a mention of it in the meeting minutes back then. He said the council will have to decide if they want to use this formula in the future as they ultimately decide how all money is spent.

Commissioner Gregory suggested that the park board or Harty tell the council how much money they are requesting. Harty replied that they are requesting \$40,000 over a five-year period. To get a bond to build the pool and with the pool being completed in 2015, the first payment would be due in 2016. The council wouldn't have to pay out the first \$40,000 until then. Harty said he planned to go ask the city council to commit to an additional \$20,000 a year for five years. He said this would leave \$100,000 left to raise over the next year. The pool committee currently has around \$150,000 raised.

Lynn Gee was the first council member to speak up saying she was in favor of giving the \$40,000 over the next five years. She said she lives in the city and has grandkids who visited the pool every day.

Council member Hawkins was the second to say he was on board with giving the money.

Council member Summers said he has had people approach him suggesting the council just match what the Loogootee City Council is giving from their EDIT fund or maybe double what they are giving.

Council member Randy Wininger said he is not against the city having a pool but noted that some cities have put the question on the ballot. He said there is another election in November. Harty replied that a referendum could only be done in the City of Loogootee and there is no way they can raise the park board's tax levy enough to pay for the pool.

Council member Gee said she thinks a decision needs to be made because the park board has patiently waited for an answer. She said no one on the council will commit. Council member Wininger said he was trying to get as much public input as possible and he has heard extremes from both sides.

Council member Hawkins made a motion to pledge \$40,000 over the next five years starting in 2016 for a total of \$200,000. Gee made the second. With a final 2-5 vote, the motion was denied.

After more discussion, Council member McFeaters made a motion to match up to the City of Loogootee EDIT pledge of \$150,000, contingent upon the additional \$100,000 being approved by the City of Loogootee,

starting in 2016 with \$30,000 a year distributions. Hawkins made the second. The motion was passed 6-1 with council member Keith Gibson voting against.

In other business, Veteran Service Officer Linda Dillon thanked the council for increasing her pay and also for providing the money in her budget to get the equipment she will need for her new office.

Jim Stoughton, tourism committee, spoke to the council about tourism and the tourism committee's need for the council's help. He said it's not something he is expecting now but did want to let the council know that it will be a future request. He also noted that Martin County is ranked 89th of the 92 Indiana counties in tourism dollars. "We should not be 89, I know we can do better than that," he said.

The council approved the following additional appropriations.

From the general fund:

-\$1,072 for the deputy auditor

-\$1,633 for the sheriff chief deputy, \$1,570 for the major, \$1,519 for the sergeant, \$1,500 for the corporal, and \$2,722 for the patrolmen

-\$2,500 for assessor's office computer software

-\$1,108 for prosecutor's office legal assistant, \$1,072 for the secretary

-\$2,800 for the veteran service officer

-\$1,105 for the courthouse custodian

-\$1,224 for the court reporter

-\$1,361 for the jail matron

-\$2,074 for the jail cook/janitor

-\$1,141 for the jail commander

-\$4,564 for the jail officers

-\$1,177 for the jail communications commander

-\$933 for the soil and water secretary

From the reassessment fund:

-\$2,624 for health savings accounts

-\$4,288 for deputies

-\$610 for PERF and \$430 for social security

From CEDIT:

-\$110,000 to health savings accounts

From COIT:

-\$933 for extension secretary

-\$1,167 for commissioners salaries

-\$8,500 for health savings accounts

-\$34,000 for PERF and \$3,000 for social security

From Clerk IV-D Incentive:

-\$5,447 for clerk deputies' salaries

From adult probation administrative

-\$180 for PERF and \$120 for social security

-\$1,550 for the administrative assistant salary

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## BERNIECE BURCH

Berniece E. Burch, formerly of Loogootee, died at 11:57 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2014 at Greene County General Hospital in Linton. A resident of Linton, she was 95.

She was born December 31, 1918 in Martin County; the daughter of George and Mara (Freeman) Clifton. On February 3, 1940 she married Donald Burch and he preceded her in death on March 2, 1991.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Linton and a former member of the Daughters of Isabella.

She enjoyed quilting, embroidering, playing cards and watching horseracing.

She is survived by one son, Greg and wife Diana Burch of Hopkinsville, Kentucky; two daughters, Brenda and husband Ted Nonte of Ft. Wayne and Donna and husband Mike Lannan of Linton; 13 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, George and Mara (Freeman) Clifton; her husband, Donald Burch; one daughter, Beverly Keating; two brothers, Leland and Jim Clifton; two sisters, Velma Ford and Mary

Catherine Clifton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, May 12 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed at St. John Catholic Church Cemetery in Loogootee.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## HELEN RAGSDALE

Helen Lucille Ragsdale passed away on Friday morning, May 9, 2014 at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 83.

She was born June 18, 1930 in Marion County; the daughter of Wallace F. and Mae (Licht) Wininger. She married James A. Ragsdale on her birthday in 1948 in Bedford and he preceded her in death on October 16, 2013.

She graduated from Shoals High School in 1948. Helen was a dedicated and active member of the West Shoals Church of Christ. She worked alongside her husband farming until she retired, and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by three daughters, Con-

nie Mae and Mike Robbins of Memphis, Tennessee; Donna Joan and Gary Boyd of Bedford and Robyn Lynn and Barney Hughes of French Lick; two sons, Darren and Samantha Ragsdale of French Lick and Jason Todd Ragsdale of Shoals; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Bonnie Troutman of Shoals.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother, Robert E. Wininger; and a sister, Carolyn Qualkenbush.

A funeral service was conducted Monday, May 12 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

Preferred expressions of sympathy may be made to the West Shoals Church of Christ. Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## ROY ZIEGLER

Roy Henry Ziegler died at 9:55 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 68.

He was born March 31, 1946 in Martin County; the son of Fritz and Flora (Jones) Ziegler. He was retired coal miner with Solar Sources in Petersburg.

He was a 1964 graduate of Alfordsville High School and he enjoyed farming, horses, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by two sons, Keith Lynn and wife, Vickie Ziegler, of French Lick and Robert Morris Ziegler and companion, Valerie Froome, of Loogootee; one daughter, Kimberly and husband, Darren Kenney, of Cannelburg; one brother, George Ziegler of Loogootee; two sisters, Betty Callahan of Odon and Margaret Gregory of Brownstown; seven grandchildren, Logan Ziegler, Kyanna Moon, Aaron Ziegler, Joseph Moon, Tiara Kenney, Devin Kenney and Callie Ziegler.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fritz and Flora (Jones) Ziegler; one brother, Hinzie Ziegler and one infant brother.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 15 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in South Martin Cemetery in Rutherford Township in Martin County.

Visitation will be tonight, Wednesday, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## Homemakers conference to focus on community, healthy living

BY EMMA HOPKINS

Purdue University News Service

This year's Indiana Extension Homemakers Association Home and Family Conference will promote health, community and positive living by featuring inspirational speakers, workshops, tours and food.

The conference will be held June 10-12 on the Purdue University campus in West Lafayette and include more than 20 sessions on health and wellness, family relationships, community and technology.

In addition to the daily concurrent sessions, attendees can tour Purdue's horticulture gardens, the Pig Adventure at Fair Oaks Farm, the RDM Aquaculture Shrimp Farm in Fowler and the Whyte Horse Winery in Monticello.

"There will be several ways to explore what exciting discoveries have been made in the College of Health and Human Sciences and across Purdue's campus at this conference," said Angie Abbott, Purdue Extension program leader and assistant direc-

tor. "It will celebrate Purdue's high-quality research-based education that helps families in Indiana and the nation maintain positive living."

The conference's keynote speaker is LaDonna Gatlin, a contributing writer to the best-selling book series *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. Gatlin will speak on "Tune up Your Life."

Also featured is former Miss America 2009, Katie Stam-Irk, who was crowned the first Miss America from Indiana in the pageant's 88-year history. Stam-Irk travels the country as an advocate, spokeswoman, host, author, branding professional and performer. She is the spokesperson for Midwest Ag Finance and is an executive consultant for New Sunshine LLC in Indianapolis. Stam-Irk will present "From Dairy Farmer to Miss America: Life on the Farm to Life on the Road."

The conference will conclude with a gala banquet at 6 p.m. June 12.

The Indiana Extension Homemakers Association was founded in 1913 by a group

of homemakers and Purdue professors with the goal of providing social and educational opportunities for homemakers and encouraging the teaching of home economics in schools. In its first year, the group contributed to the passing of the Smith-Lever Act, which created the Cooperative Extension Service to provide instruction in agri-

culture and home economics.

Early registration for the full conference costs \$175, and single-session registration costs \$95. There are additional fees for parking, heritage skills and tours. For more information or to register online, visit <http://www.conf.purdue.edu/homeandfamily>.

## Nurses recognized at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center

Nurses at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center are being honored with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

Memorial Hospital is excited to announce the first recipient is of this award is, Sara E. Vaal, RN! Sara was recognized for her compassionate and caring demeanor and is described by her nominator, Abby Recker, RN, as "...one of the most caring, kind and compassionate individuals I know. She always goes above and beyond to ensure our patients and their families are receiving the best possible care. Sara puts her patients at the forefront. When she enters a patient's room, she is in that moment and focuses completely on her job." Thank you, Sara, for your dedication to your patients and Memorial Hospital and Health Care center! We would also like to congratulate all of the nominees for the DAISY Award, Katie Pfaff, RN, Laura Roettger, RN, Billie Sickbert, RN, and Michelle Wineinger, RN. The DAISY Award is presented quarterly. For more information or to nominate a nurse, visit [www.mhcc.org](http://www.mhcc.org) or contact Tammy Billings at 812-996-0154.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, California, and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon autoimmune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Each quarter, a Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center nurse will be selected by a specially formed committee to receive The DAISY Award. At a presentation given in front of the nurse's colleagues, physicians, patients, and visitors, the honoree will receive a certificate commending her or him for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly

meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." The honoree will also be given a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.

Bonnie Barnes, President and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation, said, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do. The kind of work the nurses are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award."

## SUMMERFEST PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

JUNE 21, 2014 AT 2:00 P.M.

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Entry category (Please circle which BEST fits):

School	Military/Govt.	Community Group
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Description of entry (Please circle all that apply, indicate how many of each and describe below):

Float	Animals	Other
Marcher/Walker	Car/Van/Vehicle	
Horse/Carriage	Tractor/Wagon	

Please describe any special needs for your unit (i.e. placement in parade, arriving late) or additional comments or information. \_\_\_\_\_

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On June 21, all parade entries must arrive at Loogootee High School parking lot between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.; judging will start promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Return entry form by June 9, 2014 to: City of Loogootee Mayor's Office, JFK Avenue, Loogootee, IN 47553. Questions? Need more information? Contact Mayor Noel Harty's Office at 812-295-4770.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### THURSDAY, MAY 1

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of harassment.

10:44 pm - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals.

### FRIDAY, MAY 2

6:40 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, near Church Street.

7:14 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary on Mount Olive Road.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of harassment.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of child custody dispute.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

10:14 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire on Falls Lane.

### SATURDAY, MAY 3

9:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

### SUNDAY, MAY 4

No log received from the sheriff's department.

### MONDAY, MAY 5

to Brooks Avenue for a small fire.

12:25 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted ISP with a traffic stop.

1:55 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a report of utility theft.

8:14 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Park Street.

9:01 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

### FRIDAY, MAY 9

12:48 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

7:34 a.m. - Caller reported property damage on Bridgewater Street.

12:45 p.m. - Female reported a stalking violation.

9:09 p.m. - Sarah L. Richardson, of Loogootee, reported a hit-and-run accident. Officer Nolan is investigating.

10:30 p.m. - Male caller reported a theft.

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

6:59 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 1st Street for a medical call.

7:55 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident at the city pool parking lot. Sgt. Norris responded.

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

11:36 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on US 231.

6:23 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on US 231.

6:57 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

7:23 p.m. - Caller reported a trespasser on his property.

9:59 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

## Accident reports

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

1:00 p.m. - Donna Walker, of Loogootee, was backing a 2011 GMC from a private drive on Sycamore Street when she backed into a 2008 Ford operated by Judith Dant, of Shoals. Captain Akles investigated.

### FRIDAY, MAY 9

6:25 p.m. - Bryce C. Boyd, of Shoals, was operating a 1999 Chevy on SR 550 when he lost control and struck an utility pole. No injuries were reported. Officer Nolan investigated.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Loogootee.

5:29 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute in Shoals.

### TUESDAY, MAY 6

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious car in Loogootee.

4:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

5:12 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee.

6:50 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of a fire on Bear Hill Road.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident east of Loogootee on U.S. 50.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping in Shoals.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of harassment.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Shoals.

9:46 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire on Rusk Road. Lost River Volunteer Fire Department responded and advised it is a controlled burn.

10:43 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

### THURSDAY, MAY 8

1:07 a.m. - Received a report of a fire on East River Road. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded and advised it is a controlled burn.

9:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

1:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

4:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

8:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on West River Road. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department responded.

### FRIDAY, MAY 9

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Lowell E. Crane**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jerry W. Crane and Victor W. Neidoffer, Jr.**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest fractional quarter of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 3.181 acres, more or less except 2.213 acres, more or less.

**Gerald D. Wilcher**, of Shelby County, Indiana to **Jeffrey A. Wilcher and Carrie S. Wilcher**, of Shelby County, Indiana, a part of Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 33.22 acres, more or less.

**Charles R. Lyon and Brantley W. Lyon**, of Martin County, Indiana to **First Equipment, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter; also the one acre of triangular shape out of the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the north-

west quarter; all in Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West. Also the east part of the northwest quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West containing 10 acres, more or less. Containing in all 71 acres, more or less.

**Charlotte Ann Meyer**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark W. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.981 acres, more or less, except 0.038 and 0.028 acres. Containing 1.915 acres after exceptions.

**Charles S. Hamilton and Donna M. Hamilton**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rhonda Holt**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 4.798 acres, more or less.

11:15 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

6:22 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 550.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a phone scam.

9:36 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident.

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

7:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

7:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Southeast 1st Street. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:32 p.m. - Received a report of a wreck with injuries on US 231 near Lumpkin Road. Martin County Ambulance, Jasper Memorial ambulance, Haysville 1st Responders, Indiana State Police, and Deputy Harmon responded. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near the Loogootee City Pool. Loogootee Police Department was dispatched.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of a fight on Park Street in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department, Deputy Harmon, and ISP responded.

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft on Oak Avenue in Shoals. Deputy Harmon investigated.

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

8:08 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm on Highway 50 in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

7:24 p.m. - Received a report of a culvert washed out on Lingenfelter Road. Martin County Highway was notified.

### MONDAY, MAY 12

2:01 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in on Low Street in Shoals. Marshal Eckert investigated.

3:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on JFK Avenue in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:08 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries on Highway 450. Deputy Greene, Shoals 1st Responders, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

## Loogootee Police Department log

### TUESDAY, MAY 6

5:40 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

8:10 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on SW 2nd Street.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

1:37 a.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

2:44 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out

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# Martin County Court News

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## CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

May 2

Donald L. Hawkins, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 307 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

April 23

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Matthew S. Clark, civil collection.

Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage vs. James M. Kirk, mortgage foreclosure.

April 25

Cach, LLC vs. Monty Murphy, civil collection.

Federal National Mortgage Association vs. Jacqueline S. Thomas, Martin County Board of Commissioners, Southern Indiana Development Commission and unknown tenant(s), mortgage foreclosure.

April 29

Charles A. Kline vs. Carla S. Kline, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 2

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Deidra J. Dodd, civil collection.

May 5

Progressive Paloverde Insurance vs. Naomi Baker, civil tort.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Rent To Own Rentals, LLC and against the defendant Michael Allen in the amount of \$2,675.24.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Danny Clark in the amount of \$1,807.81.

April 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Jesse Marshall in the amount of \$1,160.99.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Aaron Zink in the amount of \$603.45.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

April 23

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Autumn J. and Amanda L. Murphy, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Sydney R. Rose, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Heather Thoroman, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jason L. Herod, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. James S. Myers, Jr., complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Shayla D. Robinson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ashley D. Julian, complaint.

Personal Finance Company vs. William E. and Ramonda C. Grafton, complaint.

May 6

Jay M. Smith vs. Nikki Hulsey, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Walter L. Holt in the amount of \$555.77.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Kay C. LaBaume in the amount of \$484.61.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Danielle R. Scalf in the amount of \$761.20.

May 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Christopher W. Brooks in the amount of \$869.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Cheri R. Brown in the amount of \$832.17.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jacob D. Bundy in the amount of \$886.92.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Sherri L. Gruse in the amount of \$754.11.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Joseph F. Hager in the amount of \$1,460.95.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Ryan M. Hostetler in the amount of \$913.51.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Latrice C. Snodey in the amount of \$717.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Rosalina Vera in the amount of \$6,815.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Joseph D. Zoder in the amount of \$4,722.56.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 29

Joseph Daniel Watson of Shoals and Samantha Johnson of Shoals.

May 2

Ryan Merrill Johnson of Loogootee and Molly Ellen Jones of Loogootee.

# Body recovered at Glendale Fish and Wildlife

The body of Jacob L. Duncan, 25, of Louisville, Kentucky, was recovered last Saturday morning by emergency personnel shortly before 9 a.m., EST, from Dogwood Lake on Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area in Daviess County.

According to investigators, Frank N. Refalo, 51, from Mt. Washington, Kentucky, and Duncan were camping on Glendale's campground area. The men were co-workers, and, along with other friends, were planning on spending the week there.

Early last night, after sunset, Refalo and Duncan decided to take a boat ride in a bay that runs adjacent to the campground. A short time later, the 14-foot aluminum V hull motorboat began taking on water and sank, putting both occupants into in to 10-feet of water. Refalo, who was operating the boat, held on to a cooler to stay afloat. Refalo and Duncan stayed in communication but soon lost contact with each other.

A nearby camper heard their calls and launched his boat to assist. Refalo was rescued, but Duncan, who could not swim well, could not be found. The 911 call came in to the Daviess County Sheriff's Department Dispatch at 9:35 p.m. Daviess County Deputies, Indiana State Police, Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department, South West Medical EMS, the Daviess County Coroner, and Indiana Conservation Officers arrived at the scene.

Daviess County Sheriff's Department divers were able to find the boat and mark the location later that night. Refalo was transported to Daviess County Community Hospital where he was treated for hypothermia and released. Operations would resume again the next day.

Shortly before 9 a.m. Saturday morning, Indiana Conservation Officer divers found Duncan's body in 10 feet of water, approximately 30 feet from where the boat had been discovered. An autopsy was scheduled for Saturday afternoon by the Daviess County Coroner's Office.

The incident is still under investigation. Alcohol is believed to be a contributing factor and the boat has been secured for inspection and function testing. Upon completion of the investigation, the case will be turned over to the Daviess County Prosecutor's Office for review.

## Indiana State Police offer summer youth camps

The 2014 Indiana State Police Summer Youth Camps will soon be in session. Is your child looking for something a little different to do this summer? The summer youth camps are for students entering grades five through 12. Campers learn teamwork skills while gaining self-confidence.

The camps are designed to help students get an up close and personal view of law enforcement and the criminal justice system, but more importantly, gain respect for themselves and others. This is all done through programs that reward hard work, dedication and team work.

The camps always include demonstrations by our ERT (SWAT), Explosive Ordinance Disposal, Scuba, Crime Scene Technicians and other specialties. Troopers volunteer to put on demonstrations on a variety of topics. The camp staffs are hand-picked law enforcement personnel who dedicate their time to preparing youth for their futures.

The 11 camps are held at universities and

state parks throughout the state. Below is a schedule for each camp offered for 2014.

RESPECT FOR LAW CAMPS (Grades 5-6)

University of S. Indiana June 12-14  
Notre Dame University June 26-28  
Hanover College July 10-12

Anderson University July 10-12  
LIONS LAW CAMPS: (Grades 7-8)

Vincennes University June 11-14  
Anderson University July 9-12

CAREER CAMPS: (Grades 9-12)  
Vincennes University July 13-18

Trine University (Angola) July 13-18  
PIONEER CAMPOUTS:

(By Recommendation Only)  
Mounds State Park July 9-13

Lincoln State Park June 23-27  
New Harmony State Park July 7-11

Potato Creek State Park July 7-11

If you have any questions or know of a child that's interested, you may contact the Indiana Troopers Youth Services at 1-800-671-9851. To check the cost and to register online just go to <http://www.trooper.org/>

## State police seeking information into burglary and auto theft

The Indiana State Police are looking for answers after an overnight burglary at a Shoals car dealership on Friday night.

Trooper Jarrod Lents was called early Saturday morning to respond to Bailey Brothers Used Cars, 510 2nd Street, Shoals, after employees discovered that the sales office had been broken into. The investigation unveiled that during the overnight hours Friday, three sets of keys were taken from the burglarized office.

Of the three cars the keys belonged to, a 1994 Jeep Cherokee was not moved, a 1995 Jeep Cherokee was moved across the street and across from the service center, and a 2009 BMW 335i was stolen from the prop-

erty.

After entering the BMW as stolen in the computer database, investigators learned that the vehicle had been recovered at about 6:30 Saturday morning by the Orange County Sheriff's Department. The vehicle was located in Orange County, abandoned in a ditch.

Indiana State Police Crime Scene Investigators have spent the morning processing the vehicles and business for further clues and information; however, investigators are asking for your assistance. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Jasper Post of the Indiana State Police by calling 1-812-482-1441.

# Jail bookings

## THURSDAY, MAY 1

7:08 p.m. - Phyllis Grissom, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police Officer Nolan on preliminary charge of theft.

9:32 p.m. - Gary Shake, of Washington, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on a Martin County warrant.

## SATURDAY, MAY 3

7:11 p.m. - James Jeffries, of Petersburg, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Baker on preliminary charge of operating while intoxicated.

## TUESDAY, MAY 7

1:10 p.m. - Joseph Earl, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Wilson on preliminary charge of possession of marijuana.

9:25 p.m. - Angela Allbright, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee City Police Officer Nolan on a Martin County warrant.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

11:55 a.m. - Christopher Couchman, of Shoals, was arrested on preliminary charges of possession of paraphernalia, dealing a

schedule I controlled substance and possession of hash oil.

## THURSDAY, MAY 9

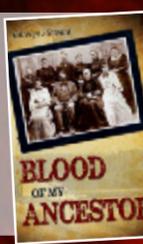
6:26 p.m. - Travis Campbell, of Mitchell, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on a Martin County civil writ of attachment and Daviess County warrant.

10:45 p.m. - James Mesarosh, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Greene and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert on a Martin County warrant and preliminary charges of possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

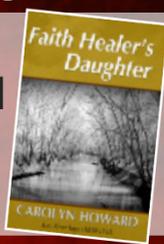
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## Shoals High School 2014 SENIOR Spotlights

## LOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL 2014 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



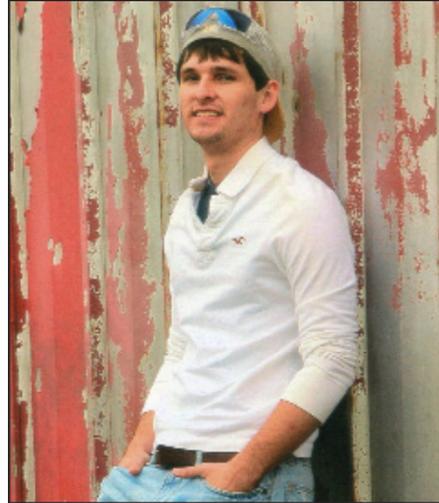
**NICK DIVINE**

Nick Logan Divine was born on December 4, 1995. He is the son of Dale and Rebecca Divine. Nick has seven brothers, Adam, Evan, and Alex Divine, and Josh, Kevin, Jason and Chad Fuhrman. While in high school, he participated in Basketball, Chess Club, SADD, and IMPACCT. His favorite teacher is Mr. Holt. Nick plans to attend Purdue University to study Agriculture.



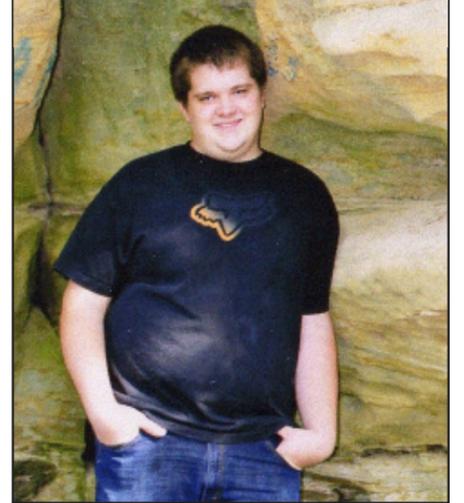
**PATRICK DIXON**

John Patrick Dixon was born on November 1, 1995. He is the son of John and Anita Dixon. He has one sister, Mary. While in high school, Patrick participated in Baseball. He enjoys spending the summers with his friends. His favorite song is "Wish You Were Here" by Pink Floyd. His favorite teacher is the late Mr. Harding. Patrick plans to go to college.



**BRANDON WILZ**

Brandon S. Wilz is the son of Robert and Mandy Wilz and Shannon Burris. While in high school, he was a cadet teacher all four years, was in Spanish Club and pep club his freshman and sophomore years, and played intramural basketball and served as an intern his senior year. He played baseball all four years and basketball in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Brandon plans to attend Kentucky Wesleyan but is unsure of his course of study.



**ETHAN WADE**

Ethan Scott Wade is the son of Catina and Troy Cannon and Scott and Joe Wade. While in high school, he was in band all four years and did job shadowing in 11th and 12th grades. Ethan plans to attend Vincennes University and study diesel technology.

### Summer non-credit classes begin soon

Registration is underway now for a variety of non-credit courses that will be offered throughout the summer at Vincennes University.

Course topics include computer software, iPhone and iPad usage, and fitness. To register or to obtain a complete listing of summer non-credit classes, contact the VU Advising Center, 812-888-4451, call toll-free 800-589-4695, or email Tom Konkle at [tkonkle@vinu.edu](mailto:tkonkle@vinu.edu).

All classes will meet on the Vincennes campus. Times given are in the Eastern Time zone.

CAC-108 Beginning Microsoft Word teaches the basic and advanced skills, including composition, editing, formatting, and layout. A focus on hands-on instruction enables the student to leave with experience in its use in a variety of applications. Lacy Ellerman is the instructor and the deadline to register is May 30. The class will meet on six Mondays, 5:30-9 p.m. (EST), June 2 through July 7. The course fee is \$89.

CEN-750 Beekeeping for the Beginner will cover hive structure and students will learn how to start and maintain a healthy beehive and how to collect and package honey for sale. The instructor will provide insight into how this interesting hobby can also become a stable source of income and will also touch on the agricultural uses of honeybees. Shawn Britt is the instructor and the deadline to register is May 30. Persons allergic to bee venom should not enroll and each participant will need to sign a liability waiver. The class will meet on six Mondays, 5-7 p.m., June 2 through July 7. The course fee is \$49.

CAC-109 Beginning Microsoft Excel teaches the basic and advanced skills, including formulas, editing, formatting, charts, and layout. A focus on hands-on instruction enables the student to leave with experience in its use in a variety of applications. Lacy Ellerman is the instructor and the deadline to register is June 30. The class will meet on six Tuesdays, 5:30-9 p.m., July 1 through August 5, 2014. The course fee is \$89.

CAC-117 Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint, which is presentation software that

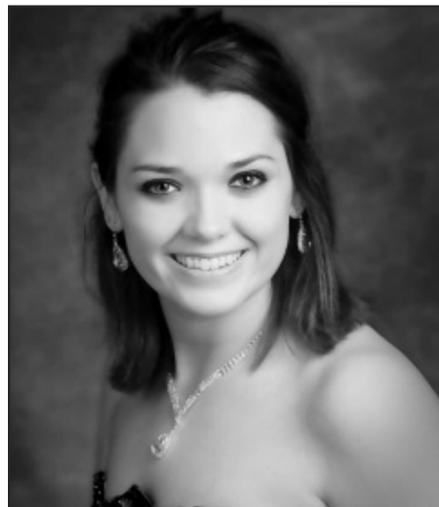
is used to create professional slides to enhance any type of speaking engagement. This course will provide a hands-on introduction and students will learn how to create, modify, and enhance a presentation, create charts, embed and link objects, and use advanced features. Lacy Ellerman is the instructor and the deadline to register is July 2. The class will meet on six Thursdays, 5:30-9 p.m., July 3 through August 14, 2014. The course fee is \$89.

CEN-653B Water Aerobics will give participants an opportunity to enjoy a non-impact workout over the lunch hour to improve endurance and overall health. Jennifer Jones is the instructor and the deadline to register May 19. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 20 through June 26, 12-1 p.m., at the VU Aquatic Center. The course fee is \$39.

CAC-240 iPhone and iPad Basics will help first-time users learn how to check email, watch streaming movies, browse the web, share personal photos, and read books. Students will learn what an app is along with how to install, organize, and delete it. Participants should bring their devices with them to class. Krystal Spencer is the instructor and the deadline to register is June 6. The one-session class will meet on Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m. to noon. The course fee is \$19.

CAC-241 Intermediate iPhone iPad Use will help participants fully understand the power of their iPhone and iPad. Topics will cover photo streaming, syncing your device through iCloud, tricks and secrets, and more apps. Participants should bring their devices with them to class. Krystal Spencer is the instructor and the deadline to register is June 27. The one-session class will meet on Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m. to noon. The course fee is \$19.

CEN-655 Step-n-Tone is an energizing step workout that uses a height-adjustable step and simple movements on, over, and around the step. The class will also utilize bands, dumbbells, weights, and/or stability balls. Susan Leonard is the instructor and the deadline to register is June 20. The class will meet on six Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., June 23 through July 28. The course fee is \$29.



**SABRINA STUFFLE**

Sabrina Danielle Stuffle is the daughter of David and Theresa Stuffle. While in high school, she has been in Peers all four years, in chorus her freshman year, in student council and Lionettes in 9th and 10th grades, in Spanish Club and FACS Club in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; yearbook and SADD her sophomore year, in pep club her sophomore and junior years, and was in FCA and served as an intern and cadet teacher in 11th and 12th grades. She was class treasurer in 10th, 11th and 12th grades. She played basketball her freshman year and tennis in 9th and 10th grades. Sabrina plans to attend VU in Jasper and study dental assisting.



**WILLIAM COMBS**

William Dean Combs is the son of Carl and Jacqueline Combs. While in high school he was an intern in 11th and 12th grades and a cadet teacher his senior year. William plans to enter the workforce after graduation.



**HOLLY STREET**

Holly Nichol Street is the daughter of Alan and Patty Street. While in high school, she has been a Lionette and in pep club all four years. She was in show choir her freshman year, chorus her freshman and sophomore years, Spanish Club and Lion Pride in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, SADD and student council in 10th and 11th grades, in FACS Club and did job shadowing her junior year, and interned her senior year. Holly plans to attend Ivy Tech after graduation and study nursing.



**KENEDI ROHLMAN**

Kenedi Ellen Elizabeth Rohlman is the daughter of Valerie Shipman. While in high school, she has been in beta club, Peers, Spanish Club, and was a cadet teacher her senior year. She played basketball in 9th, 10th, and 12th grades. She is undecided on what college she will attend but is interested in being pre-med.

# Shoals students conclude Project L.E.A.D.

Shoals 5th graders recently concluded their participation in Project L.E.A.D. (Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency) by participating in a mock trial held in the courtroom of the Martin Circuit Court. Judge Lynne E. Ellis presided over the events of the day. In conjunction with the mock trial, the students toured the Martin County Security Center. Project L.E.A.D. is a special curriculum sponsored by the Purdue University Cooperative Service. This was the 21st year the program has been taught to Martin County youth. This year's program was conducted by Probation Officer Melissa Lottes with assistance from Martin County Extension Educator Jonathon Stevens, along with fifth-grade teachers, Mrs. Shannon Wagoner and Mrs. Stacey Fox.

The program was designed to teach fifth graders about the law, the need for laws, and the legal system with emphasis on the juvenile justice system. In addition, the program emphasized decision-making and the consequences of their actions. The program combined classroom work, hands-on experiences, and speakers from various agencies. The following persons volunteered their time by speaking with the students about various law enforcement-related topics: Judge Lynne Ellis; Prosecutor Michael Steiner; Gary Sprinkle with Loss Prevention; Excise Officer Brian Stewart; Major Andy Burkhardt; Martin County Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins; Robbie Lambert with his K-9 Unit, Diesel, with Indiana State Police; Martin County Chief Probation Officer Lisa Brittain; and Kendall Martin with Purdue Extension.

As a part of the program, students were asked to submit drawings/logos for a new L.E.A.D. t-shirt. Each student was provided a t-shirt with the winning logo. This year's design winner was Olivia Alcorn. In addition, each student was required to submit an essay regarding their L.E.A.D. experience. The essay winners are as follows: Emma Hert, 1st place; Blaine Brett, 2nd place; Hadliegh Scrott, 3rd place; and Noah Stoll, 4th place. Probation Officer Melissa Lottes presented the winners with a certificate and prize sponsored by the program's financial supporters.

Project L.E.A.D. received financial support from the Martin County Probation Department.

The mock trial casts are as follows:  
 Judge: Alan Cook  
 Donna's Chief Defense Attorney: Noah Stoll  
 Ann's Chief Defense Attorney: Olivia Alcorn  
 Donna's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Adam Sukup  
 Ann's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Caleb Baker  
 Donna's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Shyla Taylor  
 Ann's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Collin Hampton  
 Donna's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Hadliegh Scott  
 Ann's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Dallas Brett  
 Donna's 4th Assistant Defense Attorney: Nicolas Sango  
 Ann's 4th Assistant Defense Attorney: Mallory Waggoner  
 Donna's 5th Assistant Defense Attorney: Ethan Niehaus  
 Ann's 5th Assistant Defense Attorney: Mya Miller  
 Chief Prosecuting Attorney: Emma Hert  
 Assistant Chief Prosecuting Attorney: Kaley Roush  
 1st Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Nick Clifton  
 2nd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Brooklyn Jones  
 3rd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Austin Gilbert  
 4th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Faith Doane  
 5th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Rionna Royston  
 6th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Andrew Newland  
 Ken Miller (Store Detective): Camden Godwin

Barbara Beach (Cashier): Brooke Dobson  
 John Smith (Store Manager): Silas Bauer  
 Police Officer John Doe: Ty Downey  
 Gary Sprinkle: Dakota Holt  
 Connie Charles: Cassidy Witt  
 Donna Decker: Kaydence Sutton  
 Ann Anderson: Alyssa Howell  
 Court Reporter: Madison Ping  
 Bailiffs: Aiden Kerr and Gabe Lamar  
 Jurors: Bryce Tolbert, Levi Pendley, Jacob Hernandez, Colton Mullins, Jocelyn Harder, Aaron Greene, Alana Royston, Austin Payne, Clayton Harker, Raky Tincher, Maddyson Rich, Zane Lake, Lydia Bruner, Elijah McCarty, Cody Craig, Cole Baker, Blaine Brett and Stephen Chybinski.

## ESSAY WINNERS FIRST PLACE

### How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life By: Emma Hert

The L.E.A.D. program has influenced my life a lot. It has influenced me to make good choices in my life. Gary Sprinkle came in to talk to us about shoplifting. He told us amazing stories that you would probably never believe. His message to us is never shoplift because it is a horrible thing to do and if you get caught there are bad consequences.

During the L.E.A.D. program a lot of speakers came in to talk to us about staying drug free because if you don't your life won't turn out the way you want it to. They were all trying to get the same message to us "don't make back choices." I would say that is a pretty good message to fifth graders.

Kathy Collins also came in to talk to us. She showed us ankle bracelets you have to wear when you are under house arrest. She told us stories about what her job is like. Her message to us was "don't make bad choices or there are consequences."

Mike Steiner came in to talk to us too. He told us a story about how someone made a bad choice and it affected others around him. His message to us was "don't do bad things or you could hurt you or others around you."

The L.E.A.D. speakers came in to talk to us because they don't want to see us make horrible mistakes when we are older. I hope I influenced you to make good choices like the L.E.A.D. program influenced me.

## SECOND PLACE How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life By: Blaine Brett

In the L.E.A.D. program I learned that L.E.A.D. stands for Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency. I learned that the court system is different nowadays. The jury decides if a person is guilty or not. I also learned about house arrest and those who have to wear a band on their ankle. I learned that L.E.A.D. helps you to make good choices by talking about things you shouldn't do.

What I learned in the L.E.A.D. program is helpful to me because it keeps me out of trouble. If you make bad choices you will go to jail. Now that I know what not to do I won't go to jail. The L.E.A.D. program gave me a good education about laws. This program has helped me understand so that in the future I will stay away from drugs and bad behaviors.

I will use what I learned in the L.E.A.D. program to help other people make good choices. I will tell people not to steal and to not do drugs. I will be a good influence by staying away from those things. I am going to use what I learned from the L.E.A.D. program to make good choices so that I will be happy in life.

In the L.E.A.D. program I think the mock trial is okay, but some things could be changed in it. Nowadays we use iPods, not tapes. I think only one person should be arrested. I liked the guest speakers and I learned the most from Gary Sprinkle. He talked a lot about stealing. His message was to tell people not to steal. All of his stories were cool and he should speak more. I like the L.E.A.D. program and think it should be done next year too!

## THIRD PLACE How the LEAD Program Influenced My Life By: Hadliegh Scott



## FOURTH PLACE How the L.E.A.D. program has influenced my life By: Noah Stoll

How L.E.A.D. has changed my life is, it taught me not to make bad decisions. It showed me that bad decisions can hurt me and other people as well. Also, it showed me that drinking and driving can put me in prison or it can kill me.

One of my favorite speakers was the state police. They told me that drugs and stuff can hurt my lungs, heart, and other organs in my body. If you're hiding drugs from the cops they have a dog that sniffs down drugs. They dog also protect his owner from people that tries to hurt the owner.

I think all the speakers tried to tell us not to make bad decisions, they can change our whole life. So I learned to make good decisions because I don't want to go to jail or get killed. Doing crimes might put in places you want to be in without your mother or father. So, I learned that crimes might hurt me or maybe someone else, and I don't want to get hurt or hurt other people.

# Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

**LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY**  
**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, May 15**  
 Cereal, string cheese, peaches  
**Friday, May 16**  
 Oatmeal bar, sausage link, pears  
**Monday, May 19**  
 Pop Tart, banana  
**Tuesday, May 20**  
 Biscuit and gravy, peaches  
**Wednesday, May 21**  
 Waffle sticks, pears  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, May 15**  
 Country fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple, bread and butter, milk  
**Friday, May 16**  
 Cheese pizza, French fries, pears, broccoli and cheese, milk  
**Monday, May 19**  
 Quesadillas, refried beans, lettuce, rice, applesauce, milk  
**Tuesday, May 20**  
 Chicken strips, Texas toast, carrots, rice, pineapple, milk  
**Wednesday, May 21**  
 Turkey and noodles, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, milk  
**LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, May 15**  
 Country fried chicken or pizza, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple, bread and butter, salad plate, milk  
**Friday, May 16**  
 Hamburgers or pizza, French fries, pears, broccoli and cheese, salad plate, milk  
**Monday, May 19**  
 Quesadillas or pizza, refried beans, lettuce, rice, applesauce, salad plate, milk

**Tuesday, May 20**  
 Chicken strips or pizza, Texas toast, carrots, rice, pineapple, salad plate, milk  
**Wednesday, May 21**  
 Turkey and noodles or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, salad plate, milk  
**SHOALS SCHOOLS**  
**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, May 15**  
 Cereal, graham crackers, fruit, juice, milk  
**Friday, May 16**  
 English muffin, sausage patty, fruit, juice, milk  
**Monday, May 19**  
 Donut, fruit, juice, milk  
**Tuesday, May 20**  
 Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk  
**Wednesday, May 21**  
 Pop Tart, string cheese, fruit, juice, milk  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, May 15**  
 Chicken taco, cooked carrots, pineapple, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: beef and bean burrito or chef salad  
**Friday, May 16**  
 Whole grain cheese breadsticks with marinara sauce, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, juice cup, milk  
**Monday, May 19**  
 Cheeseburger with whole grain bun, baked potato, salad boat, fresh apple, milk  
**Tuesday, May 20**  
 Whole grain spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, pears, whole grain garlic bread, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: sausage pizza or chef salad  
**Wednesday, May 21**  
 Chicken strips, fresh broccoli and grape tomatoes with ranch dip, mandarin oranges, whole grain roll, milk; choice 4th-12th grades: corn dog or chef salad



## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

With warmer temperatures and plenty of rain over the past week, plant growth has been rapid. Lawnmowers have been busy, as the rapid spring growth seems to make mowing needed after only a couple of days. Lush growth is also the rule in both the vegetable and ornamental gardens.

The tree peonies at Sandhill Garden were the most beautiful this year that they have ever been. The oldest of my six specimens is now in its fifteenth year and it has matured into a wonderful little tree, bearing more than a dozen large, fragrant blooms. While others were planted more recently, I am happy with their progression. The yellow tree peony, my newest specimen, now in the ground for three years, had but two blooms, but they were of the brightest yellow and certainly an indication of the beauty that should come with maturity. Gardens certainly teach us patience, but the rewards are worth the wait. Sadly, the weekend storms decimated the remaining blooms of the tree peonies, but at least this year I was able to enjoy them for a couple of weeks and even shared several of the huge blooms with others. Last year, a hail storm ended the show only a couple of days after the blooms appeared.

The herbaceous peonies are now beginning the next phase of the show. By having several varieties, with various bloom times, we may look forward to another two weeks or more of peony blooms.

I have had several calls with questions about non-blooming peonies. If there is plenteous foliage, it may be a sign of too much nitrogen. Peonies are often grown as specimen plants surrounded by turf grass, and the high nitrogen fertilizer used on the turf grass may result in too much foliage growth by the peony to the detriment of blooms. However, if the foliage is reduced from what a particular plant has shown in the past, it may be that the plant depth has changed. Peonies grow best when the roots are in the top two inches of the soil. Soil may have been deposited by wind of flowing water, or even result for animal activity,

### Gov. Pence proclaims May 17 as "Kids to Parks Day"

Gov. Mike Pence has recognized the importance of getting kids into nature by proclaiming May 17 as "Kids to Parks Day."

The proclamation is at the top of childrenplayoutdoors.dnr.IN.gov. A direct link to the proclamation is at [http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/sp-kids\\_proclamation\\_may17.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/sp-kids_proclamation_may17.pdf).

Kids to Parks Day is a nationwide day of play organized by National Park Trust. The goal is to engage kids with parks to promote environmental stewardship and healthy outdoor living.

The governor's proclamation urges Hoosiers to take time on May 17 to take a child to a park.

The day is the latest effort by the DNR to promote education and healthy living among Hoosier children. Kids to Parks Day is also an opportunity to get kids involved in existing DNR programs, including the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, the family-friendly State Parks & Reservoirs Fitness Challenge, and a wide variety of daily activities that vary by park.

The Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights is a list of 11 suggested activities to get kids outdoors, from visiting a farm to climbing a tree. Kids who complete the list can become an official "Hoosier Outdoor Child." More info is at [childrenplayoutdoors.dnr.IN.gov](http://childrenplayoutdoors.dnr.IN.gov).

The SPR Fitness Challenge entails walking, biking, paddling or swimming at least 25 miles inside one or more of Indiana's

state parks and reservoirs between now and Oct. 31. It's common for families to complete the challenge together. More information is at [dnr.IN.gov/healthy](http://dnr.IN.gov/healthy).

Information on daily programs at parks, from nature hikes to arts and craft activities, is at [stateparks.IN.gov/2420.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2420.htm). In addition to Kids to Parks Day, spring is already a busy season at Indiana's state parks and reservoirs for Hoosier children. In April and May, about 60,000 school students and members of scout groups will have visited a park or reservoir on a field trip. More than 40 schools will have visited Spring Mill State Park alone. Financial aid for field trips is available through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation's Discovering the Outdoors Fund. For more information on the fund, see [IN.gov/inrf](http://IN.gov/inrf).

If you need to do any trimming on those early-blooming shrubs, now is the time. Forsythia, bridal wreath spirea and other early bloomers may now be shaped and trimmed. Waiting much longer could result in reduced blooms next year. The early lilacs may be trimmed if absolutely necessary, but the preferred way to control lilac size is by cutting the oldest and tallest canes to the ground, allowing the plant to set new growth. One should never but back more than a third of the canes.

The coming weekend will be a busy one for me. I will be speaking at gardening seminar hosted by the Dirt Diggers gardening club on Saturday, and will be speaking in the sunken gardens at the West Baden Springs Hotel on Sunday afternoon. Perhaps I will see you at one of those venues.

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## Week focuses on stopping spread of ash tree killer

Indiana has almost 150 million ash trees, and they are dying by the thousands, costing Hoosiers millions and marring the landscape.

The killer is tiny, elusive and resilient. The emerald ash borer beetle, EAB for short, can fly, but not far. Its rapid spread is caused by humans moving the firewood in which the beetles thrive.

To remind Hoosiers and visitors to Indiana to protect forests by not moving firewood, Gov. Mike Pence has declared May 18-24 as Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in Indiana.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources regulates the types of firewood that can be brought onto state lands. The purpose is not only to stop spread of EAB, but also to fight the next invasive pest, which will likely travel in firewood, too. The DNR requires all firewood entering state properties to: (1) be accompanied by a state or fed-

eral compliance stamp allowing such movement, or (2) be kiln-dried scrap lumber, or (3) be completely debarked if brought from home within Indiana.

To fight EAB, if you plan to have a campfire, the best option is to buy firewood close to where you will burn it; don't bring it from home. Burn wood completely before leaving your site—don't leave wood for the next person. Buying packaged firewood bearing a state or federal compliance stamp also helps.

Extensive information about the bug and the laws regarding firewood movement is at [dnr.IN.gov/entomolo/3443.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/entomolo/3443.htm).

Suspected EAB infestations outside of the quarantine boundaries should be reported to DNR's toll-free Invasive Species Hotline, 1-866-NO-EXOTIC. Insecticide treatments are available to protect individual trees from EAB. Many are cost effective. See [eabindiana.info](http://eabindiana.info).

## Purdue experts offer advice on plants damaged from harsh winter

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

Extreme cold last winter, unrelenting winds and unusually large amounts of salt that were applied to roads, sidewalks and parking lots are taking their toll on landscape plants this spring, a group of Purdue University experts say.

They are seeing considerable damage and expect more this summer and beyond. While it is difficult to determine winter injury until bud break, they say it is now time for homeowners and others with ornamental plants to evaluate their plants for damage that needs to be corrected.

"As plants awakened from their winter slumber, you may have noticed some branches that exhibited dieback or plants that failed to flower or leaf out," they say in an article, "The Revealing Effects of Winter on Trees and Shrubs," posted at <https://ag.purdue.edu/hla/Extension/nle/Articles/TheRevealingEffectsofWinteronTreesandShrubs.pdf>. "Be sure to practice good cultural practices this spring to help injured plants recover and provide good growing conditions going into the summer."

The authors explain how last winter's severe conditions might have seriously damaged garden and other landscape plants, and they offer advice on how to best help them recover. The article was written by Kyle Daniel, Rosie Lerner, Gail Ruhl, Lindsey Purcell, Janna Beckerman and Tom Creswell.

Plants such as crape myrtle that are marginally winter-hardy in specific areas have survived winters of relatively mild temperatures. But the authors say such plants could die or sustain damage including dieback to the ground as a result of the harsh winter.

"Also, plants that were already stressed due to other factors, such as disease or the extreme drought of 2012, will be especially vulnerable to the extremes of this past winter," they say.

But the authors note that plants that have evolved in temperate zones such as the Midwest protect themselves from freezing temperatures by going dormant. During that period, they are at their most cold-hardy condition of the season.

"So little damage is expected to normally 'healthy' plants or those plants that entered the cold season without duress," they say.

Although plants are dormant during the winter months, the authors note that plant tissue still is subject to losing too much water - a condition called desiccation - especially from frigid temperatures and strong winds. Evergreens, especially broadleaved evergreens such as Rhododendron, Maho-



Yews are extremely susceptible to salt damage, causing a burn injury similar to winter injury. (Purdue Department of Botany and Plant Pathology photo/Gail Ruhl)

nia boxwood and holly, are the most susceptible because they have greater leaf surface area through which to lose water compared with deciduous plants, which have no leaves during dormancy.

"This year's unusually heavy and consistent snow cover provided good insulation, and most plants went into winter with a good moisture supply," they write. "However, when the ground is frozen solid and freezing temperatures are accompanied by high winds, the plants continue to lose moisture through transpiration without being able to replenish the supply."

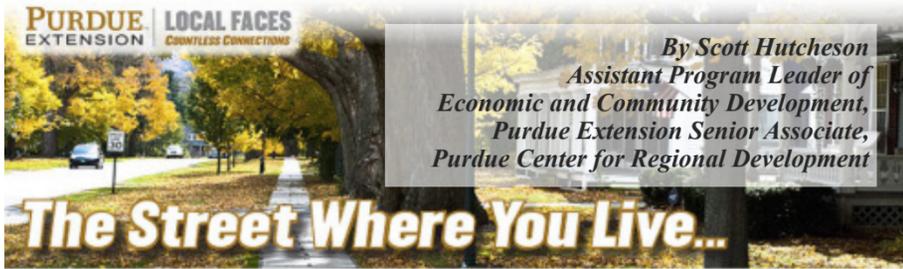
Plants such as yew also could be damaged from salt and other chemicals that were frequently applied to roadways, sidewalks and parking lots. Such damage resembles drought symptoms of root damage.

"If you suspect a salt buildup, additional watering to leach these salts out of the root zone can help reduce these toxic concentrations and improve growing conditions," they say.

The authors recommend delaying pruning this spring so that the toll of injury from the winter can be accurately assessed. They explain that cutting into live, green tissue at this time could further damage and remove new shoots and leaves that are critical for recovery.

The authors advise those with landscape plants against overreacting to the damage by applying fertilizer too early and in excessive amounts. Processing additional nutrition takes much energy from plants, possibly harming them and further delaying recovery.

"Everyone loves their trees and shrubs and wants to help out with lots of attention and love," they say. "However, too much can be detrimental."



## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



**Picking Out a Frame**  
Wood or metal? Classic or contemporary? Statement-making thick or barely there minimalist? There are a lot of choices when picking out a picture frame, not to mention choosing a mat and deciding whether you want glare-free or just regular glass. My wife and I face this decision now and again when we decide to frame something important - a new photo of our children or a piece of art we've found.

Frames matter. Here's another angle to framing. It's about how conversations get framed, especially conversations about communities.

Perhaps a visit to fictitious Midville can illustrate the point. Think of Midville as an average community. It could be a town or a neighborhood; its residents are good folks - folks who care about where they live.

When they gather at the corner coffee shop, the beauty parlor, at their kids' soccer games or even virtually in the online discussion board, midvillebabble.com, they talk about what's going on in the community. Each of these discussions is framed in a specific way that sets the parameters and points toward a specific direction.

David Cooperrider, a professor of organizational behavior at Case Western Reserve University, noted that people and organizations move in the direction of their conversations, and the way in which those conversations get framed help to determine what that direction will be. Cooperrider developed something he called "appreciative inquiry" or AI. He defines AI as, "the cooperative search for the best in people, their organizations and the world around them."

I don't know what conversations are like in your community, but in Midville, they are not always focused on the best of the world around them. It's not their fault, really; most people are programmed to focus on the problems, to diagnose what's wrong so that it can be fixed. Morning conversations around the corner table in the Midville Café are often about lazy kids, backdoor political deals and good-paying factory jobs that no longer exist. Conversations about problems.

Cooperrider's work isn't based on some Pollyanna, head-in-the-sand notion of ignoring problems. It is based on the science of human and organizational behavior. The idea is that instead of focusing on negation, criticism and spiraling diagnosis, we can turn our attention toward discovery, dreaming and designing together. This is especially powerful

## Attorney General's office argues death certificates should remain a public record

Last Thursday Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller's office argued in an Indiana Supreme Court case that the cause of death listed in death certificates is a public record that the public should be able to obtain from county health departments.

The Indiana Supreme Court heard oral argument today in the lawsuit *Evansville Courier & Press and Rita Ward v. Vanderburgh County Health Department*. The State is not a party to the case, and the Attorney General's Office does not represent either side. However, the AG's Office last September filed an amicus brief, also known as a friend-of-the-court brief, with the Court in support of keeping the cause of death in death certificates available to the general public, which is the plaintiffs' position. Citing the statute the Legislature passed, the brief argued in favor of the general policy of open access to government information and broadly construing public access laws.

"We are always sensitive to Hoosiers' pri-

when it comes to communities. When we come together - whether as an informal group of residents or at the invitation of some elected official or community group - the way in which the conversation gets framed makes a difference. And framing a discussion to facilitate discovery, dreaming and designing the future usually leads us to a good place.

Let's take another peek at Midville. Some of the shopkeepers are concerned about teenagers loitering outside their stores, intimidating customers and being an overall nuisance. So they call a meeting with the mayor and the police department to make sure someone does something about this problem. You can probably anticipate the direction that conversation is likely to take.

Advocates of AI say that a much more positive outcome could result from a conversation framed differently, perhaps like this: Imagine Midville as place where shoppers consistently have a good shopping experience and our young people have a safe place to hang out and socialize. What would that look like?

According to AI, when you frame a discussion like this and engage a lot of people - shopkeepers, customers, youth, along with the police and the mayor's office - in answering the question, you will get a very different outcome, one that results in creative solutions and new ideas that no single person had before entering the room.

Powerful discussions begin with "what if," "how," "why" and, my favorite, "imagine." Less-powerful discussions usually start with words like "who," "when" and "where." When framing discussions for community conversations, one additional piece of advice is to make sure the question being asked is one to which the answer is not already known. If it is, there's no need for any inquiry.

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## Judge extends legal recognition of one same-sex couple only

A southern Indiana federal judge last Thursday granted legal recognition of one same-sex marriage involving a terminally ill plaintiff. Chief Judge Richard L. Young granted a preliminary injunction to plaintiffs Nikole Quasney and Amy Sandler, extending indefinitely the temporary restraining order the judge had issued April

10. The preliminary injunction granting recognition to Quasney's and Sandler's marriage orders the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) on any future death certificate for Quasney to list Sandler as Quasney's spouse. Chief Judge Young's order applies to Quasney and Sandler only and does not confer or authorize legal recognition of same-sex marriage to any other couple.

The Indiana Attorney General's Office is notifying county clerks that the federal court's decision last week is limited and applies to one couple in this case only, it does not apply to the other plaintiffs nor to anyone else and county clerks still are prohibited from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples in Indiana.

Chief Judge Young heard oral argument in the case May 2 in Evansville. Defending the State of Indiana, the Indiana State Department of Health and the marriage statute in the lawsuit is the State's lawyer, the Indiana Attorney General's Office. The case is assigned to Solicitor General Thomas M. Fisher of the AG's Office who will be filing with the Court a notice of appeal.

The temporary restraining order Young granted April 10 was set to expire Thursday and today's ruling extends it indefinitely while limiting it to Quasney and Sandler only. The Attorney General's Office expressed its sympathy over the difficult medical situation the terminally ill plaintiff faces; but the State's position is that the motion should not have been granted since the cur-

**Looking out for Hoosier children**  
When you choose to become a parent, you are taking on one of the biggest responsibilities one can have in life. As our children start to get older and we think back on their childhood, the one thing that stands out the most is time; time that we spent reading to them, laughing with them and teaching them everything from how to tie their shoes to some of life's most valuable lessons. Likewise, in the Indiana General Assembly, we have chosen to dedicate a large portion of our time to focus on Indiana's children because within them lies the key to our future success.

Last week, I discussed the state's efforts to keep children safe in Indiana schools, but that is only a small part of our overall effort to protect Hoosier children. This session, I strongly supported a bill which seeks to balance the need to punish parents who do not pay court-ordered child support with the fact that those parents will ultimately be unable to pay child support if they go to jail.

Specifically, this new law changes the penalty enhancement for nonsupport of a child from a Level 6 felony to a Level 5 felony if the person has been previously convicted of nonsupport. Raising the penalty just one felony level increases the possible sentence time by as much as 3.5 years.

Under current law, there is a natural time barrier between convictions of nonsupport. Currently, \$15,000 has to accrue and qualify as nonpayment before an individual can be convicted a second time. This bill removes that barrier and will afford individuals more incentives to pay child support. I particularly supported this legislation because it works to promote personal accountability while also ensuring that children receive the necessary support.

This session, we also tackled the very difficult issue of human trafficking. According to the Attorney General's (AG) Office, human trafficking is tied as the second largest and fastest growing criminal indus-

try in the world, just behind drug trading. Many of you probably think of far-off, underdeveloped countries when you think of human trafficking, but you may be surprised to learn that this is an issue that we are dealing with in America and even in Indiana as well.

Across the Midwest, 20 percent of trafficking victims are minors, and the average age of American minors in the sex trade is around 13 years old. As a father of teenagers, I am appalled by this statistic. In order to enhance human trafficking laws that have been passed in recent years, this session we provided the AG with broader investigatory powers. Not only will the AG now have the same authority as law enforcement to access and maintain information regarding a violation of the human trafficking statute, but the AG will also be able to assist with the investigation and prosecution of such an offense.

For two weeks in a row now, I have chosen to focus on children, and that is because of the time we spent this session to improve the status of children across the state. Indiana legislators take the safety and well-being of Hoosier children very seriously and work hard to protect them, particularly during instances in which there is no one else willing or able to look out for them.

I consider both of these pieces of legislation to be solid investments in our children's future, and I don't mean "investment" in the monetary sense. In this instance, when I use the word investment, I mean an investment of time; whether it is taking the time to develop laws which encourage parental responsibility, or taking the time to study and crackdown on one of the most heinous crimes that is committed against young people. Time is truly invaluable, and I believe that time spent on our children is time that is never wasted.

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

rent rule of law does not allow for a hardship exception from the statute for one person or two people, as that would create inconsistency for all other citizens of Indiana. Moreover, a death certificate can be amended at a later date. Solicitor General Fisher noted that in order for the State to preserve its legal options, it must appeal Chief Judge Young's preliminary injunction ruling.

The preliminary injunction was one of the motions pending in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana in the lawsuit *Baskin et al. v. Bogan et al.*, a legal challenge to Indiana's marriage-definition statute. Chief Judge Young has not ruled yet on separate motions for summary judgment filed by the other Baskin plaintiffs and the State on the broader matters in the case. The State contends the plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment should be denied and the marriage-definition law is constitutional and should remain intact. The State's legal defense of the statute notes that the Legislature has the legal authority to determine how marriage shall be defined within Indiana's borders; and Indiana's Legislature has chosen in statute to define marriage in the traditional way - between one man and one woman - and to not legally recognize same-sex unions granted in other states. Moreover, the United States Supreme Court's decision last year in the *U.S. v. Windsor* case continues to leave this state policy decision-making authority with states and their legislatures. The judge has the motions under advisement and will rule later.

# The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



April started with sunshine and 60 degree temperatures! First item on the agenda was my duties preparing document duplication at Loogootee Elementary. Then, off to German American Bank for the last meeting prior to "Clean Sweep" to discuss last minute details. After that meeting, I went to Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant to dine and take in the newly-remodeled atmosphere. The new look is great and so is the food. In the evening, I went to Les Page Field for the opening game of the 2014 varsity and junior varsity baseball season with our Lions taking on the Senators of West Washington in a nail-biter to the end. Our Lions came up short by only one!

Wednesday the 2nd, I performed my document duplication duties at Loogootee Elementary and then headed to St. John to assist with the funeral of Jenny Summers Boyd. In the afternoon, I met with Teresa Nolley to discuss Summerfest plans and details. The Summerfest Committee is working hard to make this year's event better every year. Friday the 4th, Alliance Director Tim Kinder and I attended the annual Lenten Fish Dinner at Loogootee United Methodist Church. Great food and company! In the evening, I went to the Knights of Columbus for a Lenten Bean and Fried Potato Dinner sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary with a free-will donation gathered for the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank. After enjoying the food, I went to the LHS Auditorium to enjoy this year's performance of Willy Wonka.

Saturday the 5th was "Clean Sweep" day, and we clean-sweepers rendezvoused at the park to begin the sweep. This event was sponsored by German American Bank and with two purposes in mind: one, for everyone to show interest in their community by assisting to clean up unwanted trash; and two, to assist the pool fund by making a donation of \$25 for every bag brought in - up to 100 bags, 10 per team. Thank you to German American, Old National, St. John's Lutheran and Catholic Church, White River Co-Op, Martin County Right to Life, Martin County Recycling Center, Loogootee High School Beta Club, and Hometown IGA for participating in the event. It was a huge success. Following "Clean Sweep," I headed to Les Page Field for the Springs Valley Classic, which was moved from Springs Valley to Les Page Field due to the large amounts of rain recently received. The first game was Attica and Springs Valley with Attica winning in the end by a score of 3-1; while in the second game, our Lions took on Attica with a score in five innings of 10-0. The final game of the tournament matched up Springs Valley and our Lions, with the Lions winning with a large lead of 35-1. Sunday the 6th, several members of the pool committee and I met Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum at Bobe's in Washington to discuss the ongoing Rainbow Beach Project in Vincennes and to see what information we might learn that would make our project more successful. The Vincennes project is at a price of \$3.4 million - most of which is funded with a tax referendum which was completed last year with 84 percent of the residents voting in favor of the proposal. Our proposed project is at a price tag of approximately \$500K with much of anticipation of funding coming from individual and corporate donations along with the use of EDIT funds. We appreciated hearing about the Rainbow Beach Project and how the committees on that project worked to get it done.

Monday the 7th, the building commission met to discuss the new "Blight Elimination Property Program" now available from the state. This is a one-time program with several parameters to eliminate blighted property. Further research on the program will be done. After that meeting, the comp plan 5-year renewal meeting convened for its next phase. I continue to hope more citizens will attend this important meeting and have

a voice in shaping our city's future. In the evening of Tuesday the 8th, I watched the Loogootee Lions Varsity Baseball Team take on the North Knox Warriors at Les Page Field. Our Lions played very hard but the Warriors came up with the win. I left shortly before the end of the game to go to the Martin County Community Building for "Pinwheels for Prevention" to celebrate "Child Abuse Awareness Month." Major Andy Burkhardt gave the invocation and the guest speaker for the evening was Judge Lynne Ellis. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Susan Ford as she has been named is the new Director for the Department of Children Services.

Wednesday the 9th, I met with two local residents to discuss a possible fundraising project for the pool fund. In the evening I was back at Les Page Field as our Lions took on the ball club from Heritage Hills. Our team played hard but lost both matches. Thursday the 10th, I watched our Lions take on the North Daviess Cougars at Les Page Field. The boys won with a score of 6-2 in seven innings of play. On Friday the 11th, I went to St. John Center and picked up several fish sandwiches which are served each year by Christ Renews and then headed to the Martin County Recycling Center to attend their annual Easter dinner. My contribution to the dinner was easy since I'd brought the fish sandwiches from the church but it wasn't so easy for others as various staff brought different delicious salads and Kim Jones prepared the main course. Thank you to all the staff for inviting me. That evening, I went to the Washington Sports Complex to take in the 7th and 8th grade baseball matches against the Hatchets. The 7th grade fell short while the 8th grade was successful.

Saturday the 12th started at St. John's Lutheran Church for their yearly "Hot Rod Relay." I always find it to be a great privilege to be invited each year; and this year, I was in charge of starting the bikers off. Every dollar raised at this event is contributed to "Relay for Life." After that event, I went back over to Les Page Field as the Lions Varsity Boys' Baseball Team hosted the Boonville High School Baseball Team. The game was action-packed and went to the top of seven innings at a score of 6-2. That evening was the annual humane society auction and dinner. A nice crowd attended to pick up a great buy and support the cause, and the event raised over \$5,000. First thing Monday the 14th, I went to German American Bank for the official check presentation for the "Clean Sweep" project. A special thank you to German American for sponsoring the event and contributing \$2,500 to the project! That evening, the pool committee met to discuss upcoming fundraisers and plans of action. Following the group meeting was the monthly board of works and public safety meeting along with the common council of the City of Loogootee. Main topics of discussion were new street signs in designated locations and the purchase of a new lawn tractor. On Tuesday the 15th, I started with my document duplication duties at Loogootee Elementary and then went back to the office and most of the day was spent on day-to-day operations.

Wednesday the 16th, I received a call from Executive Vice President of German American Bank Kenny Frye requesting my presence. To my great pleasure, upon arriving at the bank, Mr. Frye presented me with a \$500 donation for the pool project from an anonymous donor! A very special thank you and great appreciation to this anonymous donor for his/her generosity and supporting the pool project! After that nice surprise, I went to The Lodge for a meeting with Charlotte Meyer, Ruth Smith and Paula Ringwald. The trio is making plans for an upcoming project to assist in the fundraising efforts of the pool committee. Charlotte Meyer started off her fundraising

efforts by presenting a check for \$5,000 to the fund in memory of her husband, Dale Meyer. Quite a day for the pool project! In the evening was the monthly Summerfest planning meeting with the primary focus being a presentation given by Lisa Ader with Ader's Blow Ups and Bouncy Houses. After the meeting, I headed to Les Page Field to watch the Varsity Lions Baseball team take on the Washington Hatchets, followed by the junior varsity taking on the Jasper Wildcats.

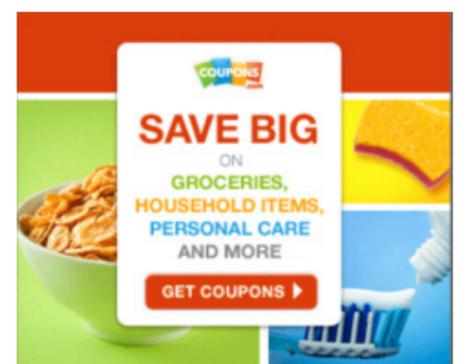
Thursday the 17th, I attended the ribbon-cutting of Terri Kelso Insurance. Mrs. Kelso comes to us from Washington where she has an office there as well, offering all varieties of insurance. That evening, I was back at Les Page Field to watch the Babe Ruth Games with the Northeast Dubois Jeeps. In the end the 7th grade was shy of winning and the 8th grade prevailed. Friday the 18th, Good Friday, I attended church services both at St. John in the afternoon and also at Loogootee United Methodist Church Ecumenical Service in the evening. In between services, I was able to attend the girls' varsity softball game with the Washington Hatchets and an easy win. Saturday the 19th, I attended "Autism Awareness Day" at our city park. The morning planned event was action-packed with a 5k walk and run, special guest speakers Kim and Joe Howell, with Howell Law; Steve Sacksteder, with Four Rivers Resources; and Kim Charmin, with Davies Community Hospital. Thank you Karmen Wagler and Paula Ringwald for coordinating the event. After the Autism Awareness Event, I attended the "Relay for Life Vendor's Fair" at our American Legion with 18 booths and a wide variety of items. I personally picked up some delicious rabbit-shaped sugar cookies made by Jennifer Wagler that were quite tasty! After the fair, I went to the American Legion Country Club for the annual "Legion-VFW-Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt." A record number showed up for the hunt and the weather was perfect. Thank you to all of the organizations that make this possible. Also to D.J.'s Dave and Linda, along with Kim Jones, who coordinates the event each year. After the egg hunt, I watched the varsity Lady Lions team take on Princeton at our ball field. The match up was neck-to-neck the whole game but our Lady Lions came up short by two in the end. I finished out the day helping with the Easter Visual at St. John Catholic Church with many in attendance to celebrate the Easter holiday.

Sunday the 20th I attended church services and spent the Easter Holiday with family and friends. Monday the 21st I started the day with a smile that lasted all day after meeting with "Skeeter the Clown." Skeeter came to us to promote the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus event under the Big Top coming up in the evening of the 28th and Skeeter visited K, 1, 2, 4 and 5th grades. That evening, I attended the high school varsity boys' baseball game at Les Page Field with the Lions taking on the South Knox Spartans with our Lions finishing with a 6-2 win. Tuesday the 22nd I started the day at Loogootee Elementary preparing document duplication and then back to the office. In the afternoon, I delivered tickets for the upcoming Culpepper and Merriweather Circus. In the evening, I headed to Costello Field to watch the varsity softball team take on and defeat the previously unbeatable Paoli Rams, 5-4 and then to watch the Babe Ruth Lions take on the Vincennes Rivet Patriots. Both 7th and 8th grade came up short however had played very hard. Wednesday the 23rd, was the bimonthly chamber of commerce meeting, this month at Bo Mac's. Many issues were discussed such as the upcoming circus and next year's annual dinner. That evening, I assisted with confirmation at St. John. Congratulations to all 16 who made this commitment. After confirmation, I met with Renee Street at Loogootee Little League

Field to collect tickets sales for the circus event.

Thursday the 24th, I attended the monthly Southern Indiana Mayor's Roundtable, this month at Crane Naval Warfare Base. Main topic of discussion was all of the services offered by the base and the local economic impact the base on the Southern Indiana Region. In the evening, the pool committee met with Fr. J. Kenneth Walker to discuss the committee's efforts and possible fundraising plans that may take place from the church organization in the future. It was decided a committee of three from the entity will be formed to work on this effort. I spent most of Friday the 25th in the office. That evening, I went to Costello Field to watch our Lions Softball Team take on the Wood Memorial Trojans. Saturday the 26th started at the St John Center parking lot to start off the 5k run/walk for the "Relay for Life" fundraiser. The event didn't draw as many as what was expected, but was successful nonetheless. After that, I headed to the Loogootee Little League Fields to take in some of the opening day action and then to Les Page Field to watch the Babe Ruth Lions take on Sullivan. In the evening, I attended the annual Sherri's Dance Studio Recital at the LHS Auditorium. 42 great dancers performed to a sell-out crowd! Sunday the 28th, I assisted with First Communion Services at St. John first thing in the morning. In the afternoon, I met with a representative of Culpepper and Merriweather Circus to discuss set-up. The circus arrived in town on Monday the 29th. Although it was raining all day, many showed up to watch the lion, tiger, horses and other circus animals being unloaded in anticipation of a great show that evening.

In the mid-morning, Larry Ordner from Congressman Larry Buschon's office and I spoke to Mr. Luke Woolem's government class about our roles in government and we all enjoyed a good discussion. That evening it was time for the show to go on! A great performance consisting of two acts featuring a lion, two tigers, a horse and pony, along with Alaskan dogs and acrobats entertained us all. On Tuesday the 29th I spent most of the day in the office. That evening I went to Les Page Field to watch part of the Loogootee-Barr Reeve game before attending the school board meeting. The game ended up being called in four innings due to the weather. Highlights of the Loogootee School Board Meeting were the retirement of high school band director, Betsy Graves, and the appointment of Brenda Mathies as deputy corporation treasurer. In other business, the opening of a proposal for the Elementary East building was presented by Hoosier Uplands. Wednesday the 30th, we had another Summerfest Committee meeting. The main objective of the evening was to discuss upcoming plans of the event and to discuss the "Reenactment of the Soldiers returning to Martin County after the Civil War" which will take place on the morning of Saturday the 21st beginning at 9 a.m. and ending around 1 p.m. After the meeting, I attended the biweekly meeting of the pool committee. Main topic for discussion was the upcoming golf scramble fundraiser. And then I went to the LHS Auditorium for the spring high school choral concert featuring solos and duets by our talented choral students. A great performance was enjoyed by all! Here is wishing you a great May!!!



## Calendar of Events

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include the first reading of the non-teaching handbook and job descriptions, second reading of the student handbooks, prom date for 2015, and other regular agenda items. The meeting is open to the public.

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include proposals for the Elementary East building, textbook adoption, second readings on the facility usage policy and student handbooks, G.T.E.P. presentation, and summer projects. The meeting is open to the public.

### Relay for Life survivor dinner

Martin County always celebrates cancer survivors with a dinner which will be held May 28 at the Martin County Community Building. Every cancer survivor is welcome to attend and bring a guest. This dinner will be catered by Carla's Catering who will donate her services. In order to send out invitations, the survivor committee must know who the survivors are and we need to update their list. Please send your information to Survivor Chairman Paula Ringwald at 3799 US Highway 50 Loogootee, or email her at paularingwald@gmail.com or call at 812-295-3475 or co-chair Shelly Ringwald at 3867 US Highway 50, Loogootee, or email her at timothy.ringwald@gmail.com. Or call at 812-698-0612. All survivors are also urged to attend the Relay for Life event and walk the Survivor Lap if possible. After

the survivor lap you will once again be joining the committee, team captains, and participants in a meal served at Loogootee High School where the Relay for Life Event will be held on May 30-31 starting at 6 p.m. This year the event will be held inside the gymnasium with air-conditioning so the weather will not be an issue. Please send your name, address, shirt size, cancer diagnosis date and type of cancer as soon as possible to Paula or Shelly.

### Head Start preschool classes

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

### Son of the American Revolution

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

### Boy Scouts

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

### GED exam fees

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## On the Home Front

By Linda Evans-Dillon  
Martin County Veteran Service Officer

**Hiring Our Heroes:** The Bedford Chamber of Commerce and Work One are hosting a hiring fair. It is Wednesday June 4, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lawrence County Bender Lumber Banquet Hall, 3120 Brock Lane, Bedford. For more information, contact Work One Bedford at 812-279-4400.

**DRIVERS NEEDED** for the veteran's van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that would be willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appoint-

ments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "thank the driver fund". You must have a clean driving record and an Indiana license. If interested please contact me at the number below.

The Martin County Veteran's Van is available by appointment for transportation to surrounding VA clinics and hospitals. Travel can't be claimed when you use the county-funded veterans van.

For assistance, contact Linda Evans-Dillon, CVSO at 247-2450 or martincountytvs2013@yahoo.com.

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### YARD SALE

**BURNS CITY** town-wide yard sales June 14, 8 a.m. to ? Rain or shine.

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### HELP WANTED

#### LABORER WANTED

The City of Loogootee Public Works Department is accepting applications for one full time position. **The opening is for a laborers position within the Public Works Department.**

Requirements are but not limited to: candidate must be a team player, willing to train in all areas, work outside in all seasons of weather year round, lift and move heavy objects without difficulty, compute simple math problems, and have good communication skills. Candidate must know how to work with and around power tools, heavy equipment, and machinery in a safe manner. Candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent and possess a valid Indiana driver's license, C.D.L. preferred but not required. Any accepted applicant must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screen and alcohol test and random testing there after. Advancement is possible with proper training and completion of State certification examinations. No experience necessary.

Applications are available at the **Loogootee Municipal Building, 401 J.F.K. Avenue Loogootee IN 47553** or by calling 812-295-2497. **Deadline for applications is May 28, 2014. E.O.E.**

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# ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

*'Falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for those aged 65+.'*

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Older Americans Month is sponsored each May by the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL). This year's theme is Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow. The focus is on injury prevention and safety.

Generations is joining with the National Council on Aging (NCOA) in putting a special emphasis this month on how all individuals in the community can work together to prevent falls among seniors.

According to ACL, "unintentional injuries to this population result in at least 6 million medically treated injuries and more than 30,000 deaths every year." Falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for those aged 65+. More than 21,700

older adults die from falls each year, and every 15 seconds, an older adult is seen in an Emergency Department for a fall-related injury. The direct medical cost of falls is currently estimated to top \$36 billion annually and is expected to grow to nearly \$62 billion by 2020.

Yet, falls are not a normal part of aging, and they can be prevented through a combination of interventions. These include exercising, getting a fall risk assessment, reviewing medications, having vision and hearing checked, and making the home environment safe.

More tips are available at [www.ncoa.org/FallsPrevention](http://www.ncoa.org/FallsPrevention).

Contact Alma Kramer at Generations at 1-800-742-9002 for more information on how to minimize your risk of injury.

Laura A. Holscher  
Assistant Vice-President  
Generations/Vincennes University



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Recipients of Vincennes University's Autumn Voices writing awards are, in the front row, from front left, Amelia Seward, Taylor Hopf, and Lauren Blume. Second row, Allison Sherrill, Brianna Burgess, Austin Rothgerber. Third row, Trey Dooley, Bethany Swartzentruber, and Erin Kisch.

## High school students win VU writing awards

The Vincennes University English Department recognized high school students who were published in the Best of Autumn Voices 2013-14, the 19th publication of the annual Autumn Voices Creative Writing contest. Students were honored at a May 9 reception in Maria Creek Chapel at VU, followed by a writing workshop led by Matt Groneman, assistant professor of English.

Juenell Owens, professor of English, coordinates the Autumn Voices Creative Writing Contest, with students submitting their work in the fall for consideration. Over 600 entries were submitted this year from students in Indiana and Illinois.

Students whose published works earned specific awards include: Bethany Swartzentruber, first place in poetry, Washington, Barr Reeve H.S.; Allison Sherrill, second place in poetry, Terre Haute, Terre Haute North Vigo H.S.; Michealla Moore, first place in short story, Birdsey, Forest Park

H.S.; and Erin Kisch, second place in short story, Indianapolis, homeschool.

The publication also featured the works of: Taylor Hopf, Birdseye, Forest Park H.S.; Trey Dooley, Taylor Tretter, and Lauren May, Ferdinand, Forest Park H.S.; Olivia Voegerl, Huntingburg, Forest Park H.S.; Lauren Blume, Moriah Fleck, and Austin Rophthgerber, St. Anthony, Forest Park H.S.; Amelia Seward, Brazil, Freedom Academy; Jace Henk, Lindsey Leinenbach, and Reagan Otto, Jasper, Jasper H.S.; Megan Farny, Evansville, Mater Dei H.S.; Bailey Schnur, Mt. Vernon, Mater Dei H.S.; Jacob Noah Fairfield, Oldenburg, Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception; Megan Diekhoff, Holland, Southridge H.S.; Brianna Burgess, Morgan Shingleton and Richard Wyatt, Terre Haute, Terre Haute North Vigo H.S.; Kelsey Harvey, Lawrenceville, IL, Lawrenceville HS; Marti Steadman, Palestine, IL, Palestine H.S.; and Xhyla Abazi, Robinson, IL, Robinson HS.

# Thank You Voters!

Thanks to everyone who supported me in the recent Primary Election. I appreciate your confidence in me.

## PAUL R. GEORGE

Martin County Commissioner District 1

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## My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett  
Owner/Publisher, MCJ

Oftentimes in my position as a journalist I am left questioning a lot of things. One of the things that has been on my mind for quite a long time has been school funding. I have brought up the "C" word a time or two with people I know and it has not been met with favorable responses. I used to be against consolidation too but over the past few years it seems to make more sense financially. At the very least, consolidation of the superintendents' offices.

Back in 1991, Loogootee Schools had an enrollment of more than 1,200 students. Over the past 20 years, the enrollment has dropped to 942 students (at this year's count). Shoals used to have right around 800 students, now they are down to 594. If consolidation did happen, I don't know how, where, or when, I am just looking at numbers. The state clearly wants it to happen which is why they are squeezing small schools to death with funding. Both schools in this county continue to fight to survive. Can you imagine if we combined our resources? What we could do together?

A majority of our tax dollars go to supporting the school. Is it smart to have two superintendents with staffs for just 1,500 students? The two superintendents cost close to \$200,000 in base salary alone, that doesn't even count benefits. I can't imagine the total cost when including benefits for the superintendents and the secretary and treasurer salaries and benefits for each school. I think we would all be shocked.

While we are spending all this money on the administrations, our teacher staff and programs have suffered. In Loogootee, the

art and music programs in the elementary school have been pushed to the back burner. We are trying to find a high school band teacher who will also teach elementary music. I have been told that Loogootee will not be having a full-time librarian next year. Our elementary building is old and could benefit from some serious overhaul. I am sure our technology department would love to do some upgrading. The possibilities are endless to what we could do with that extra money.

And now, this next year, Loogootee will be paying TWO superintendents. Since the former superintendent's contract doesn't run out until June of 2015, we are stuck finishing it out.

I just know with LHS having a "D" rating and SHS having a "C" rating, there is room for improvement somewhere. Most things come down to lack of funding. I'm not on the inside of the school system, I'm just a parent and taxpayer. It's just a thought and I wish more taxpayers would get involved. The schools eat up so much of our tax money, it is our duty to make sure it's being spent appropriately. I would urge all citizens of Martin County to attend the school board meetings and ask questions.

The school board work for us, they represent us.

The Shoals School Board's next meeting is tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the central administration office. The Loogootee School Board's next meeting is next Tuesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Hope to see you there!

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# Safe Night to be offered at Lawrence County Fairgrounds

Safe Night is an annual event that is completely free to the public and will be held on Saturday, June 14, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds. This evening program, coordinated by Hoosier Uplands, promotes the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, non-violence among youth in the community, and healthy lifestyles.

Evaluation data from last year most commonly cited motivation for attending was "to support drug-free activities" (98%). Attendance records always show success. Hoosier Uplands has held this event for 14 years with attendance last year of over 4,000 people. Community support also aided in its success. Last year, in-kind volunteer hours were over 22,766. In-kind donations for incentives, booth supplies, and monetary donations were over \$35,000.

This year's event boasts the following attractions:

-Over 30 vendor booths with interactive displays/games in the Expo Hall with re-

sources and giveaways  
 -Presentations in the Expo Hall on Fitness from Morgan's Zumba, Guardian Martial Arts Studio, the Washington County YMCA, and other area organizations  
 -St. Vincent Dunn will be teaching children defensive personal safety techniques and strategies

Inflatables- air games, slides, and bouncy houses  
 -The Lawrence County 4-H Dog Club will be performing dog agility stunts all evening in the Show Arena  
 -Local enforcement and emergency responders

-Photo booth  
 -Airbrush Face Painting  
 -Balloon animals  
 -The National Guard will have a Humvee display and obstacle course

Helicopter landing  
 -Tie-dye t-shirts

-Giveaways- ie. Bedford pool party, Big Splash tickets, Jump -N- Joey's tickets,

Wendy's and Long John Silver's coupons, and many more

-Hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream, cotton candy, snow cones, bottled water

-Fireworks will conclude the event  
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tributions to this event. Their support ensures that this evening of prevention remains free to the public: Bedford Urban Enterprise, Duke Energy, Local Coordinating Council, Bedford Federal Savings Bank, and Regeneration/Capstone Ministries

## Hospital, VUJC hosting a Health Careers Camp

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center and Vincennes University Jasper Campus are hosting a Health Career Camp for students interested in learning about health care careers. The Health Careers Camp provides participants with engaging activities, critical information, and practical advice to further explore and pursue health care careers. This three-day camp will also give participants insight into college life and a variety of health care careers.

The Health Careers Camp participants must be high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors in the fall 2014. The camp will be held Wednesday through Friday, July 23-25

from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (EDT) and participants must agree to actively participate in all three days. Camp fee is \$25 (financial assistance available). Registration is limited. Applications are available at <http://www.usi.edu/swi-ahcc/>. All applications must be submitted by Monday, May 19, 2014 to: Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center Attn: HR Department 800 West 9th Street, Jasper, IN 47546.

For additional information or more questions, please contact Tammy Billings from the Human Resources department at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, at (812) 996-0154 or [tbilling@mhhcc.org](mailto:tbilling@mhhcc.org).

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