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# Mr. Gilbert retiring from Loogootee School Corp. after 37 years of teaching

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Teaching veteran Ron Gilbert will be retiring from Loogootee Schools this year after 37 years with the corporation as was announced last night, Tuesday, May 17 at the Loogootee School Board meeting.

"I want to thank him for all his years of hard work and sticking with it," said board member Scott Hall.

"He's brought a lot to this corporation and a lot of kids really benefited from a lot of stuff he's done for them, I'd like to thank him," added board member Larry Craney.

Mr. Gilbert said he has been contemplating retirement for the past three years and feels that this is the right time. He started his career at Crane Elementary, which was then still part of the Loogootee School System, in 1974. He said the teachers he worked with

in that first year were

Helen Sargent and Jesse Hall inspired him to do his best.

He has taught fifth and sixth grades and did student teaching at Oolitic and Madden in the Bedford School System from January to April 1974.

One of his fondest memories was his second year teaching at Crane. He said he only had 12 full-time students at the elementary all year and was able to individualize their studies.

Mr. Gilbert said he will miss many things about teaching but what he will miss the

most is, "I will miss the smiling faces early each school year."

He said that he has had several former students contact him after they move on in life but two stood out the most. Erva (Smith) Strange sent him a card one year with a long letter in it. He said that the letter commented on how he had taken his whole class to her mom's funeral and what an impression this had made on her entire family. This was Mr. Gilbert's first year of teach-

Also, this past spring break, Mr. Gilbert and his family traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, and former student, Jackson (Jack) Young, who sings country/western songs professionally now, did a private concert for his family. "He told me that if it weren't for my taking an in-

terest in him, he would probably be in jail today," said Mr. Gilbert. Jackson then surprised Mr. Gilbert by giving him an address

to go to on the following Saturday where he was put into Jackson's first music video which will be aired soon.

Always being a hard worker and holding many jobs, retirement from teaching will not stop Mr. Gilbert who says he plans to try and find another full- or part-time job that includes insurance.

Over the years, Mr. Gilbert said the most that has changed in Loogootee Schools is the amount of principals and superintendents the school has had. He said his least fa-

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Shoals senior Jondavide Hopkins won the 200-meter dash (23.0) to tie the school record and more importantly obtain All-Conference status. Jondavide also finished second in the long jump (20° ½") and 100-meter dash (11.2).

### **Shoals School Board eliminates \$5,000 for summer coaches**

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Dr. Nonte and the Shoals School Board discussed the summer athletic program at their meeting last Thursday, May 12. For the past several years, a \$5,000 amount has been approved to be shared among the coaches for hours worked during summer sports programs. The staffed coaches, according to the board, typically share the stipend with the unpaid coaches. "So we may not have a summer program?" asked board member Bill Shobe. Dr. Nonte replied that this is a possibility. "The coaches would have to decide whether or not they want to have it," he said.

Due to reductions in state revenue, the board voted to not allocate any money toward the summer sports programs this year. Dr. Nonte said that the coaches should still submit their hours for the programs to the athletic director despite the fact that there will be no compensation so he knows what to expect and the students know which programs will operate. Any coach who wishes to schedule a summer program may do so on a voluntary basis.

Dr. Nonte recommended the board approve the culinary arts students to take a field trip to Peafections in Vincennes on Monday, May 16.

Dr. Nonte notified the board that there is (See 'SHOALS' on page two)

### Four Martin County roads sliding

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Highway Superintendent Jim Williams reported to the Martin County Commissioners Tuesday night, May 17 that his department is monitoring four road slides. He said they are keeping them backfilled at the moment to keep traffic flowing. One is on Windom Road, south of Brown Lane and he said that is the one that is sliding the most. Another one is on Abel Hill Road, another on McBride's Bluff Road that is sliding off into the river, and one on Chicken Farm Road. The slide on Chicken Farm Road has been backfilled and according to

Williams, has not slid anymore in a week and a half but before that he said it slid enough to tear out water service to one of the residences.

He also reported that the department's newest grader has been broken down for two weeks and they believe something is wrong with the engine. He said they are using the old grader for now to get by.

He also noted that what is left of the old Butler Bridge will be completely removed on Monday

Teresa Hartwig with Commonwealth Engineers presented the commissioners with information regarding the debris removal

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**RON GILBERT** 

Pot of black and gold

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Threatening clouds came and went last Thursday night leaving behind a rainbow that looks like it ended at the water tower standing over Loogootee. The Little League teams never skipped a beat as the rainbow remained for close to a half hour.

# **SHOALS**

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an old piano currently being stored in the concession room, which will not stay in tune. A new piano was recently purchased to replace the old one. The board approved the old piano be declared surplus so it can be donated or recycled.

Dr. Nonte provided the board with a list of science and health textbooks being recommended for adoption by the Elementary Textbook Adoption Committee. Prior to approval, board member Mary Lou Billings asked Elementary Principal Carolyn Eubanks whether the Science book for grades 4-6, followed state standards. Mrs. Eubanks replied that yes, they did and were consumable books. Billings asked what would happen if a child lost their book to which Mrs. Eubanks replied that they would have to pay a replacement cost.

Mrs. Eubank provided the board with the proposed changes for next year's elementary student handbook. Included in the changes was making the eligibility requirements for elementary sports the same as the requirements for high school sports with the semester grades being the ultimate decision on eligibility as opposed to the nine-week grades.

The milk program information was removed from the handbook since it is no longer available. The preschool students will still receive milk.

Mrs. Eubanks asked that a section be added on student bus changes for after school. "What we're running into at the elementary are parents calling in five minutes or right when the buses are loading," she said. She said the child can bring in a note in the morning or the parent should call in early enough for the school to make the necessary changes.

Mr. Springer provided the board with the proposed changes for the junior/senior high school's student handbook. The school's attorney suggested a few changes to the handbook. The first one was the addition of information on nicotine delivering devices, such as electronic cigarettes, not being allowed.

A section was also added on policy against students attacking a school staff member on the internet or facebook. A student may be suspended or expelled for engaging in slanderous acts using the internet or social media sites. Mr. Springer said this is anything that does not violate a student's right to free speech. This policy extends to weekends, holidays, and summer break.

Also added at the recommendation of a teacher was possible disciplinary action for a student not coming to class prepared with the necessary supplies such as books, pencils, etc.

An addition was made regarding laser pointers not being allowed on school premises. An addition was also made for field trip eligibility. If a student has been suspended or misses too many days of school they may not be allowed to attend field trips.

The random drug test policy was removed since the school does not use it.

A section was added pertaining to the Department of Education's new policy stating that students who participate in athletics can use that for a physical education credit. Mr. Springer said this frees students up to take more academic-related classes or college-prep courses.

Forms are available for the students to fill out. Sports included are baseball, basketball, volleyball, cross country, soccer, and softball.

The physical education teachers also added a dress code section to the handbook requiring students to wear a Shoals' PE t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt, shorts/sweats, and athletic shoes. Mr. Springer explained that, if approved, the school would have the Shoals PE shirts made and sell them for \$5 each. Any student who could not afford to buy one could wear a plain white t-shirt.

A section was added to the policy pertaining to video recording students. Mr.

Springer said the school lawyer suggested adding to that to include taking photographs or video record other students or staff without permission. "With cell phones, it's just so easy to take it out and snap a picture of somebody when someone doesn't want you to do it," he said.

A line was added to the dress code for prom stating no attire could be worn that was deemed inappropriate by administrators, teachers, or chaperones.

No changes were made to the extra-curricular activities handbook.

A second reading on all the handbooks will be held at the June board meeting.

Mr. Springer made a report to the board regarding the STAR Period. Mr. Springer explained that the 30-minute STAR Period was established in 2005. The main objectives of the STAR Period were to: assist students who failed the ISTEP/GQE test, give extra help to students in particular classes they were failing, and reward those students who were passing their classes. STAR Period also gives students time for other activities including visiting the media center, making up tests or assignments, working on the Pathfinder, sustained silent reading, and club meetings. Mr. Springer stated that he feels the STAR period is a very valuable time for the students and strongly recommended continuing to build it into the school day.

Mr. Springer said that summer school has not been very effective. He said last year only eight students attended. The STAR Program does a lot of the remediation.

STAR also allows the lunch period to be broken up into two separate. He said that since the program started, the lunch sales have gone up because students do not have to stand in line for long periods of time.

Mr. Springer spoke with teachers about how they felt about the STAR Period. One teacher said, "The thought of taking STAR out of our school day and then the first time we miss AYP, the department of education is going to say, 'what are you doing, you're taking away remediation time and you're not making AYP?', that would just be a disaster for Shoals Jr./Sr. High School." Mr. Springer said he knows a lot of schools would give anything to have a star period everyday.

The board approved submitting an application for the Title I, High Ability, and Project Lead the Way grants.

Dr. Nonte notified the board of a \$700 donation from Daviess-Martin Co. REMC to the special education preschool department and \$100 from Psi Iota Xi Sorority to the elementary music department. The board thanked both for their generous donation.

The board approved the following coaching recommendations for the 2011-12 school year: Cody Douglas, varsity soccer; Andrea Lemond, varsity volleyball; Michael Harding, coed junior high cross country; Trish McKibben, half varsity assistant/JV volleyball; Kayla Bauer, half varsity assistant/JV volleyball; Rebecca Harmon, 8th grade volleyball; Lori Lundy, varsity/JV volleyball volunteer

The board approved Kelly Springer and Jaron Gibson to work during the summer of 2011. He explained that Kelly Springer will be working on the summer cleaning crew. Jaron Gibson will be needed for mowing and weed eating around the school grounds and will assist the cleaning crew as well. The board voted to pay Kelly Springer and Jaron Gibson the beginning rate on the noncertified salary schedule for a 1st shift custodian during their summer employment this year.

The board accepted the resignation of Tracy Spurgeon from the position of custodian

The board approved the following field trips:

-Spanish Club students to Los Bravos in Loogootee on Thursday, May 19

-Spanish Club students to Los Bravos in Loogootee on Friday, May 20

-Culinary Arts students to Hagen's

Restaurant in French Lick on Tuesday, May 24

-Senior Beta Club to National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee on June 21-24

Elementary Principal Mrs. Eubank reported that Field Day was held May 9 and Special Olympics were recently held. She said that ISTEP test booklets were picked up Thursday.

Mrs. Eubank reported that two students were unable to take the test for being absent due to flooding. She continued the updates stating that ISP Trooper Jared Lents spoke to the students about summer camp, the music program will be held on May 24 at 1:30 p.m., a building lock down was held last Thursday for 30 minutes.

High School Principal Mr. Springer reported that only one junior high student was unable to make it to school to take ISTEP. He also reported that driver's education

sign-ups were to be held this week, the talent show, awards night, and honors night will be held soon, and graduation will be held on Saturday, May 28.

It was reported that the junior high track team finished second in the Blue Chip Conference and Johnny Arnett was the overall winner in points. The girls' track team finished fourth in the Blue Chip.

Mr. Springer also told the board that Greg Hampton, the daytime custodian, for the rest of the school year. He said that Hampton has been out for two weeks and the school really misses him.

Dr. Nonte thanked everyone, especially parents and school bus drivers, for all the extra effort they made to get students to school during the recent high water situation.

The next meeting of the board will be a special session on May 31 at 5 p.m.

### LOOGOOTEE

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vorite part of teaching was being assigned cafeteria duty.

In a final note, Mr. Gilbert said, "I want to thank the Loogootee School Corporation and the school board for their many years as my employer."

In other personnel matters, Tim Sanders resigned as girls' sixth grade basketball coach.

Also approved were the summer recreation programs for all sports to be headed up by the existing coaches.

Ann Ackerman and Mary Ann Wininger were approved as volunteer coaches for volleyball.

Dave Smith was approved as boys' junior varsity basketball coach and Kevin Smith as boys' varsity assistant coach.

Condolences were offered to Sharon Cole for the passing of her brother-in-law.

The board approved the school hand-books with a few changes, including information on the new cafeteria payment system for next year, information on cell phone usage and the dress code along with the bullying policy. Board member Eric Ackerman asked that the administration look into the possibility of administering more in-school suspension as opposed to out-of-school suspension. "It seems like we are sending a lot of kids out, I would like to see us address that a little more," he said. Board member Tim Bradley noted that the county has started a new program that the school should learn more about.

The board approved the superintendent to apply for all grants that the school is eligible for including the Title 1 grant.

The board approved the textbook adoptions for next year.

The board appointed Ann Ackerman to serve on the Loogootee Public Library Board.

Superintendent Larry Weitkamp updated the board on the recent passing of legislature regarding school funding. He said that at the end of two years, the school is to lose more than \$500,000 as more funding is being moved toward charter schools and vouchers for private schools. Also receiving more funding are suburban schools, he said, so all rural schools have faced the same funding shortage. He said that Loogootee Schools has managed to get by without having to reduce staff and his hope is that the state does not cut anymore.

Loogootee Elementary Principal Laura Mattingly gave her monthly report stating that the third graders took their annual trip to West Boggs to plant trees for Arbor Day and May 2 through 6, the school recognized Staff Appreciation Week. Mrs. Mattingly thanked the parents who provided lunch for the staff on May 5. On May 3, the second grade classes took a trip to WonderLab in Bloomington; on May 4, the first graders travelled to Lincoln State Park; on May 13, the kindergarteners took a trip to the Evansville Zoo; on May 14, Librarian Mrs. Ed-

wards and Mrs. Mattingly took 10 fourth grade students to Pizza Junction to award them for reaching 100-plus points in accelerated reading. Those students were Crystal Tolbert, Roseanne Wagler, Hope Fisher, Maelee Hawkins, Sarah Bussinger, John Wagoner, Aiden Aimen, Gabe Monroe, Alex Wagler, and Max Christmas. Mrs. Mattingly said that Hope Fisher deserves special recognition for achieving more than 1,000 points in accelerated reading. "That's quite an achievement for a fourth grade student," she said.

Mrs. Mattingly also reported that the fourth graders will travel to the Indianapolis Speedway today, tomorrow they will be taking a tour of the intermediate school, and on May 24, the fourth grade will travel to Lark Farm for their end-of-the-year celebration. The school will hold their annual Field Day on Friday with a theme "Read A Lot".

Mrs. Mattingly congratulated Mrs. Divine on raising \$11,855 for the Jump Rope for Heart campaign. "It's the kids and it's the parents," said Mrs. Divine. "It's fantastic the way they stepped forward for that." The school was seventh in the state for elementary schools for the most money raised and 10th in the state for all schools for the elementary and intermediate total.

High School Principal John Mullen was not in attendance at the meeting but left a report that was read by Superintendent Weitkamp. The sixth graders took a field trip to WonderLab in Bloomington on May 10, the spring chorus concert was held on May 11, the spring band concert was held on May 13, the junior high band competition at Holiday World was May 14, sixth grade awards will be held tonight at 6 p.m. and the senior awards at 7:30 p.m., both in the auditorium; the eighth graders will take a field trip to Indianapolis on May 20, and the intermediate school will hold a cookout and dance from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. that evening. Graduation will be held May 27 at 7 p.m.

Dylan Arthur was recognized for placing first in the Math Facts Competition and 18th out of 819 in the nation. Lane Keller placed second and Cade Wilcoxen placed third.

Lauren Walton won two events in the Blue Chip Conference track meet and was named All-Conference. She won the high jump at 5 feet, 3 inches and the 100-meter dash in 13.52 seconds. The Lady Lions Tennis team won the Blue Chip Conference for the first time since 1998. LHS Softball Coach Greg Clark won his 100th game at North Knox last week and was asked to coach the 1A All-Star team on July 23 at Decatur Central. Bryant Ackerman tied the single-season home run record on Monday night against Orleans with the 10th of the year. He is tied with Scott Wallace's record from 1988. Ben Hogan and Bri Truelove were both awarded with Professional Coaching Association scholarships for athletics and academics. Ben's was through the HBCA and Briann's was through ICGSA.

### WAYNE MILLS

Wayne Allen Mills, 42, died Wednesday, May 11, 2011. A resident of Loogootee, he was 42.

He was born September 29, 1968, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida; the son of William and Patricia Ann (Johnson) Mills. He was a member of the Catholic faith and had previously worked as a captain and first mate on charter boats in Florida.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Ann (Johnson) Street of Loogootee; his father, William Mills of Fort Walton Beach; one son, Jeremey Griffith Mills of Indianapolis; one sister, Diana Browning of Fort Walton; two brothers, William and Bob Pilkerton, both of Loogootee; and one grandson, Bentley Cravens of Indianapolis.

He is preceded in death by his stepfather, Robert Street, and one step-brother, Chris

The funeral was held Saturday, May 14 at

Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will be at a later date.

**OBITUARIES** 

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

#### **JAMES "BOB" RIGGINS**

James "Bob" Riggins died at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2011 at Ketcham Memorial Nursing Center. A resident of Odon, he was 95.

He was born May 9, 1916, in Daviess County; the son of John Russell and Iva Maude (Stuckey) Riggins. A farmer, he was a member of Odon First Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Eula (Williams) Riggins; daughters and sons-inlaw, Karen and Lynn P. Carlton of Carmel, Janice and Walter Arnett of Washington, Anita and Carl Edmiston of Springboro, Ohio, and Bonnie Beth Riggins and friend Jim Waldrip of Bloomfield; sons and daughters-in-law, R. Travis and Carla Riggins of Lyons, Steven and Karen Riggins of Versaille, Kentucky, and Ted and Debbie Riggins of Odon; grandchildren, Bruce Carlton, Kristin Malo, Travis Jeffery Riggins, Tracy Kootz, Jason Riggins, Seth Riggins, C.W. Arnett, Shalin Arnett, Kinsey Arnett, Sage Riggins, Matthew Riggins, Beth Ann Riggins and Alison Edmiston; 10 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Kermit and Lucille Riggins of Muncie, Kelly and Rosalie Riggins of Loogootee,

and Roger and Karen Riggins of Colorado. He is preceded in death by a grandson, Robert Lynn Carlton; brothers, Gordon and Shirley Riggins; and a sister, Doris

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 20 at Odon First Christian Church, with Bro. Richard Crabtree officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19 at Poindexter-Hall and McClure Funeral Home, Odon Chapel.

### Aging Well Retreat returns June 7 at VU

Generations' Aging Well Retreat on June 7 at Vincennes University's Green Activities Center will offer information and inspiration for adults to improve their physical, mental and social fitness.

Sheri Phillips, Generations Director of Healthy Aging and chair of the event, noted that the retreat, targeting men and women, 50 and over, will feature speakers, free health screenings, a vendor fair, medication management counseling, exercise demonstrations continental breakfast, lunch and door prizes.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 9:30. During that time, Knox County RSVP will be conducting an expired and unused Drug

Participants can also take advantage of the free health screenings, visit the vendor fair and enjoy a continental breakfast. Health screenings will include grip strength, pulse oximetry, cholesterol, memory, blood pressure, vision, hearing and foot pressure.

The morning lineup includes sessions on "How to Begin your Family Tree" with Brian Spangle and "The Power of Positive Thinking" by Toni Matthewson.

Following lunch, keynote speaker Diana Rose, the Amazing Quilter from Bellmead, Texas, will share her inspirational story. Vision-impaired with glaucoma all her life, Rose became blind as a result of an accident

in 1984, four days before she was to undergo a cornea transplant. The only known totally blind quilter, she has now finished over 600 quilts and is working her way to 700. Rose has used her lack of sight as a springboard to give motivational talks across the country to inspire others to achieve their true potential.

The day wraps up around 2 p.m. with door prizes. "The goal of the Aging

**DIANA ROSE** Well Retreat is to offer information to empower individuals to make healthy choices as they age," Phillips added.

The Aging Well Retreat is a joint project of Generations, Guardian Angel Home Health Care in Bicknell, St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Amber Manor in Petersburg and Glenburn Community and Wellness Center in Linton.

Tickets are \$10 and must be reserved in advance by calling Generations at 888-4527 or 1-800-742-9002.

### ROADS

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grant Martin County recently received. The grant, for \$566,900 from disaster recovery funds from the federal Community Development Block Grant program, pays for removal of log jams in Lost River at 100 percent. The county will not have to pay any money. The bids for the work are due November 30 and the release of funds deadline is the end of January when all permits must be obtained.

Bernard Butcher came before the commissioners again to find out information on a storm sewer that causes flooding on his property. It was originally believed the sewer belonged to Crane Naval Base but according to a letter Butcher received, the sewer belongs to the town of Crane. He said that he was told the land belonged to him before a survey was done. County Attorney David Lett, Crane would allow Butcher to go on the property to work on the problem but he would be required to pay for it.

According to Butcher, 30 years ago Crane altered a four-foot storm sewer that had rusted and collapsed to make it two feet in diameter by placing a plastic sleeve in it and surrounding that with concrete. He said this is causing water to come up into his property and get under his house and resulting in his floors buckling and mold to form. He said it also has caused the floors of one of his buildings to rot. He said the sewer needs to be altered back to a four-foot diameter on the end to prevent this from happening. He also noted that he had a dog go into the flooded area and drown. "I'm getting pretty well aggravated," he said. Commissioner John Wininger said that Commissioner Dan Gregory was supposed to be looking into the issue. Gregory was not in attendance at the meeting. He told Butcher to come back to the next meeting on May 31 if Commissioner Gregory has not contacted him before then.

Attorney Lett reported that he gave the county's ambulance service specifications tax. The meeting is open to the public.

to a contact he has in the emergency providers' field. He asked that proposals be submitted by May 27 for the commissioners to consider at the May 31 meeting.

Auditor Nancy Steiner reported that Veteran Service Officer Gene Wilcoxen would like to attend the veterans' conference in Indianapolis at the beginning of June. The conference is \$50 but he would need lodging for three nights. Steiner said there should be enough money in the budget to cover the expense with a few transfers done. Commissioner Paul George said he was a little concerned with some of the bills he has seen for the county office personnel to attend conferences. Steiner said that for her staff -three in total - to attend a conference, it costs around \$1,500 plus mileage. She said most conferences are mandated by the state.

"There's probably going to come a certain time when we just can't afford that, mandated or not," said George.

Judge Lynne Ellis, who was in attendance, said that the Department of Corrections has one coming up that is mandated by the state in order to continue receiving grant money. She said eight people are required to attend from various court-related offices. She added that not only are the trips costly to the county, they are also hard from a management standpoint because the staff is constantly out of the office. "It's been frustrating for me because I haven't had a full staff probably in three weeks and won't have for another three to four weeks," she

George said he didn't have a problem with conferences or the training if the state would help pay some of the cost.

In the end the commissioners decided to pay for Wilcoxen to attend the conference.

At the close of the meeting, Commissioner George reminded everyone that there will be a joint special meeting with the county council and commissioners to hear information from LTAP on the wheel



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# Public RECORDS

# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

#### Tuesday, May 10

7:12 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on Lingenfelter Road.

8:00 a.m. - Received a call about dogs running loose in Shoals.

10:34 a.m. - Received a call about baby

11:27 a.m. - Received a report of a tarp on the roadway on U.S. 50, about a half mile east of Shoals.

12:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing and theft.

2:04 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on U.S. 50, westbound from Shoals.

3:02 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, near Lumpkin Road.

4:32 p.m. - A female called with questions regarding her teenage son.

6:49 p.m. - A female caller advised of a neighbor's dog that had gotten out of a fenced-in area and she advised she will keep the dog until the neighbor returns

8:08 p.m. - A female called about being threatened by a family member.

8:18 p.m. - A male caller requested to meet with an officer to talk about problems with his juvenile son.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn on U.S. 231, south of Loo-

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 150, approximately one-quarter mile out of Shoals.

Wednesday, May 11

5:15 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in the parking lot at Village Apart-

6:22 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on U.S. 231, at the Burns City

6:23 a.m. - Received a report of a horse in the roadway on U.S. 231, south of Whit-

7:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance for lift assistance for a lady that has

7:55 a.m. - Received a complaint about dogs running loose in Shoals.

8:20 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check in Shoals.

11:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospi-

3:20 p.m. - Received a request for a boat inspection in Shoals.

5:20 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm east of Loogootee.

5:47 p.m. - Received a report of a male subject laying alongside the railroad tracks east of Loogootee. When officers arrived the subject was found to be deceased.

7:16 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a locked vehicle in Shoals.

7:39 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject walking along U.S. 231, near West Boggs that appears disoriented.

7:52 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on an elderly subject that was supposed to be home and was not.

8:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospi-

8:32 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a locked vehicle in Loogootee.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated subject on private property. 9:58 p.m. - Received a report of a house

fire on Mill Road in Shoals.

10:25 p.m. - Received a call from a subject about a domestic dispute over personal property.

11:22 p.m. - Received a call from a female subject with questions regarding probation regulations.

#### Thursday, May 12

3:28 a.m. - Received a report that the house fire at 9:58 p.m. last night had rekin-

7:52 a.m. - Received a complaint about a dog running loose in Shoals.

12:02 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute at the Shoals Community School.

12:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospi-

2:50 p.m. - Received a complaint of violation of a protective order.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on U.S. 150 headed toward Shoals from Orange County.

3:16 p.m. - Received a report of an acci-

dent with minor property damage. 4:08 p.m. - Received a report of property

damage. 5:50 p.m. - Received a report of a fight on Boyd Hollow Road.

10:15 p.m. - Received a report of excessive mud on Hindostan Falls Road.

10:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Reinhart Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospi-

#### Friday, May 13

3:40 a.m. - Martin County Ambulance transported a patient from Martin County Healthcare to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:57 a.m. - Received a report of a toddler in the roadway on U.S. 231 near Bramble. 5:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Spring Hill Road. No transport

6:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Daviess Commu-

9:26 p.m. - A female caller reported that her son had been threatened and damage had been done to the doors of her residence. Saturday, May 14

1:45 a.m. - Received a report that several county road signs were missing, including Dover Hill Road, Mobley Road, and Wildman Road.

6:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree limb on U.S. 50, just east of Loogootee.

8:15 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping on Harper Hill Road.

8:48 p.m. - A male subject on station re-

9:45 a.m. - A female subject on station reported that her wallet was stolen.

11:12 a.m. - A male caller requested assistance in retrieving personal property.

12:15 p.m. - A male caller requested an officer speak with his neighbors in reference to their dog continually barking.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident at Progress School Road and S.R. 550.

3:59 p.m. - A male caller called in reference to a theft case.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of a tree over the roadway on Loogootee Dover Hill

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a theft of an iPod in Crane.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 50 in Shoals.

11:00 p.m. - Received a call about problems with a juvenile. 11:40 p.m. - Received a report of an un-

secured door at a business in Crane Village. 11:50 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious subject at RJ's Food Mart in Shoals.

### Sunday, May 15

9:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:30 p.m. - A female caller in Crane requested to speak with an officer about problems with a neighbor.

2:07 p.m. - A female caller in Crane reported theft of medication.

3:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 150 at Singing Hill.

9:12 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn.

### Monday, May 16

6:07 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject at the Loogootee

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of a cow on the roadway on Highway 58, near U.S. 231.

5:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. No transport was neces-

7:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Bear Hill Road. he subject was transported to Bloomington Hospital.

7:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

10:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

#### Tuesday, May 17

6:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial

9:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

10:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospi-

11:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Dover Hill Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospi-

## Martin County accident reports

Saturday, May 14

### Monday, May 9

4:48 p.m. - Ron Davis, of Shoals, was operating a 2004 Chevy and backing up in the Marathon parking lot and backed into a Chevy operated by Sharon Braun, of Shoals. Braun complained of neck pain, but was not transported by ambulance. Captain Akles investigated.

#### Wednesday, May 11

6:07p.m. Donna Flynn of Loogootee was backing her 2005 Kia on John C. Strange St. and struck a light pole. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

Friday, May 13 3:02 p.m. - Christina Bathe, of Loogootee, was operating a 2004 Ford in the Loogootee High School parking lot when she struck the

rear bumper of a vehicle operated by Tracie Stuckey, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

2:45 p.m. - Christopher P. Agan, 55, of Mitchell, was westbound on S.R. 550, in a white 2007 Chevrolet HHR. He was rounding a sharp curve, east of Abel Hill Road when Logan King, 22, of Shoals, in a maroon 1988 Chevrolet pickup was eastbound on the same curve. Agan traveled left of center and into the path of the King vehicle. The front driver's side of the Agan vehicle struck the driver's side door and bedside of the King vehicle in the eastbound lane of the roadway. The investigating officer was Deputy Steven Nolan.

### **Martin County real estate transfers**

Ralph G. Mauder and Afra Mauder, of Martin County, Indiana to Ralph R. Mauder and Teresa L. Mauder, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, except a five-acre tract, there remaining 75 acres, more or less. Also, five acres off the north side of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 4 West. Also, the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, except a two-acre tract, there remaining 38 acres, more or less.

Afra Mauder, of Martin County, Indiana to Christian Arvin and Heather Mauder, of Martin County, Indiana, the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres; Also, the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres; Also, 30 acres in a strip of even width off of the north side of the Northwest Ouarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 30 acres. Containing in all 110 acres, more or

James E. Porter, of Marion County, Indiana and Thomas A. Porter, of Martin County, Indiana to the Charles L. Porter and Mary Jane Porter Revocable Living Trust, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the east half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 3 acres, more or less.

Mark A. Neukam, of Martin County, Indiana to Leslie Brooke Hawkins and Philip D. Hawkins, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 3 and 4 in Eastgate Terrace Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Christopher R. Buse and Christina D. Buse to Joshua D. Brittain and Court**ney L. Brittain,** Lots Numbered 12 and 13 in Risacher's Third Addition to the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

Jase Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to Michael J. Hopkins, Karen A. Hopkins, and Ryan M. Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 1.26 acres, more

Jesse R. Lumm and Ruth Lumm, of Martin County, Indiana to Jill S. Tow, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, and containing two acres, more or less.

Gary J. Frye and Mary Jane Frye, of Martin County, Indiana to Larry D. Seals, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the west half of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 16.915 acres, more or less.

Allene Cornett and Warren Cornett, of Martin County, Indiana to David Ray Graber and Edna Rose Graber and Delmar J. Knepp and Darvin Ray Knepp, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and also part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 42.060 acres, more or less.

Mervin L. Wagler and Martha Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana to Loren E. Wagler and Anna M. Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 13.005 acres, more or less.

### State police to increase patrols

In an effort to reduce injuries and deaths resulting from crashes on Indiana's roadways, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) and the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving is joining 250 state and local law enforcement agencies to launch Operation Pull Over Blitz 67, "Click It or Ticket". The Indiana State Police will also participate in the Click It or Ticket enforcement effort.

Indiana's 2011 Click It or Ticket effort will take place from May 20-June 5, 2011 covering the heavily traveled Memorial Day holiday. With an emphasis on urging more motorists to buckle up day and night, officers will be on the lookout for unrestrained motorists around the clock.

There will be special attention focused on nighttime drivers. Research has shown that motorists are less likely to be restrained during nighttime hours, increasing their risk of death or injury in a collision by more than

While Indiana has reached a record high observed seat belt usage rate of 92.4 percent for all vehicles, not all Hoosiers are taking the use of seat belts seriously. According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). there were 754 fatalities on Hoosier roadways in 2010. More than half of those (54 percent) were unrestrained.

To ensure the safety of all motorists during this holiday period, the Indiana State Police will also participate in Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) from May 23-May 30.

Operation C.A.R.E. is a federally funded program and will allow additional troopers to patrol area roadways over this holiday period. Troopers will be specifically looking for drivers who speed, follow too closely, make unsafe lane changes, drive aggressively, failure to wear their seat belt or properly restrain their children in child seats, and operating a vehicle while im-

The Indiana State Police encourage all motorists to observe the following safety

If you're planning to travel a long distance, make sure you're well rested. A fatigued driver is a dangerous driver.

Avoid distractive driving, tailgating, speeding and aggressive driving.

Use caution in construction zones.

Make sure everyone is buckled up in all seating positions, in all vehicles.

Never operate a vehicle while impaired. Make sure you have a designated driver.

### Jail bookings

Tuesday, May 10

6:34 p.m. - Sarah Bryant, 29, of Paoli, was arrested on an Orange County warrant.

7:35 p.m. - Billy Wildman, 54, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with failure to register as a sex offender.

Thursday, May 12

8:00 p.m. - Loogootee Police arrested Mark A. Payne, 22, of Loogootee. Payne was charged with battery and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Captain Akles was the arresting officer.

Friday, May 13

9:33 p.m. - Russell Erwin, 36, of Shoals, and Brittany Lents, 24, of Shoals, were arrested and charged with dealing in a controlled substance.

Saturday, May 14

8:46 p.m. - Ashley Tow, 27, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with theft and forgery.

# Martin County Court News

Persons listed on criminals charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of

#### **CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed** May 2

Michael D. Elliott, Jr., intimidation, a Class C Felony; pointing a firearm, a Class D Felony.

#### May 4

Tyler Trambaugh, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Benjamin Cole Harner, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### May 5

Billy D. Wildman, failure to register as a sex or violent offender, a Class C Felony.

Andy Richard Holt, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### May 9

Donald L. Hawkins, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joshua L. Arthur, escape, a Class D

#### CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND **SENTENCING**

May 6

Evelyn D. Padgett, convicted of operating a vehicle after lifetime suspension, a Class C Felony. Sentenced to serve six years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with three years on electronic home monitoring under the supervision of the Martin County Community Corrections with the first two years as direct commitment and receiving two days credit for each day served. The third year shall be non-direct commitment and the remaining three years shall be suspended. Defendant received three years probation.

### May 9

Carl W. Wiscaver, Sr., convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 364 days suspended including credit for one actual day previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

### May 10

Jennifer L. Witt, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to served 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 361 days suspended including credit for two actual days previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

### May 11

Cameron E. Craney, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 178 days suspended including credit for one actual day previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received six months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED April 28

Cynthia M. Boyd, failure to stop after accident resulting in damage to unattended vehicle, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Joni M. Kern, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Murray L. Stuckey, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dis-

Troy Thayer, two counts of theft, Class D Felonies, dismissed.

#### May 5

Jon A. Sims, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

#### May 11

Cameron E. Craney, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

#### **CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed** May 4

Harvest Credit Management vs. Laura E. Easter, civil collection.

#### May 5

Jeramy and Kaycie Horram vs. Matthew Lark d/b/a/ Lark Ranch, civil tort.

### May 6

North Star Capital vs. Greg K. Sanders, civil collection.

Jennifer L. Carrico vs. Donald R. Carrico, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 9 Kathy J. Eckerle vs. Jeffery M. Eckerle, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### May 10

Georgianna Dosch vs. Nicholas Dosch, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### **CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS** May 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff CitiFinancial Services, Inc. and against the defendant Mark Neukum in the amount of \$8,655.99.

### **CIVIL COURT DISMISSED** May 5

Equable Ascent Financial, LLC vs. Lori Holt, civil collection, dismissed.

First Resolution Investment Corp. vs. Daniel Greenwood, civil collection, dismissed.

### May 8

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Benjamin and Amanda Fuqua, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

#### **SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed** May 6

American Legion Post 61 vs. Donna Flynn, complaint.

### SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS May 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Bernard Holt and against the defendant Josh Jones in the amount of \$350.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

#### May 5

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Heather Sullivan, complaint, dismissed.

#### TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID May 4 – May 11

Robert Ader, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Carl Baker, Mitchell, speeding 64 in a50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119. Billy Bowles, Marengo, violation of 70-

Larry Bratton, Shoals, seatbelt violation,

hour rule, \$119.

Craig Bullock, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Peggy Bullock, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25. Nevin Byler, Orleans, maximum weight

restrictions; enforcement of limits, \$119. Carlye Crim, Shoals, speeding 55 in a 40; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Brandon Crowder, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25; failure to register, \$119.

Ashley Dhall, Bedford, speeding 71 in a 55; alteration by local authority; school,

Kenneth Francis, Columbus, speeding 55 in a 50, \$119.

Roger Hillenburg, Indianapolis, speeding 65 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Michael Holt, Bloomington, driving left of center, \$124.

Michael Horton, Evansville, speeding 72 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school,

Michael Howard, Gaffney, South Carolina, speeding 74 in a 55, \$124.

Shelby Johnson, Evansville, speeding 61 in a 40, \$124.

Joshua Kellums, Tell City, speeding 55 in

Larry Lee, Mitchell, speeding 69 in a 55, Walter Nelson, Paoli, violation of 70-hour

rule, \$119. Charles Parcels, Crane, false or fictitious

registration, \$119. Robert Taylor, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Robert Terrell, Bedford, license plate; display, \$119.

Kyle Trambaugh, Loogootee, ignore stop sign, \$119.

Darrel Walton, Loogootee, unregistered vehicle; expired plates, \$119. Stephen Witt, Shoals, seatbelt violation,

\$25.

### **MARRIAGE LICENSES** May 4

Jason Michael Dedrick of Loogootee and Deanna Rene Combs of Loogootee. May 6

### Christopher Lee Bearden of Shoals and

Ashley Dawn French of Shoals. May 9 James Albert Day of Loogootee and Jonie

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### State police conduct death investigation in Loogootee

Wednesday night, the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a call from railroad workers advising they had located a body on the south side of the railroad tracks east of the Loogootee Recycling

When officers arrived they located the body south of the railroad track against a utility pole. Near the body was a hand-

The Martin County Coroner's Office has identified the body to be that of Lents

At approximately 5:50 p.m. last Wayne Allen Mills, 42, Loogootee. Indiana State Police Crime Scene Investigators were called to process the scene.

> At this time no foul play is suspected. An autopsy was conducted last Thursday at Brock Smith Funeral Home.

Mill's family has been notified.

Assisting Agencies: Martin County Sheriff's Office, Martin County Coroner's Office, Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department

Lead Investigator: Trooper Jarrod

### Statewide ban on texting and driving takes effect July 1

Beginning July 1, it will be illegal for any while operating a moving motor vehicle. Hoosier driver to text while behind the wheel.

Last week, Governor Mitch Daniels signed legislation that prohibits the use of any telecommunications device to type, transmit, or read text messages or e-mail

Drivers are however permitted to use hands free or voice operated technology to perform these functions.

As a primary enforcement law, police will now be able to ticket a driver solely on the basis of texting while driving. Offenders could also face a fine of up to \$500.

"Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times more likely to be involved in a collision serious enough to cause injury," said Ryan Klitzsch, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Traffic Safety Division Director. "This legislation is an important step in our efforts to ensure the safety of all Hoosier motorists," he continued.

Driver distractions accounted for more than 7,800 collisions on Indiana roadways in 2009. In fact, distracted driving crashes cost the state \$257.5 million dollars in that year alone.

### Two men arrested for stealing anhydrous

On Sunday, May 16 at approximately 6:30 p.m. the Spencer County Sheriff's Office received a report of someone trying to steal anhydrous ammonia from a nurse tank located in a field on Eureka Road near County Road 350 W.

Preliminary investigation reveals that officers from the Indiana State Police and the Spencer County Sheriff's Office responded to the area. The caller had advised that the person was operating an ATV however officers were unable to locate the ATV. Trooper Trey Lytton noticed a Black 1994 Dodge Dakota traveling north on County Road 400W.

Tpr. Lytton conducted a traffic stop and when he approached the vehicle he could smell the odor of anhydrous. The driver, Michael S. Ausbrooks, 34, Newburgh and his passenger Aaron M. O'Brian, 28, Evansville were taken into custody after the officers located several items that are commonly used to steal anhydrous. After the officers had Ausbrooks and O'Brian secured Trooper Lytton went back to the area of the initial complaint and located the ATV in a wooded area just off of CR 350 W.

Ausbrooks and O'Brian were transported to the Spencer County Jail without incident. Both suspects were charged with the fol-

Theft D-felony

Possession of Anhydrous Ammonia with the intent to Manufacture, D-Felony

Possession of Anhydrous Ammonia in an Unapproved Container, A-Misdemeanor Criminal Trespass, A-Misdemeanor

Possession of Police Radio, B-Misde-

If someone witnesses suspicious activity in or around Co-op's or anhydrous ammonia tanks in the fields please contact the Indiana State Police Post in Jasper at (812) 482-1441 or (800) 742-7475 (Indiana only). Any questions or concerns about meth can be directed to the Meth Suppression Section at (877) 855-METH.

# Loogootee Police log

10:36 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service with a call on Crestview

12:09 p.m. - Caller stated a driver in a white vehicle struck a pole at the city park and left the scene. Vehicle was located and no damage was noted.

5:23 p.m. - Indiana State Police advised LPD office to be on the lookout for a Jeep Cherokee that left the scene of an accident. Vehicle was later located.

7:40 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody

8:55 p.m. - Caller reported several juveniles hitting a vehicle with a crow bar. Sgt. Norris responded and learned the owner allowed this because the vehicle was going to be scrapped the next day.

#### Tuesday, May 10

6:25 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

11:54 a.m. - James Kreilein reported yard ornaments moved in his yard.

12:13 a.m. - Caller reported an illegal burn in Shaded Estates.

5:00 p.m. - Caller reported a dog not being taken care of on North Line Street. Captain Akles responded.

9:12 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates.

#### Wednesday, May 11

7:28 a.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a female who had fallen.

7:56 a.m. - Caller reported a dog running loose in Shaded Estates.

5:26 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

6:08 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible dead body off the railroad tracks a half-mile east of Kentucky Avenue. Captain Akles responded.

7:39 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a suspicious person walking near the Lakeview Restaurant. The male was later transported to his residence.

7:45 p.m. - Caller requested an officer at his residence so he could get some personal

8:07 p.m. -First responders were requested in Shaded Estates for an unknown medical problem.

8:11 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up on Hill

reported damage to her vehicle. Captain Akles responded.

10:02 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle that had run a stoplight and had just pulled into the Marathon Station. Captain Akles re-

10:04 p.m. - Caller reported a possible missing person. The male was later located.

Thursday, May 12 Unknown time - Caller requested extra

11:37 a.m. - Washington Police Department advised they located a purse belonging to a female who lives in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill made contact with a relative.

1:40 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Driver was not located.

2:28 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a female who had

3:38 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up on Goodwill Cemetery Road. Chief Rayhill responded.

#### Friday, May 13

4:35p.m. Caller reported a civil dispute. Saturday, May 14

12:36 a.m. - Caller reported two girls possibly intoxicated. Captain Akles was unable to locate.

7:39 a.m. - Caller reported livestock on Bloomfield Road.

8:45 a.m. - Officer Todd completed a VIN

11:58 a.m. - Caller reported her grandson might have runaway. Juvenile was later lo-

#### Sunday, May 15

Unknown time - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported an unsecured business. Sgt. Norris responded.

9:53 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of a

2:13 p.m. - Caller reported solar lights missing from his yard. Extra patrol was requested.

2:22 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody

5:28 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up on Washington Street.

Any drug or crime tips can be e-mailed to loogooteepd@hotmail.com. Reminder that all handgun permits are now completed online. Any questions you may contact the





### **Tomes: Governor signs two** firearms proposals into law

by State Sen. Jim Tomes (R-Wadesville) to help protect law-abiding Hoosiers were signed into law last week.

In an effort to help align firearms regulations throughout Indiana, Senate Enrolled Act 292 will prohibit local government bodies from enacting stricter gun laws than firearms statutes already set by the state.

"This is a huge step to protect lawful citizens who have a right to carry firearms," Tomes said. "Fathers and mothers who attain a license to protect themselves and their children should not have to fear being in jeopardy of violating a huge patchwork of firearms rules that are outside of state code and statutes.'

Senate Bill 506 will permit Indiana residents without a license to lawfully transport a handgun to designated areas including in their own vehicle, on another person's prop-

Two firearms policy proposals authored erty with consent, when attending firearmsrelated events and at a shooting range.

Tomes said this legislation is important because lawful Hoosiers are currently allowed to have handguns at their homes for protection, but could face trouble with the law if transporting those firearms. He stressed that SEA 506 sets very specific stipulations for transporting handguns. Firearms in vehicles must be unloaded, securely wrapped and inaccessible to the driver.

Tomes said both of his proposals regarding handgun rights correlate with the U.S. constitutional right to bear arms. He added that the Indiana Constitution even more clearly references this right.

"As state lawmakers, we want to help ensure the safety of all Hoosiers," Tomes said. "At the same time, we don't want to put undue burdens on citizens who are not threats to society."

# The Messmer Report By District 63 State Representative **Mark Messmer**

Many programs that help our community were restored in the budget

This week a budget for fiscal years 2012-2013 was signed into law by the governor. I heard from many of you during session about concerns and questions you had regarding funding for various programs in the budget. I have good news for all of the programs I heard about most frequently including: the new Jasper Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Technology at Vincennes University, the CHOICE Program, the Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center, and a Medicaid waiver program.

The State Budget Agency approved \$8 million to go to VU to construct the Jasper Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Technology. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$12 million. The project is aimed to enhance the ability to serve as a technical and specialized training center for southwestern, south-central and southeastern Indiana.

The State Budget Agency heard from many local business leaders and they assured them that they had a local interest and commitment to support this project. VU also had to provide the types of programs they would offer once the project is done.

The center will be a wonderful addition to the campus and I am pleased that the funds will be able to provide the resources for this project. The advanced manufacturing and technology programs the building will help provide in Jasper will be a great boost to the economy and draw students and more businesses to the area. VU is a great asset to our community and I look forward to the benefits this building will provide to their students, faculty and staff and also the community.

The CHOICE (Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled) Program is a resource that eligible individuals are using to receive support services in their homes. Services provided may include case management, transportation, attendant care, home delivered meals, homemaker services, various therapies provided in the home, respite care, access to adult day programs in the community, medical supplies and other services necessary to prevent residential placement into nursing homes, group homes, state hospitals and other large group living facilities.

The program serves those who are 60 years of age or older, and persons with disabilities of all ages who are eligible due to long term or life-long limitations. The program is available regardless of income, but there is a basic fee or cost share for services based on a sliding scale. If you are interested in more information about and/or applying for CHOICE, or any of the other IN-Home Services (including Medicaid Waivers), please contact the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Office for your county or the state office at 1-800-986-3505.

I'm pleased to report we were able to restore funding to the CHOICE program in the next budget; something that many people in the area with disabled children or parents were hoping for.

The Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center (SIPAC) is an excellent resource for Hoosier farmers and our economy. They help provide many services including a disease diagnostic lab for poultry and livestock in our local communities, conduct multiple studies on food for livestock, producing crops, and forest management.

I am very pleased that we were also able to restore funding to SIPAC for the next two

The last program I had many questions about over session was a Medicaid Waiver Program in Indiana that targets specific groups, specifically there are five. Waiver services allow members to live in a community setting and avoid institutional placement. Those eligible must meet Medicaid guidelines and include two programs that assist individuals who meet nursing facility level of care: the aged and disabled waiver, and the traumatic brain injury waiver. The three additional programs assist those who meet intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded level of care: the autism waiver, the developmental disabilities waiver, and the support services waiver.

If you would like more information you may visit www.in.gov/fssa and click Medicaid Waivers or call (317) 233-4454.

We were also able to restore funding for this program that is another great help to many families in our communities.

Towards the end of session the Governor, Speaker of the House Brian Bosma and the Senate Pro Temp David Long made a joint announcement stating that they will increase funding to K-12 education by \$150 million and direct it towards education including the extension of full-day kindergarten across the entire state.

Full-day kindergarten has been shown to have a significant impact on a child's education. Full-day kindergarten programs allow for more appropriate challenges for children at all developmental levels, and most importantly teachers report considerably greater progress for full-day kindergarten children in literacy, math, general learning skills and social skills.

With this announcement it is clear that Indiana is leading the way out of the recession across the nation. Education makes up over 50 percent of the state's budget, and a portion of K-12 education was cut in the 2009 fiscal year due to fiscal revenue being severely low. But while many other states have had to continue to make dramatic cuts to education funding, Indiana has carefully begun to increase funding. This was a great announcement for Hoosier children and families.

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful warm weather. Thank you for your continued feedback and support.

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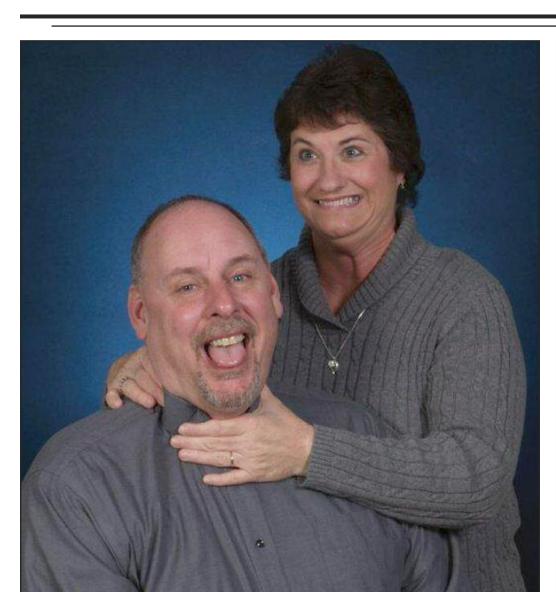
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**DON and DONNA GREENE** 

### **Loogootee couple celebrates 30th Anniversary**

Donald (Don) and Donna (Wineinger) Greene of Loogootee will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary on May 23. The couple was married May 23, 1981 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in Jasper. Father Lowell Will officiated.

They are members of the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

Their children are Jason and daughter in law Myrna of Loogootee, Bryan and girlfriend Kayla of Jasper, and daughter Chantel, at home.

### Martha Greene named RSVP Volunteer of the Month for April

The RSVP Volunteer Center is proud to announce Martha Greene of Loogootee as the April Volunteer of the Month. Greene is an active volunteer involved in many projects who is always willing to lend a hand wherever it is needed. This mother of five, grandmother of 15, and great-grandmother of seven has been retired for three years from Sewell Chiropractic where she was an X-ray and Therapy technician. She still helps out in the office when she isn't busy volunteering.

Greene traveled to Louisiana and Florida with her church to help with rebuilding efforts after hurricane Katrina. She also participated in clean-up efforts after flooding in St. Louis. Closer to home, she is a member of the Martin County Disaster Response Team, the Red Cross Disaster Team and Habitat for Humanity.

Her talents are put to good use at her church, Loogootee United Methodist. She is a member of several committees and serves as the coordinator for the church Food Pantry, where she works one day a week. Greene says, "Volunteering gives me a purpose in life, it is nice to be able to help somebody". She works with a group of churches to provide school supplies to kids in need and an annual community dinner.

Knitting, genealogy, and reading are Greene's hobbies; she has even found a way



**MARTHA GREENE** 

member of the Happy Charity Klickers, a group who knits for the homeless. She researches genealogy and takes pictures of Martin County tombstones for the "find-agrave" website. The site allows people to do research online without costly travel expense.

In 2010, Greene won the RSVP award for recruiting the most new members. As well as volunteering herself, she encourages others to do so. With her help, RSVP is looking into an expansion into Martin County.

The RSVP office is located in the community building at Eastside Park in Washington.



JOHN and SUE HUNT

### Couple to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

John Robert Hunt and Sandra Sue Inman Hunt will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 27. The couple was united in marriage on May 27, 1961, at St. John's Catholic Church by Fr. Ralph Doyle. Attendants for the couple were the late Bob Davidson friend of the groom and Carolyn Hunt Taylor sister of the groom.

John has spent the majority of his life in public service in the law enforcement field serving both in the city and county level. He has held numerous elected offices as well and retired from State Government position of Supervisor of Driving Examiners for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Currently, he works for Traylor Trucking in Montgomery. Sue was the owner of Hunt's Steamer Café in Loogootee for 42 years and served as Matron for the Martin County Sheriff's De-

partment for 10 years.

The couple have four children, John Russell, Bobbi Sue and husband Brent Nonte, Tara Jean, Nikki and husband Patrick Wagoner all of Loogootee. They are the proud grandparents of 12 grandsons, Jonathan, Will, Tyson, Jayce, Jacob, Jayden, Jaycobson, Jaymison, Tanner, Trey, Luke and Jaybe; nine granddaughters, Nicole, Megan, Brooke, Morgan, Tyra, Jayleigh, Karissa, Tia and Abbi Sue; and five great grandchil-

Their children ask for you to join them in celebrating the union of their parents on Friday, May 27, 2011 at the American Legion Country Club in Loogootee. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with music to follow at 7 p.m. The couple currently resides at 104 Bloomfield Road in Loogootee.





## West Boggs launches COOL program

Good summer jobs for young adults leaving high school and entering college are getting hard to find in rural America. No surprise there, and as the economy continues to struggle the outlook for this particular group seems to dim steadily. But there may be a glimmer of hope now right here at home. West Boggs Park has launched a one-of-a-kind summer work program for 18-24 year olds this year called Corps of Outdoor Leadership, or COOL. The program is a joint effort by the Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks Department and partners who are providing funding and expertise. Partners include the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation, Crane Federal Credit Union and SAIC. Other entities are now beginning to come into the partnership, which will make it even more promising.

The program participants, called cadets, will be selected from applicants meeting a list of requirements, including;

- Be a resident of Daviess or Martin Counties.
- At least 18 and not yet 25 years of age. - Be a high school graduate or graduating this school year.

Qualified applicants will then compete in a points based process developed to select applicants with a high probability of success both in the program and in their careers after their college years. No single element of the criteria list will be likely to keep anyone out or assume that anyone gets in, but the points total will be used to select applicants for interview and further evaluation. Some of the criteria that gain points in the selection process include:

- Any high school Honors award.



- Any High school athletic participation.Already accepted to college in 2 year
- program, 2 points.

   Already accepted into college in 4 year
- Already accepted into college in 4 year program, 4 points.
- Accepted to a degree program in a preferred list of majors.GPA (Points awarded equal to appli-
- cant's GPA)

   Have held a previous job for six months
- Have held a previous job for six months or more in any field.
- Be a dependant of an employee of any of the sponsoring agencies or corporations.
  - No criminal history.

Successful applicants will become seasonal employees of the parks department for the 10-week program from June through August. They will earn at least \$8.97 per hour for up to 40 hours per week, doing a wide range of jobs in the park. They will build park structures and amenities, mow, trim, pick up litter, build and maintain trails, work with park visitors in programs and nature interpretation, work on projects to control invasive species, and more.

Those who complete the season will also receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship for college and be eligible for returning year after year as long as they are in the target age group. Perhaps an even larger benefit will be the networking the cadets will have with some of the largest employers in the region. Eventually the park hopes to find replacements for its management jobs and other full time career positions from among this corps; and also to have created a reputation for the program itself that will have alumni of the program considered of exceptional value to business and organizations in the area looking for high quality employees into the future.

According to Parks Department Superintendent Mike Axsom, the COOL program is intended to address several concerns his department shares with the partners in the project. "We are trying to take advantage of the fact that West Boggs Park has continued to grow and prosper despite problems in the rest of the nation," said Axsom. A lack of opportunities for young adults to enter the workplace in jobs that help them learn valuable skills while they are pursuing their education is a factor in what is often referred to as the "brain drain" where people who want to succeed are forced to leave rural areas like Daviess and Martin counties. Many never return and that further compounds the problem over time as opportunities shrink along with the community. "Our department realized that we have a responsibility to be part of the solution instead of being part of the problem,"

The inception of COOL is based on the idea that to reverse the trend from a brain drain to a "Brain Gain", requires that somehow young people have opportunities to succeed, gain valuable experience and stay in the community long enough to take root. West Boggs Park is one local entity that has work to do and which benefits the entire community when the resource are applied to the work there needing done. The park is well positioned to be the catalyst for this type of effort because it is something we all own and can all support.

"Despite what some people may expect, this is not exactly an effort to create jobs" said Parks Department Mike Axsom. "What we are doing, along with our partners from local business and community interests, is to take advantage of the fact that the park has grown and continues to grow; and that because of this growth it needs more work done. We'll use this work to train a new generation how to do the things we do. The park is not about creating jobs, but growth creates work, and that work requires dedicated, determined and driven individuals. The jobs are a byproduct of that dynamic. As this program proceeds we expect it to begin producing a flow of exceptionally high value members of the local workforce, for us and for our partners."

Selection for the program is a where the

applicant's own accomplishments and abilities are assessed on their merit. There is no means testing and the program is not weighted toward any social needs. According to Axsom, the program seeks to find the best and the brightest kids our community is producing, and give them the tools and training to make them better. "We'll give them a place to belong, to work and to learn some important lessons about believing in themselves, in their team and in their community itself." says Axsom. "When they finish the COOL program and college; and are ready to settle down into a career; we want them to be fully prepared to succeed and thrive right here at home. I hope one of them eventually has my job."

Business and community leaders who want to know more about COOL can contact park officials for more information on how to partner with the program. Young adults seeking to participate as cadets may apply at West Boggs Park, and should find information and applications available at the guidance offices at each of the high schools in the two county areas, and online at www.westboggs.com. Application will be accepted until all positions are filled for the season.

# Calendar of Events

#### **Animal Control Commission**

The Martin County Animal Control Commission will meet Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. in the city council meeting room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. The meeting is open to the public.

### Disaster drill

The Martin County Health Department will be conducting its annual Disaster Drill on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7 p.m. The department is in need of "patients" to participate in a simulated clinic to test the medication dispensing plan. If you can participate, please go to the Martin County Community Building front entrance at 7 p.m. on Thursday. This drill helps to protect our community in case of a real event.

### **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.

### Football fundraiser

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

### **Humane society meetings**

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

### Youth football meetings

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

### Recovery support group

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

### **Martin County ABATE meetings**

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

# Classified ADS

### FOR SALE

**WOOD FOR SALE** \$35 a load - you haul Tom Downs 812-787-1442

**MOTORCYCLE** 1986 Honda V65 Magna VF1100C Price \$2,500 Call 812-295-4934

INTERESTED IN HOSTING a 31 Party? Contact Shanelle Kline, Consultant. 812-678-4072 or thirtyoneskline@yahoo.com.

**PHILIPS PORTABLE** DVD player for sale. Like new. \$50. 296-0510.

**20" CRT COMPUTER** monitor. \$50.00. Call or text 812-259-0910.

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### FOR RENT

**FOR RENT:** Nice, clean 2-bedroom mobile home in Whitfield. 295-4384.

### **GARAGE SALES**

OUR BIGGEST GARAGE SALE EVER Rain or Shine Friday and Saturday, 1310 State Rd. 550 at Steve & Jessica Lampert residence. Tons of clothing for boys and girls. Preteen-teen sizes. Mens jeans 30" length, women's clothing. Head board, baby toys and clothes as well as misc. too much to mention. New items placed for Saturday's sale. 7-?

SPRING CLEANING~GARAGE SALE @ 225 Byron St. Friday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Girls' clothes 24 months to size 14, household items, pictures, toys and lots of misc.

### **HELP WANTED**

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New Chiropractic Office seeking reliable, energetic, Office Assistant/Receptionist. Will be responsible for greeting clients, answering phone calls, managing appointment schedule, filing insurance forms, and general office support. Must possess computer knowledge and high-quality customer service and organizational skills. Previous experience with insurance/collections desirable but not necessary.

Forward resume to: divinechiro@yahoo.com or mail to 407 E Main St., Loogootee IN 47553.

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# Sports AND SCHOOL

### Jug Rox runners breaking records, dashing to victory

On Tuesday night May 12, the Lady Rox Track team placed fourth in the Blue Chip Conference meet at North Knox. The team was well represented in almost every event with the success starting early in the meet when freshman Briana Wagler finished first in the long jump with a distance of 14 feet, 8 inches. The girls worked together to pick up extra points in relay events to help compensate for our injured sprinter, Courtney Overfield, who suffers from extreme shin splints. The 4 X 100 relay team of Kyla Tichenor, Kyra Ott, Supitcha Charoenram, and Kandi Tichenor placed fourth, the 4 X 800 team of Chelsey Baker, Amber Bauer, Katlyn Sanders, and Briana Wagler placed second, and the 4 X 400 relay team consisting of AmberLynn Bauer (AL), Kelsey Hardwick, Shaelin Adams, and Chelsey Baker also finished fourth. "Our injured senior athlete/manager Shaelin Adams even stepped up to help out the team by running on an injured knee in the relay," said Coach Lanham. "These girls amaze us at every meet. They really have developed a team spirit and attitude over these past few months. The girls who normally compete in field events are volunteering to run in events to help the team accumulate points." AmberLynn Bauer (AL) finished fourth in the 400-meter run. Kelsey Hardwick finished 5th in the 100 meter hurdles and 4th in the 300-meter hurdles. Sasha Mains finished 4th in the 3,200-meter run. Shaelin Adams finished 4th in the high jump. One of the most exciting finishes of the night was Kyra Ott's second place finish in the shot put. It was Kyra's best throw of the season. She was very excited about the progress she has made this season and will miss the team when she returns to Germany. The coaches would like to thank the friends and family members of the Lady Rox Track



Shoals' Briana Wagler finished first in the long jump with a distance of 14 feet, 8 inches.

Team for attending the meet and supporting

The varsity boys' track team finished a strong fourth at the Blue Chip Conference meet Thursday night, May 14 at Dubois. The Rox were led by Jondavide Hopkins who won the 200-meter dash (23.0) to tie the school record and more importantly obtain All-Conference status. Jondavide also finished second in the long jump (20' ½") and 100-meter dash (11.2). Third place finishers included the 400 relay team of Dylan Erwin, Eric McDonald, Tanner Abel, and Scotty Johnson (47.8), Nick Gerkin in high jump (5'8") and Brian Hert 110HH (16.3) and 300-meter IH (42.4). Fourth place went to the 3200-meter relay team (9:56) of Cody Butcher, Jordan Sorrells, Enoch Spaulding, and Clayton Tow. Fifth place double winner included Dylan Erwin in the 100-meter



### **Crushers crush competition**

-Photo provided

The Southern Indiana Crushers 10U team traveled to Vincennes on May 14 and 15 and brought home the top prize of the Vincennes "Springin' into Summer Fast Pitch Classic". The Crushers scored a total of 32 runs and allowed 10. Other teams in the tournament were Jasper X-Treme, Vincennes Sting, Plaza of Evansville, South Gibson Thunder and the Lady Cobras of Catlin "Danville" Illinois. There are two Martin County girls on the team, Julianne Bell and Calli Wininger. Pictured above in the front row from left to right, are Calli Wininger, MaKenna Hall, and Emma Packard. In the second row, from left to right, are Kortney Quinn, Brooklyn Dodd, and Tori Albertson. In the third row, from left to right, are Haley Pritchett, Caitlyn Reynolds, Makenzy Brown, Julianne Bell, and Jackie Rice. In the back row are coaches Randy Wininger, Steve Dodd, and Todd Pritchett.

**LOOGOOtee Girls Tennis Sectional '11** 

**Barr-Reeve** 

Thursday, May 19

Match 4 Thursday, May 19

**LHS Varsity Tennis defeats WRV** 

**Bloomfield** 

Match 1 Wednesday, May 18

Match 2

Wednesday, May 18

6:00 P.M.



#### LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY **Breakfast**

Thursday, May 19

Cereal, muffin, sausage, juice

Friday, May 20

Sausage, egg, biscuit, juice

Monday, May 23

Sausage, biscuit, juice

Tuesday, May 24

Breakfast pizza, juice

Wednesday, May 25 Biscuit and gravy, sausage, juice

Lunch

Thursday, May 19

Grilled chicken sandwich, baked beans, fruit

Friday, May 20

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips,

Monday, May 23

Hot dogs, tator tots, fruit

Tuesday, May 24

Chicken sandwich, vegetables, fruit Wednesday, May 25

BBQ rib sandwich, vegetables, fruit LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE

AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

Thursday, May 19

Chicken fajita or pizza, rice, corn, applesauce, salad plate, milk

Friday, May 20

Hamburgers or pizza, French fries, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk Monday, May 23

BBQ sandwich or pizza, chips, baked beans, cottage cheese, salad plate, milk Tuesday, May 24

Taco salad or pizza, corn, applesauce, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, May 25

Subs or pizza, chips, baked beans, fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS **Breakfast** 

Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

Tuesday, May 24

Pancakes with syrup, ham, juice, milk Wednesday, May 25

Lunch

Thursday, May 19

Country steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza Friday, May 20

Hot dog, green beans, creamy slaw, milk Monday, May 23

Breaded turkey sandwich, French fries, fruit, cookie, milk

Fajita chicken with rice, corn, applesauce,

Tuesday, May 24

Wednesday, May 25 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed

vegetables, ice cream, roll, milk

Thursday, May 19

Cereal, muffins, cheese, milk Friday, May 20

Breakfast wrap, hash brown, milk Monday, May 23

Cereal, muffins, juice, milk

5-0; the junior varsity however lost 0-5. "After two consecutive tough losses, it was nice to get back in the win column. It was nice for Brittany, Jill, Kylie, and Erin to get a victory on Senior Night. They have put in a lot of time and effort throughout their ca-

> reers," said Coach Mike Tippery. Varsity - Loogootee 5, WRV 0 #1 Singles Jill Taylor (L) defeated Sara

Wines 6-0, 6-0 #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (L) defeated

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis team

took on White River Valley at home on May

12. The varsity team soundly defeated WRV

Jenny Wagner 6-0, 0-6, 6-1 #3 Singles Devan Arvin (L) defeated Tay-

lor Blanton 6-4, 6-4 #1 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins (L) defeated Amanda Mowery/Brooke Braswell 6-2, 6-3

Match 5

Friday, May 20

5:00 P.M.

#2 Doubles Kylie Sims/Erin Wittmer (L) defeated Kylie Cox/Danni Higgins 6-2, 6-0

Junior Varsity - WRV 5, Loogootee 0 #1 Singles Amy Ragle (WRV) defeated

Paige Schaefer 8-3 #2 Singles Alyssa Flynn (WRV) defeated

Dana Sibrel 8-0 #1 Doubles Megan Padgett/Chelsey

Bough (WRV) defeated Emily Sutton/Allison Kiser 8-5 #2 Doubles Jenny Nolting/Amanda Gard-

ner (WRV) defeated Emilee Lannan/Sabrina Stuffle 8-5

#3 Doubles Samantha Dickinson/Amy Ragle (WRV) defeated Hannah Walters/Abby Ackerman 8-6

# Classes, programs at the learning center

Conversational Spanish for Beginners -Basic conversational topics will be taught including introductions, eating out, emergencies, and more using simple vocabulary and grammar structures. This class will also include practice time for each lesson. Basic Spanish conversation is a great asset for vacationing abroad as well as communicating with native Spanish speakers in our community. The class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 7 to July 7, 6:30

p.m. to 8 p.m. All materials are provided, cost is \$89. Call the learning center to sign up before June 3.

Constitution Institute - Are you one of many Americans who is growing increasingly

alarmed at the expansion and growing influence of the federal government? Would you like to see the U.S. government return to the constitution? According to John Hostettler, "A 2008 survey conducted by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute revealed that more than 70 percent of Americans failed a test of basic knowledge of the federal government." A group of concerned citizens has organized The Constitution Institute to promote awareness of Constitutional principles in an effort preserve liberty for our posterity. A seminar presented by the Constitution Institute will be held at the Martin County Learning Center on Tuesday, June 14, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 and includes a training manual for Module 1- Intro to the U.S. Constitution. Register online at www.constitutioninstitute.org/ or call or stop by the learning center to register before June 9.

USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder) - The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the Federal government's official website and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an online resume training session and a time of 13.52.

will provide applicants with information and advice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshop will be held on May 26 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Call the learning center to sign up.

Overcomers' Group - Indiana Drug Education and Awareness Solutions are con-

Community Learning Center ducting an ongoing Overcomers' Recovery Support Group at the center. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and newcomers are invited. There is no cost

for participation. For further information, contact Jason Underhill at 812-653-1908.

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

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

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

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

### Lauren Walton makes All-Conference in track

Loogootee track star Lauren Walton made All-Conference last week at the girls' Blue Chip conference meet at North Knox. Lauren was a double winner in the meet, winning both the high jump and the 100-meter

She won the high jump with a jump of 5'3" and she won the 100-meter dash with

### Tickets available for Loogootee Alumni Banquet

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

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

The banquet is the same weekend as the vides scholarships for athletes from Loo- Loogootee Schools Scholarship Trust.

gootee High School. Further information will appear in the local media at a later date.

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

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

To order tickets, fill out the form below and mail to Loogootee Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee, IN 47553. Tickets are \$20 Butcher-Gee Golf Tournament which pro- each. You may also include a check to the

### Loogootee Alumni Banquet **Ticket Order Form**

Please complete this form to order tickets. Please return with check payable to the Loogootee Schools Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee, IN 47553. Tickets are \$20 each. Please provide your email address with check and tickets will be available at the door for you. If you wish, you may also include a check to the Loogootee Schools Scholarship Trust.

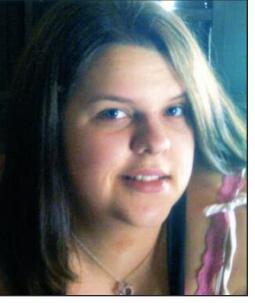
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I will be attending the 2011 banquet and need	tickets. Class of	LHS/SJHS.





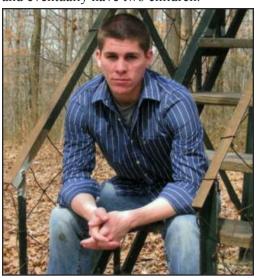
**KYLA TICHENOR** 

Kvla Lorraine Tichenor is the daughter of Terry and Vicki Tichenor. Her favorite pastimes include being with her friends, reading, singing, and playing sports. During high school, she has been involved in the IMPACCT Club. Her best memory of school was when the senior class took the field trip to see the play "A Christmas Carol". Kyla plans to attend God's Bible School to study elementary education.



**CANDICE GOLDSBERRY** 

Candice LaRae Goldsberry is the daughter of Tammy and Tim Carrico. Her favorite thing to do is go out with her boyfriend. During high school, Candice has participated in basketball, track, and softball. Her best memory of school was when she met her boyfriend, Chris Stone. She also will never forget when Patience cut her hair and then her sister's hair. She said hers looked good but her sister's was botched. After graduation, Candice plans to attend college and eventually have two children.



Andrew Michael Meriweather is the son of Michael and Lisa Taylor. His favorite hobbies include riding dirt bikes and working out. During school, Andrew has been involved in Service Learning. His best memory was graduating basic training. After high school, he plans to take an active-duty term in the Army and enjoy life.



KAYLA KIDWELL

Kayla Denise Kidwell is the daughter of Diana and Kirk Kidwell. Her favorite things to do include spending time with family and friends, hanging out with her boyfriend, and four-wheeler riding. During high school, Kayla has been involved in SADD, chorus, and Pep Club. She said her best memory of school was when Mr. Dahlen, Mr. Elliot, her brother, and her cousin won the talent show. She says she will never forget when the senior class went to Indy to see "A Christmas Carol" and then went to Circle Centre Mall. After graduation, Kayla plans to go to college and become a social worker.



**CAROLINE PRUETT** 

Caroline Pruett is the daughter of Wanda Pruett and Donnie Robbins. Her favorite hobbies are reading, sewing, swimming, and scrapbooking. In high school she has been involved in band. After high school, Caroline plans to become a daycare manager.



**KAILEA GRAVES** 

Kailea Glynn Graves is the daughter of Tonya and Kevin Graves. One of her best memories was when she started dating her boyfriend. Kailea plans to attend college to study graphic design.

## Loogootee bands hold final concert of the year



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The Loogootee High School Seniors in their last performance huddle together in a group hug with Band Director Betsy Graves. The seniors are Courtney Gokey, Alexis Walker, Ryan Dant, Alex Daniel-Cox, Tyler Hardwick, Tyler Fehrinbach, Scott Duzan, Courtney Morrow, Greg Pannell, and Matt Hulsman.



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Ryan Dant was honored with the prestigious John Philip Sousa Award at the Loogootee Band Concert last week. John Philip Sousa was an American composer and conductor of the late romantic era, known particularly for American military and patriotic marches. Because of his mastery of march composition, he is known as "The March King."



-Photo provided Kendall Riley received the junior high



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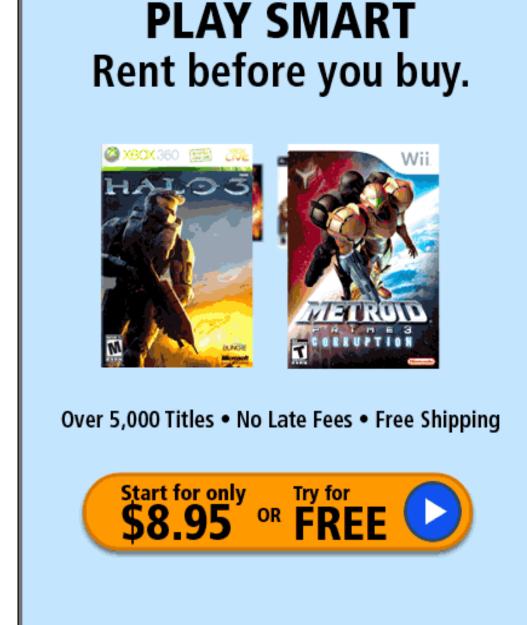
-Photo provided Renee Burch received the Outstanding



Director's Award from Mrs. Graves.



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### Bluebirds are back

-Photo by Tony Dant

The bluebird box at the home of Tony Dant once again has a no vacancy sign this spring. The momma bird poses for the camera as she guards her little light blue eggs.

# Hoosier Uplands Hospice recognized as a 'We Honor Veterans' partner

It may surprise many people to learn that 25 percent of those who die every year in the U.S. are Veterans. To help provide care and support that reflect the important contributions made by these men and women, Hoosier Uplands Hospice has become a national partner of We Honor Veterans, a pioneering campaign developed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As a We Honor Veterans Partner, Hoosier Uplands Hospice will implement on-going Veteran-centered education for their staff and volunteers to help improve the care they provide to the Veterans they proudly serve. The nation is seeing many of the Veterans who served in World War II and Korean pass away - and the number of deaths of Vietnam Veterans is beginning to rise.

The We Honor Veterans campaign provides tiered recognition to organizations that demonstrate a systematic commitment to improving care for Veterans. Hoosier Uplands Hospice can assess our ability to serve Veterans and, using resources provided as part of the campaign, integrate best practices for providing end-of-life care to Veterans into our organization. By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's Veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, Hoosier Uplands Hospice is better able to accompany and guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. And in cases where there might be some specific needs related to the Veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, Hoosier Uplands Hospice will find tools to help support those that are being cared for.

"All hospices are serving Veterans but often aren't aware of that person's service in the armed forces," said J. Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO. "Through We Honor Veterans we are taking a giant step forward in helping hospice and palliative care providers understand and serve Veterans at the end of life and work more effectively with VA medical facilities in their communities."

"VA shares a common goal with our nation's hospices, and that is to provide the best possible care specifically tailored for Veterans, meeting their goals of care in their preferred setting. As we focus on working together and unite our services and skills, We Honor Veterans will channel our combined strengths directly to Veterans- wherever they are receiving care."

The resources of We Honor Veterans focus on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with Veteran- centric education of health care staff caring for Veterans. To learn more about We Honor Veterans or to support this important work via a secure, online donation, please visit www.we-honorveterans.org. Also, to find out more about Hoosier Uplands Hospice please visit www.hoosieruplands.org or contact Linda Fisher, RN, Hospice Patient Care Coordinator at (800) 827-2219.

"America's Veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country and we believe it is never too late to give a hero's welcome home. Now it is time that we step up, acquire the necessary skills and fulfill our mission to serve these men and women with the dignity they deserve," added Schumacher.

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# New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

### BY SHIRLEY CANELL Pastor's Wife

Romans 12:1-2 - How we worship!

"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2.

Pastor Ernie used an example of boys building homemade go-carts and racing with them when he was young. Everyone attending service received a cotter pin. What is a cotter pin? It is used to keep two pieces of equipment connected. What happened if you forgot to put the cotter pin on the wheels when you were building your go-cart? The wheels would come off and the cart would crash and fall apart. Our worship needs cotter pins if we are going to connect, or else our worship will go nowhere.

How do we worship? By the mercies of God, Paul says I urge you. He is pleading with us, begging with us to live the Christian life and worship God the way we should. He says by the mercy of God. He explains in chapters 1-11 what the mercies of God are: justification is set under grace, not law; it is the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit, certainty in the coming glory, the confidence of no separation from the love of God, total confidence in God's continued faithfulness. Where would we be without the mercy of God concerning our past, present, and future? Give yourself as a living sacrifice, love and obey God, love His law and live the Christian life because of His mercy to you.

By our bodies is a living sacrifice. In that time they offered sacrifices that were dead, slain, killed on the altar. God wants us to be a living sacrifice; God wants you, all of you. The apostle Paul is calling for us to give everything for Jesus Christ, to put ourselves on the altar and to give up everything for Him. Salvation is the free gift that costs you everything. He is not simply interested in promoting your giving yourself to God; he wants the whole of your world given to Him. There are a lot of people who want to give Jesus their hearts but don't give Him anything else. They want to live their own way, act their own way, have their priorities, so basically they want to give Jesus their hearts for an hour or two a week. Jesus wants all of you. Give Jesus all of you.

By no conformity, Paul tells us DO NOT be conformed – assuming the form of, act like or masquerade. Do not let the world begin to form your values and your thinking. If you are going to worship God, dwell in His presence, you must amend your ways and deeds. Know the truth so the non-truth will not deceive you. If we are going to worship the God that we reverence, we can not conform to the way the world thinks. We are to be transformed; this is the opposite of being conformed to this world. The battle ground between conforming to the world and being transformed is in the mind of the believer.

How do I become transformed? By the renewing of your mind. If we are going to worship the Lord with fear, our inner person has to be transformed and that can only happen with the power of the Holy Spirit working through the word in our minds. We are displayers of what we value. If we value the world, we are worshippers of the world. If we value God, we are worshippers of God.

We worship by His will. In our worship we glorify, honor, praise, exalt and please God so we can know His will. If we want to worship God and have the awe and reverence for our God who has done so much for us, we must have the cotter pins that hold it together.

By the mercies of God, focus on the grace God has given us through faith of the one who died on the cross for our sin so we may live

By giving all of our bodies in service to God, our mind transformed by the renewing of our minds to the things of God not the things of the world. What we value is what we worship.

By His will, when we worship we come to understand God's will for us so that we worship with every part of ourselves. That is what is good and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Let it not be said of us that is in Matthew 15:8, the people honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.

The U.S. Ministry has a distribution planned for June 25 at 9 a.m. at New Beginnings Community Church. We are still in need of donations of new unopened packages of underwear and socks for school-age kids. Drop off points in Loogootee are Printing Express, Shear Perfection, New Beginnings Community Church and in Shoals at Wabash Valley Transportation/Schilli terminal. If you have any questions call Shirley at 709-2525.

Our Sunday service start time has changed to 10:30 a.m. We have Sunday school now at 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. Please call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258 is you have any questions.

### **Are You Ready for Some Football?**

JOIN THE MARTIN COUNTY RAIDERS YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE!

### 2011 Sign-Up Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Practices/Games Start: Practice (at Lark Ranch) July 12th (6-8 pm) • Jamboree August 20th If you miss sign-ups, please contact Audrey Robinson at the number below. Players will be accepted through September 17th.

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

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

### May is National Foster Care Month, 9,800 children in Indiana

There are approximately 424,000 American children in foster care. These innocent children have been removed from their homes because their families are in crisis and can't ensure their safety. Each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to focus attention on the experiences of these children in the foster care system. It also serves to shed light on the successful outcomes foster parents can have on children. Film and television star Victoria Rowell entered the foster care system as an infant and lived in a number of homes with nurturing foster parents who helped identify her talents and shape her future career. Victoria's recent award-winning book, The Women Who Raised Me, pays homage to the important role foster parents played in her life.

When there are reports of alleged child abuse or neglect, Indiana family case managers strive to provide appropriate family support services that will allow the children to stay in the home. While the most desirable place for children to grow up is always with their own families, sleeping every night in their own bed and playing with their own friends, sometimes the family is unable to provide a safe, nurturing and stable home. In these cases, temporary foster care is necessary.

Children in foster care and foster parents are mostly invisible in communities. In Indiana there are currently about 9,800 chil-

dren receiving foster care. Most of these ices. "They find themselves in difficult circhildren are cared for in one of the approximately 6,000 licensed foster homes.

Being removed from their home and placed in foster care is a difficult and stressful experience for any child. Many of these children have suffered some form of serious abuse or neglect. About 30 percent of children in foster care have severe emotional, behavioral or developmental problems. Physical health problems are also common. Most children, however, show remarkable resiliency and determination to go on with their lives.

Two out of three children who enter foster care are reunited with their birth parents within two years. And though Indiana ranks second in the nation in reaching permanency either with birth parents or adoptive parents within 24 months, a significant number of Hoosier kids can spend long periods of time in a foster home awaiting adoption or other permanent arrangement. For this reason, Indiana's Department of Child Services recently added a number of Foster Care Specialists to its staff. These are highly skilled professionals dedicated to making sure the State has a ready supply of trained, licensed foster parents to provide substitute care to some of Indiana's most vulnerable children.

"Foster children are no different than any other children," said James Payne, Director of the Indiana Department of Child Servcumstances not by their own actions, but as a result of poor decisions made by caregivers. When children are not able to remain safely in their own home, we are fortunate to have foster families available who can provide these children a safe, stable, loving, home-like environment."

Foster parents open their homes and hearts to children in need of temporary care, a task both rewarding and difficult. Challenges always include recognizing the limits of their emotional attachment to the child while understanding mixed feelings toward the child's birth parents. They also attend to the complex needs-many times both emotional and physical-of the children in their care. And sometimes they must recognize their own difficulties in letting the child return to birth parents.

With the help of dedicated foster parents, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either reunite safely with their parents, be cared for by relatives or be adopted by loving families. The Department of Child Services calls on all Hoosiers to join us in helping change the lives of children or youth in foster care. No matter who you are or how much time you have to give, you can help create permanent, lifelong connections for these children and youth. All children-including the 424,000 American children and youth in foster care-deserve a safe, happy life.

During National Foster Care Month, make it your goal to get involved. Here are three things you can do that can change a life forever:

Become a foster parent. Caring Indiana families are especially needed for older youth, siblings and children with special needs. For more information, call 888.631.9510 or go to www.in.gov/dcs and click on the 'foster care' link.

Mentor a young person. Research shows that children and youth with mentors earn higher grades and improve their relationships with friends and families.

Make a permanency pact. Supportive relationships with caring adults can make an important difference especially for older youth leaving the foster care system.

About DCS:

Indiana's Department of Child Services is committed to protecting children who are victims of abuse or neglect. Case managers focus on keeping children safely at home with their family. The agency also administers foster care, special-needs adoptions and the child support bureau. Additional initiatives include the Kids First Trust Fund and Books for Youth. In collaboration with the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, Books for Youth is targeting a Super Goal for the Super Game: collect 750,000 books for foster kids by February 2012. Indiana's Hotline to report child abuse or neglect: 800-800-5556.

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