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## Shoals, Loogootee graduations this weekend

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Loogootee High School will hold their graduation on Friday, May 27, at 7 p.m. The evening will begin with the processional by the LHS Band and opening by Brittany Eckerle, Student Council representative.

The high school chorus will then sing The National Anthem followed by "Baba Yetu" the Swahili adaptation of "The Lord's Prayer" arranged by C. Kiagiri and "I Believe/J'Imagine" arranged by Arr. M. Brymer.

Eckerle will then introduce the class speakers. Speeches will be given by the four class officers: Allyson Arvin, president; Leah Lottes, vice-president; Megan Lottes, secretary; and Blake Walker, treasurer. Valedictorian Andrew Fellers and Salutatorian Megan Lottes will also give speeches.

A slide presentation will be next on the agenda followed by "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the LHS Band. The presentation of diplomas will then be done by Loogootee Superintendent Larry Weitkamp, High School Principal John Mullen, and Assistant Principal Bill Powell.

Mr. Mullen will then give his remarks and present the class of 2011. Closing will be done by Brittany Eckerle with recessional by the LHS Band.

The LHS Class of 2011's motto is "In our hands we hold today; in our dreams we hold tomorrow; in our hearts we hold forever," by an unknown author. The class flower is the Anemone.

Shoals High School will hold their commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 28, beginning at 2 p.m. The afternoon will begin with a processional arranged by Edward Elgar and performed by the junior/senior high school band and followed by the National Anthem.

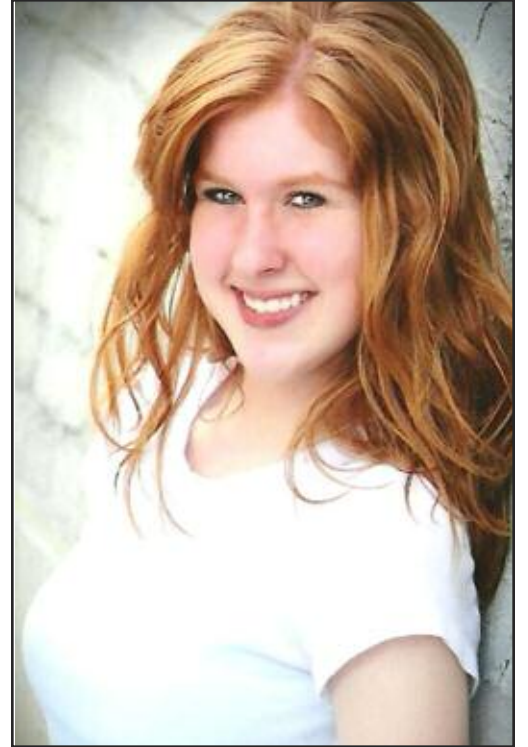
The opening will be given by Shaelin Adams and the invocation by Kyla Tichenor. "Of Pride and Celebration" will be played by the band followed by "Beautiful Day" by the junior/senior high school choir.

The Salutatorian, Bradley Phillips, will then speak, followed by the Valedictorian Augustus Sherfick. A video presentation of the Class of 2011 will be done by Hillary Jones.

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ANDY FELLERS  
Loogootee Valedictorian



MEGAN LOTTES  
Loogootee Salutatorian



GUS SHERFICK  
Shoals Valedictorian



BRAD PHILLIPS  
Shoals Salutatorian

## County officials debate need for new wheel tax

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Commissioners and County Council met Monday night, May 23 in special session to hear a presentation from LTAP on the county-option wheel tax.

John Habermann, the representative from LTAP, explained they are a program from the civil engineering department at Perdue that helps cities, counties, and towns with their transportation and drainage-type issues. They do research, put on classes, and attend government meetings to serve this purpose.

Commissioner Dan Gregory, who invited LTAP to do the presentation, explained to the council and commissioners present that the highway department has been underfunded for many years. He said that the wheel tax is an option to help offset the funding shortages. All commissioners were present but Rich Summers and Keith

Gibson from the county council were not in attendance.

"Raising taxes is never a popular thing but this is one of the tools the state has given us to do some of the things we think need to be done," said Commissioner Gregory.

"Our funding is going backwards and our expenses are going higher," he said.

Habermann explained that every county in Indiana supplements their highway department budget in some fashion. Since the

Crane timber money the county receives has steadily declined, the wheel tax was brought forward as another option. The wheel tax, also

known as LOHUT (Local Option Highway User Tax), is the only local optional tax specifically for road funding. It can only be used to construct, reconstruct, repair, or maintain streets and roads in Martin County. All of the money collected stays in

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*-Commissioner Dan Gregory.*

## Martin County's unemployment rate drops to 6.4 percent for April

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Despite Martin County's continuing decline in unemployment they fell in the state ranking from 81st place to 79th. 13 Indiana counties snuck past Martin with a lower jobless rate for April. The county hovered around and in the top five for most of last year. The county's unemployment rate for March stood at 7 percent and dropped to 6.4 percent in April.

For April, the county had 5,370 residents in the job market down seven from a month earlier. 5,027 of those in the workforce had jobs an increase of 25 from March. In March 375 residents were unemployed with a drop to 343 in April.

One year ago the county had an unemployment rate of 7.3 percent with 5,179 residents in the workforce and 379 unemployed.

Daviess County remains untouched in the top spot of the 92 Indiana counties for the

lowest unemployment in the state sticking in 92nd place. Daviess' jobless rate dropped slightly from 5.3 in March to 4.9 in April. Last month, the county had 14,594 residents in the workforce with 715 unemployed. For March, there were 14,639 residents in the job market with 776 without jobs. One year ago for April, Daviess County's unemployment was at 6.1 percent with 14,927 residents in the workforce and 911 unemployed.

Dubois County stayed put in 90th place with their jobless rate dropping from 5.9 percent in March to 5.4 percent in April.

For April the county had 21,106 residents in the labor force with 1,139 of them unemployed. A month before, they had 21,040 residents in the job market and 1,240 without jobs. In April of 2010, Dubois County had a jobless rate of 7.8 percent with 21,832 residents in the job market and 1,240 without work.

Orange County's jobless rate dropped (See 'UNEMPLOYMENT' on page two)

## Memorial Day 2011

On Monday, May 30 the American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9359 will pay homage to the veterans of all wars with a visit to the cemeteries listed below. A special ceremony directed to departed comrades will be presented. Everyone is asked to join.

9 a.m. at Burns City  
9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph  
10 a.m. at St. Mary's  
10:30 a.m. at Goodwill

11:15 a.m. at St. John's  
12:15 p.m. at St. Martin's  
12:45 p.m. at Truelove  
1:30 p.m. at South Martin



# WHEEL TAX

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Martin County, Indiana passed this county-option tax in 1980.

LOHUT is actually two different taxes. The first is the county motor vehicle excise surtax which applies to cars, trucks under 11,000 pounds, and motorcycles. The excise surtax can be two to 10 percent of the excise tax or a flat amount of \$7.50 to \$25 per vehicle. If a flat rate is chosen it must be the same amount on each vehicle.

The second tax is the county wheel tax. Habermann noted that it is actually a vehicle tax because taxpayers pay based on a vehicle and not the amount of wheels/tires on the vehicle. Included in this tax are buses, recreational vehicles, semi tractors, tractors, trailers, and trucks. Habermann said anything other than a car, truck, or motorcycle that is plated counts.

The county wheel tax rate can be between \$5 and \$40 per vehicle. The vehicles categories can each have a different rate depending on what the county council decides. It can also be based on weight. The county wheel tax does not include vehicles owned by the state such as INDOT snow plow trucks; political subdivisions such as police vehicles, any vehicle subject to the annual excise surtax, and buses owned by religious or non-profit youth organizations.

Council member Lonnie Hawkins suggested that Crane be approached to give Martin County a larger portion of the timber money. He said the county only receives a small portion now and it may be beneficial to work with Crane command and state legislators to get this changed. "It's a shot in the dark," he said.

Council member Warren Albright said, "I don't think it's a bad idea but sometimes when you are shooting in the dark you hit things you don't want. I think we keep sitting about this close to not getting it at all."

Highway superintendent Jim Williams said that the highest the county has received in timber money since 2000 was in 2005 which was \$642,000. In 2009 the county received \$146,000. It was discussed whether the decrease was due to less timber being harvested or timber prices dropping, or both.

Commissioner Paul George asked Council member Hawkins if he knew why people he spoke with were so against the wheel tax, "Is it because it ends with tax?" he asked.

"I think county highway has a real problem, a real issue, and I want to not only address it, I want to resolve it but I've been a county councilman since 2005 and I've been asked every year to enact a wheel tax," said Hawkins. He said it was originally brought forth to be a replacement tax for the cumulative bridge but then it became in addition to.

Highway superintendent Williams explained that in 2004 the highway department received 1.4 million dollars and last

year they received \$941,000.

Commissioner Gregory said that the average vehicle is probably paying less to drive on Martin County roads than they ever have before. "If I pay a new wheel tax I'm back to what I was paying 10 years ago; I may still be under," he said.

"I'm just not in favor of another tax; it's not a replacement tax it's a new tax," he said.

Both taxes are paid at the time of registration at the BMV branch. The BMV collects 15 cents per transaction.

Commissioner George compared the tax to having snow removed off a driveway every winter. "This is just like snow removal, \$25 dollars a vehicle, I don't care if you live eight miles off the road, every snow we'll clean it one time, \$25 a year," he said. "That's not outrageous," he said.

"No, it isn't," replied Council member Lynn Gee. "I wouldn't mind paying the wheel tax to have better roads, the roads are crappy."

Commissioner George noted that it's at the point where there will not be any new road paving. "It's just keeping up what we've got," he said.

"I'm just thinking if not this, what?" asked Commissioner Gregory.

Council member Hawkins stated he already gave an idea to which Commissioner George said he wasn't real confident in that idea. "We can try it but . . .," he said.

Williams said he had no idea what next year will bring but he knows that his costs are going up.

Discussion ensued regarding taxation and the duration of it. Council member Hawkins stated that maybe really smart council members and commissioners would be elected and they could eliminate all taxes permanently.

"Oh, we can do away with all of our taxes when they split us off into other counties and they will eventually," said Commissioner George. "I mean we're just gonna go broke and I don't want to be no part of it."

Williams stated that he was told by an expert that a one-mile stretch of road in the southern part of the county would cost a little over \$50,000. He said that was just an example because there are several more in the county that need work.

Commissioner Gregory told the council members present that he believes that the commissioners are in agreement that the wheel tax is needed but the decision is up to them. "Are we going forward or are we going backward," he said. "We are certainly not in a minority if we adopt it, we're in a majority; most counties have it."

"Does because everybody else is doing it make it right?" asked Council member Albright.

"No, replied Commissioner Gregory, "but it's probably an indicator of growth."

Council member Randy Winger stated

that when he was a commissioner in 1997 they went on a mission dig ditches throughout the county and the entire county was draining within six months. "We hit it hard and we would not spend any money on a road until it was done," he said.

"If you don't have ditches you don't have roads," said Commissioner John Winger.

More discussion went on about ditching and water run-off.

"Jim, ditch the county, the whole damn county," Commissioner George said to Williams.

"Well, that costs money too," said Commissioner Gregory.

Council member Winger asked Gregory how. He said that the crew was already being paid and the county already has the equipment. He added that it doesn't have to be extensive work, "Hey, just get the water to drain," he said.

Commissioner Gregory noted that the meeting was for informational purposes only and no vote was to be made. Council member Hawkins said that he thinks having both groups together is the time to talk about some things. "This is the perfect time to have it I think," he said.

"How we gonna fund insurance?" asked Commissioner George to Hawkins. "Pick on me about roads, how we gonna fund insurance?"

Hawkins replied that he was intending to talk about the issue with the highway department.

The county council must pass both types of tax at the same time, notice must be given to taxpayers, and if the council does not vote unanimously to pass the tax, they must vote in two different meetings.

Also benefiting from the wheel tax are the cities and towns. Based on the populations Loogootee would receive 9.4 percent, Shoals would receive 3.24 percent, and Crane would receive 2.01 percent of all collected. At the maximum rate the county would receive \$361,436.90, Loogootee would get \$33,958.93, Shoals would receive \$11,725.84 and Crane would get \$2,715.30.

The wheel tax must be passed before July 1 for it to be in effect for 2012. 47 counties of Indiana's 92 currently have LOHUT in place or 51 percent. In this region, those counties are Daviess, Dubois, Lawrence, and Greene. Spencer County is currently considering putting a tax in place.

After an hour and a half discussion the group ended the meeting with the last decision made to have the highway department begin digging ditches and cleaning out culverts throughout the county.

## GRADUATION

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High School Principal David Springer will then present the class of 2011 and present the diplomas with Superintendent Dr. Tony Nonte and School Board President Tony Cundiff. Dr. Nonte will then give the acceptance of the class.

A farewell address will be given by Jess Jenkins, senior class president and the presentation of the class flower, the Tiger Lily, will be presented by Denise Cornett, junior class president and Victoria Bauer, junior class vice-president.

At the end of the ceremony the band will perform the recessional arranged by Edward Elgar.

The Shoals High School Class of 2011 motto is "Remember yesterday, dream for tomorrow, live for today."

## UNEMPLOYMENT

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from 9.7 percent in March to 9.2 percent in April but bumped them 12 places from 37th to 25th in the state ranking tied with Jay County.

Last month, Orange County had 10,209 residents in the workforce with 935 unemployed. In March there were 10,482 residents in the job market with 1,022 jobless. In April of 2010, Orange County's unemployment rate stood at 11.6 percent with 9,965 residents in the labor force and 1,160 of them unemployed.

The five counties with the lowest unemployment in the state for April were Daviess County at 4.9 percent, Knox County at 5.2 percent, Dubois County at 5.4 percent, Hamilton County at 5.5 percent, and Monroe County at 5.6 percent.

The five counties with the highest unemployment in the state for April were Fayette at 11.7 percent, Henry and Scott counties tied at 10.3 percent, Wayne County at 10.2 percent, and Elkhart, Lawrence, and Starke at 10.1 percent.

Indiana's preliminary seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped 0.3 percent, to 8.2 percent in April. Indiana's rate is below the national average of 9 percent and below that of all neighboring states for the third month in a row. Private sector employment decreased by 2,700 in April.

"Indiana is 0.8 percent below the national rate for the first time since June 2003," said Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development. "The state's rate has steadily decreased over the past year."

### Employment by Sector

Sectors showing significant employment gains in April include: Private Education and Health Services (1,700) and Leisure and Hospitality (1,000). The Professional and Business Services (-2,900) and Manufacturing (-1,700) sectors showed significant decline. Total non-farm employment decreased (-2,500) in April.

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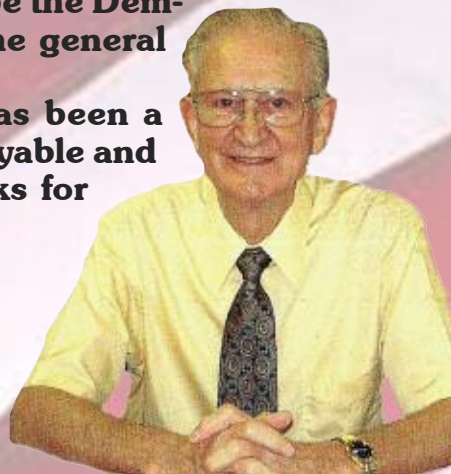
## Message from Mayor Bowling

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank those citizens of Loogootee who took the time to vote in the recent primary election. I also want to congratulate Noel Harty on being selected to be the Democratic candidate for mayor in the general election in November.

Being mayor for two terms has been a very challenging, rewarding, enjoyable and unforgettable experience. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

**Don Bowling**  
Mayor 2004-2011  
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**DEXTER L. SWARTZENTRUBER**

Dexter L. Swartzentruber died at 1:51 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2011 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Montgomery, he was 57.

He was born June 8, 1953, in Daviess County; the son of David and Lydia (Graber) Swartzentruber. He married Yvonne F. (Slaubaugh) Swartzentruber on June 8, 1979 and she survives. He was a member of the Berea Mennonite Church and was on the board of directors of ACMI (African Christian Ministries). He was a water well driller and was third generation owner and operator of S and S Drilling in Montgomery.

He is also survived by his six children, Jason and wife Krissy Swartzentruber of Montgomery, Arlen and wife Jenny Swartzentruber of Corsicana, Texas, Adrian Swartzentruber, Jamie Swartzentruber, Kyle Swartzentruber and Janesa Swartzentruber, all of Montgomery; one brother, G. Dwaine Swartzentruber of Goshen; one sister, Joyce and husband Lowell Leinbach of Cement City, Michigan; in-laws, Ed and Loretta Slaubaugh of Loogootee; two grandchildren, Tyler and Ella Swartzentruber; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Ida Mae Swartzentruber; and one brother, Ivan Swartzentruber.

The funeral was held today, Wednesday, May 25 at 1 p.m. at Berea Mennonite Church in Cannelburg. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made through Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

**CLEO JONES**

Cleo W. Jones passed away at 5:51 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 89.



He was born May 18, 1922 in Martin County; the son of Elvis and Elizabeth (Neukam) Jones. A 1941 graduate of Shoals High School, he was a

member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Dubois Crossroads, and a lifelong farmer in Martin County. He married Gladys K. (Bauernfiend) Jones on September 24, 1953 in Dubois County and she survives.

He is also survived by one daughter, Kathy Thewes of Huntingburg; one son, Elvis "Bob" Jones of Dubois; one granddaughter, Meagan Chase of Ferdinand; one grandson, Ryan Thewes of Nashville, Tennessee; two great grandchildren; and several

nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers; Orville, Wilmer, Clarence, Walter, Carl and Roger in infancy; and two sisters Esther Parrotte and Eva Cowles.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 27 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. A funeral service will take place Saturday, May 28 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

**HOWARD SHERFICK**

Howard E. Sherfick went to be with his Lord and Savior at 4:12 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2011 at Memorial Hospital & Health-care Center in Jasper. He was surrounded by his loving family. A resident of Shoals, he was 93.

**HOWARD SHERFICK**

He was born in Lost River Township in Martin County on April 16, 1918; the son of Everett and Anna Bryan (Green) Sherfick. He married Melva Blume Kerns on April 15, 1945 in Daviess County.

He graduated with the Shoals High School Class of 1937. Upon graduation from high school, Howard worked on the family farm. He took a short course in electrical wiring and wired several homes and farmsteads for electricity. He then enlisted in the Army in January of 1941 thru May of 1945. While in the Army, he was Chief of Utilities in a two thousand bed General Hospital. Following discharge from the Army he worked in maintenance at Sherfick Furniture Factory and at Crane as a carpenter. He joined John Force in bridge construction and worked with him for 22 years. His last position was custodian and maintenance for Shoals Community School Corporation, and he retired in 1983 at age 65.

He was a dedicated member of the Shoals Christian Church, and served as elder and treasurer for forty years.

He is survived by his wife, of 62 years, Blume of Shoals; daughter, Linda June Hawkins (Richard) of Shoals; two sons, David Sherfick (Sonja) of Shoals and Danny Sherfick (Nancy) of Bedford; grandchildren, Rod (Mimi) Hawkins, Mark (Missy) Hawkins, Lea (Shawn) Cullison, Tamar (Kent) Greenwell, Grant Sherfick, Lynette Sherfick, Evan (Jean) Sherfick, Mason Sherfick and Seth Sherfick; great grandchildren, Shelby Sands, Ethan Sands, Emily Sands, Ashley Hawkins, Michael Hawkins, Ryan Hawkins, Megan Hawkins, Melanie Hawkins, Cati Greenwell, Sarah Greenwell, Sophie Greenwell, Reagan Sherfick, Everett Sherfick and Crosby Sherfick.; and two brothers, Gene Sherfick of

Shoals and George Sherfick of Terre Haute.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Stanley Sherfick.

Visitation will be held Thursday, May 26 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. The funeral service will be held Friday, May 27 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery. Preferred expressions of sympathy to the Shoals Christian Church.

**KENNETH STRANGE**

Kenneth Joseph Strange, formerly of Loogootee, died at 11:11 a.m. Friday, May 20, 2011 at Elkhart General Hospital. A resident of Edwardsburg, Michigan, he was 65.

He was born December 28, 1945, in Loogootee; the son of Donald James and Ruth Ilene (Ellis) Strange. He was a Vietnam War veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Edwardsburg, Michigan American Legion Post 365. He was also a lifetime member of the Edwardsburg V.F.W. Post 2284. He was a forklift driver and had formerly worked at Midwest Lumber Company. He enjoyed being with friends and family.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Ilene Strange of Bloomington; one son, Joseph Strange of Mishawaka; four sisters, Evelyn and husband Arthur Matlock of Lakeland, Florida, Linda and husband George Hudoff of Bloomington, Pamela and husband Jerry Hurt of Bloomington, and Ann Strange of Virginia; five brothers, Roger and wife Erva Strange of French Lick, Earl and wife Brenda Strange of Bloomfield, Patrick and wife Barbara Strange of Blooming, Ernie Strange of Indianapolis, and Michael Strange.

He is preceded in death by his father, Donald James Strange; and one brother, Joseph Allen Strange.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28 at Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Bramble with military graveside rites conducted by the American Legion and V.F.W.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at Brocksmith Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## Want to be a Member of the Martin County Historical Society?

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The historical society needs your help restoring and preserving Martin County's history. The current work that needs to be done to the former Martin County Courthouse (built in 1876) to keep it preserved and restore it to its original beauty, requires monetary donations.

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# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

## Tuesday, May 17

9:12 p.m. - A caller advised of a disturbance in Crane Village.

11:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on DH Gate Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## Wednesday, May 18

8:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:56 a.m. - Received a report of a house fire on Private Drive. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

10:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Dr. Kerr's office. The patient was transported to Dunn Memorial Hospital.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of a pickup that was blocking the roadway at the intersection of Love Cemetery Road and Reinhart Road.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a fight at the Nu-Tap in Shoals.

7:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Southwind Manor in Loogootee.

9:06 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute at a residence north of Loogootee on U.S. 231.

11:54 p.m. - Received a report of a mattress on fire next to a residence in Loogootee.

## Thursday, May 19

3:30 a.m. - Received a report of unknown subjects in a wooded area near private property on U.S. 150.

7:13 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject possibly traveling through Martin County.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a subject driving in the Shoals area with unrestrained children in the back seat.

6:47 p.m. - Received a report of a battery in Shoals.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Crane.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of a battery in Crane.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Thelma Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Roger D. Tinkle**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West and designated as Lot 31 in Red Wing Trailer Court.

**Larry R. Harding and Shirley M. Harding**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Teresa D. Hewitt**, of Terre Haute, Indiana; **Tamara D. Jones**, of Loogootee, Indiana; **Todd D. Harding**, of Shoals, Indiana; and **Tawnie D. Ridgley**, of Wheatland, Indiana, a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing one half acre, more or less.

**Brett A. Parks and Mary L. Parks**, and **Brett A. Parks and Mary L. (Vanjelgerhuis) Parks**, of Marion County, Indiana to **David Ray Graber and Edna Rose Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract

11:33 p.m. - Received a report of shots fired at a residence on East River Road.

## Friday, May 20

1:45 p.m. - A female caller in Loogootee advised that a four year old has come to her door and appears to be alone. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a moped driver driving erratically in Shoals.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of an attempted theft of the school bell from the Martin County Museum.

5:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

8:28 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection.

8:53 p.m. - A female caller reported that she had moved and was coming back for her cats and a neighbor took the cats and will not let her have them.

11:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:59 p.m. - A female caller requested a welfare check on her son that had gone to the Padanaram area and had not returned home.

## Saturday, May 21

2:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

8:07 a.m. - A female called back about her son that had not yet returned home.

9:19 a.m. - Another female called in reference to her grandson who has also failed to return home.

9:29 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection.

10:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:19 a.m. - Received a request for an am-

I: Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and also being part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, all in Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 18.046 acres, more or less. Also, part of the south half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 10.920 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the north half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, and containing 10 acres, more or less.

**Brett A. Parks**, of Marion County, Indiana to **David Ray Graber and Edna Rose Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, and containing approximately 28 acres.

bulance on Tommy George Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in locating a child in a wooded area.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen lawn mower.

12:30 p.m. - Received a complaint regarding four wheelers on Progress School Road.

8:08 p.m. - Received a report of a possible fire at turkey barns on S.R. 550.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute between neighbors on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

10:50 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a dispute on Reason Avenue in Loogootee.

11:12 p.m. - Received a complaint about belligerent juveniles in a vehicle in the Shoals ballpark area.

## Sunday, May 22

11:22 a.m. - A female caller requested a

welfare check on her children.

12:03 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a vehicle in Shoals.

12:36 p.m. - Received a complaint of a disturbance at the church in Crane Village.

3:06 p.m. - Received a report of a snake bite in Loogootee.

5:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a vehicle on Bill Fischer Road.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of possible impaired drivers on four wheelers at Scenic Hill area.

11:14 p.m. - Received a report of a tractor trailer in a ditch on S.R. 450.

## Monday, May 23

8:19 a.m. - A male caller advised of trespassing on his property.

11:30 a.m. - Received a complaint of a stray dog in the Burns City area.

## Martin County accident reports

### Friday, May 20

4:50 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported an accident in the Pamida parking lot. Tyler Jacobs, of Loogootee, was driving a 1998 Dodge truck and traveling east on Broadway Street. Jacobs did not see Roger Clayton, of Bloomington, who was driving a 2003 Dodge truck approaching Broadway from the Pamida parking lot. Jacobs's front bumper collided with the rear passenger side panel of the Clayton vehicle. The investigating officer was Capt. Akles.

10:06 p.m. - Janice Jones, 47, of Washington was traveling westbound on U.S. 50, just west of Lynwood Street in Shoals in a blue 2000 Mercury Sedan. Norman Holt, 48, of Loogootee, was traveling eastbound on U.S. 50 in the same location in his silver 2004 Chevy mini van. It appeared from impact and from a statement from a witness that the Holt vehicle that was eastbound, was in fact traveling in the westbound lane, thus causing a head-on collision between the two vehicles. Both drivers were trapped in their vehicles and air-lifted by Air-Evac. Claudia L. Jones, a passenger in the Jones vehicle was injured. Freda J. Bell, a passenger in the Holt vehicle was also injured. Both passengers were transported by Martin County Ambulance to Jasper Memorial Hospital. It was determined that the Holt vehicle was at fault for being left of center. Also assisting at the scene were Shoals Fire

Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Orange County Ambulance, an unnamed paramedic from Dunn Memorial, and an unnamed nurse. The investigating officer was Major T.A. Burkhardt.

### Saturday, May 21

12:21 p.m. - Randall Bell, 43, of Loogootee, was westbound on U.S. 50 at Max Warren curve on an emergency run in the Martin County Ambulance. Terry Fuhrman, 64, of Loogootee, was also westbound in the same area in a silver 2003 Toyota Camry. Another vehicle stopped in front of Fuhrman, who went around that vehicle and was subsequently sideswiped by the ambulance. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.

5:41 p.m. - Alex D. Bauernfiend, 17, of Shoals, was westbound on Gun Shop Road in a beige 1999 Toyota Camry. He advised that he was traveling too fast around a curve, lost control of the vehicle, and went off the south side of the roadway, hitting an embankment. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.

### Sunday, May 22

9:00 a.m. - Logan S. Winger, 23, of Shoals, was eastbound on S.R. 550 in a black 2002 Ford Ranger. Winger stated that a deer ran out in front of him, he swerved to miss the deer, and ran off the south side of the roadway and into an embankment. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.

## Two injured after their motorcycle hits a deer

An Indianapolis man and his passenger were injured at approximately 9:35 last Sunday night when the motorcycle they were riding hit a deer.

Preliminary investigation reveals that Craig E. Marvel, 46, Indianapolis, was traveling east on Parks Road near Magnet Valley Road on his 2005 Harley Davidson motorcycle when a deer entered the roadway. Marvel did not have time to react and hit the deer.

Both Marvel and his passenger Stacey L. Arthur, 47, Indianapolis, were transported to the Perry County Hospital for treatment of minor injuries to their arms. The damage to the Harley Davidson was estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

According to Trooper Craig Starr neither Marvel nor Arthur were wearing helmets.

The Indiana State Police would like to remind motorcycle operators of the following safety tips:

-Always wear a helmet. Last year, out of the 2011 riders and passengers that were injured and the 104 that were killed on motorcycles in Indiana only 977 were wearing helmets.

-Try to ride during daylight hours so that you can be seen and so you can better see the environment in which you are riding.

-Ride so you are seen. Use lane positioning to be seen. Always ride with your headlight

on.

-Give yourself space and time to react. Always follow at a safe distance.

-Avoid riding in a vehicle's blind spot and always use your turn signals.

-Obtain the appropriate endorsements to ride motorcycles.

-Take an approved motorcycle safety class before taking to the highways.

## Jail bookings

### Thursday, May 19

4:40 p.m. - Janet K. Fox, 46, Loogootee, was arrested on a Martin County warrant for failure to appear. Fox was transported to the Martin Co. Security Center. Captain Akles was the arresting officer.

7:40 p.m. - Dylan Beyers, 21, of French Lick, was arrested and charged with battery.

### Saturday, May 21

10:46 p.m. - Phillip R. Fellers, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with minor in consumption and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Sgt. Norris was the arresting officer.

### Wednesday, May 18

6:30 p.m. - Ryan Lane, 28, of Birdseye, was arrested and charged with public intoxication and possession of marijuana.



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# Loogootee Police log

## Monday, May 16

9:04 a.m. - Subject on Park Street reported that he would be burning brush.

10:49 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported they had received a 911 call of disturbance at the Country Place Apartments. Sgt. Norris responded. The subject was asked to leave.

10:52 p.m. - Received a call from Lifeline for an ambulance on Park Street for unknown reason. Martin County was contacted for ambulance.

## Tuesday, May 17

7:30 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on South Oak Street. Chief Rayhill went and checked it out. Everything was ok.

1:11 a.m. - Received a call from an alarm company of a commercial fire alarm at a local business. Loogootee Fire Department was sent to check it out.

8:33 a.m. - Female caller from Country Place Apartment reported phone harassment. Chief Rayhill took the complaint.

12:50 p.m. - Jerry Allen called and reported that while his car was parked at the Whitfield church someone broke into his vehicle and took a Pioneer stereo. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

8:01 p.m. - Received a call from McDonalds of a disturbance. Capt. Akles responded to the location.

## Wednesday, May 18

5:13 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised of a 911 hang up from the Eldorado parking lot. Officer Nolan went to the location but was unable to locate.

5:50 p.m. - Male caller advised of a domestic dispute on Queen Street. Officer Nolan went to the location and a male subject was asked to leave.

7:26 p.m. - Female caller reported a St. Bernard running loose on E. Main Street. Officer Nolan went to the area unable to locate the dog.

7:46 p.m. - A male caller reported that he went to check on his neighbor and found her deceased. Officer Nolan responded with the Martin County Ambulance.

7:48 p.m. - A male caller reported a civil dispute on Lincoln Avenue. Officer Nolan went to the location.

11:58 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported they received a call of a fire in the yard at 102 SW 2nd Street. The fire department was paged out.

## Thursday, May 19

10:55 a.m. - A male came on station to report that some people were following his employees around town and was wondering what could be done. Chief Rayhill talked to him.

6:13 p.m. - A female caller reported vandalism at her place of business. Someone had spray painted obscenities on the back

of her business in the alley. She requested extra patrol in the area.

7:38 p.m. - A caller reported a disturbance on Dewey and SW 2nd Streets. Capt. Akles went to the area and talked with subjects.

11:03 p.m. - A female caller reported a prowler on Cedar Street. Capt. Akles went to the location.

## Friday, May 20

12:19 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested police assistance in Shoals. Capt. Akles responded to the area.

5:34 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up. Caller was having phone problems.

4:09 p.m. - Marathon reported a drive off of \$60 in gas. The subject was located and he was supposed to return and pay for gasoline. Investigating officer was Capt. Akles.

4:34 p.m. - Male caller on Elm Street reported that he had seen some young kids going through his stepsons truck. Nothing was reported missing at this time.

10:04 p.m. - Female caller reported vandalism to some signs at the Lakeview Restaurant. Martin County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

11:49 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested first responders at 204 Clark Street.

## Saturday, May 21

9:05 a.m. - Bob Melton called about a suspicious person on his property at West Washington Street. Sgt. Hennette was unable to locate.

4:45 p.m. - Male caller requested to talk to an officer about a child custody issue. He spoke with Sgt. Hennette.

7:42 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County reporting a reckless driver east-bound on U.S. 50.

8:05 p.m. - Female caller reported phone harassment. She was advised to file for a protective order and block the number from her phone. Sgt. Norris spoke with the caller.

9:13 p.m. - Female caller reported she was receiving text messages on her phone. Sgt. Norris spoke with her and advised to file for a protective order and block the number.

## Sunday, May 22

Unknown time - Male caller reported a controlled burn on SW Second Street.

5:04 p.m. - Male caller on Bridgewater Street reported that he had bitten by a snake and requested someone to see what type of snake it was. Officer Tony Mann with DNR went to the location and identified the snake as a rat snake.

9:32 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up at the Eldorado Motel. Sgt. Norris went to the location everything checked ok.

# Rockport man arrested on several charges stemming from a domestic situation

Last Friday, at approximately 10:50 p.m., the Spencer County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic dispute in progress in a small tan passenger car that was parked in the roadway on Base Road near CR 500 W. The caller advised dispatch that he heard a female asking for help and as he stopped to help a male subject approached and threatened him with a tire tool so he was forced to leave the area.

A few minutes later Trooper Trey Lytton arrived in the area and located the 2000 Tan Saturn passenger car traveling east on Base Road. Trooper Lytton stopped the vehicle and was



**WILLIAM BECKORT**

immediately confronted by the female victim. As Trooper Lytton approached the male, William J. Beckort, 33, Rockport, a brief physical struggle ensued. Trooper Lytton was able to gain control of Beckort and

get him handcuffed and secured.

Preliminary investigation reveals that Beckort had allegedly battered and choked his 27-year-old girlfriend during the course of an argument. Trooper Lytton also determined that Beckort was intoxicated and was

operating a vehicle on a suspended license. Beckort was transported to the Spencer County Jail and charged with the following: strangulation, domestic battery, battery, intimidation with a deadly weapon (the tire tool), resisting law enforcement, interfering in the reporting of a crime, disorderly conduct, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with a suspended license, and public intoxication,

Trooper Lytton was assisted by the Spencer County Sheriff's Department, Rockport City Police Department and Spencer County EMS.

# Martin County Court News

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

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### May 9

Joshua L. Arthur, escape, a Class D Felony.

#### May 10

Brittany L. Lents, dealing in a schedule II controlled substance, a Class B Felony.

Russell W. Erwin, dealing in a schedule II controlled substance, a Class B Felony.

Ashley R. Tow, theft, a Class D Felony; four counts of forgery, Class C Felonies.

#### May 13

Mark Anthony Payne, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### May 16

Trevor C. Bennett, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### May 17

Jordan M. Hert, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jordan K. Hedinger, illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage on a public highway, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

### May 12

Joshua C. L. Madsen, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 363 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### May 11

Jeremy C. Helton, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### May 13

William Hamblin, failure to stop after accident resulting in injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### May 12

Marya L. Gilliland vs. Kevin P. Gilliland, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Vanessa L. June vs. Joshua E. Tarr, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### May 13

Darvin Lengacher/Lengacher Construction vs. Tammy Mattingly, civil collection.

Brocksmith Funeral Home vs. Roberta Street, civil collection.

Sheila Taylor vs. Robert Taylor, Sr., petition for dissolution of marriage.

Triple Crown Ventures, LLC vs. Wanda F. Howell, Deutsche Bank National Trust Co.,

and Chase Bank USA, civil plenary.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### May 13

Brocksmith Funeral Home vs. Kurt Brede-meier, complaint.

Brocksmith Funeral Home vs. Justin and Tiffany Crosby, complaint.

Propane Direct vs. Brandon Prince, complaint.

Propane Direct vs. Tom Johnson, complaint.

Propane Direct vs. Larry Koons, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### May 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant William A. Kidwell II in the amount of \$5,198.83

### May 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Charlotte Cundiff in the amount of \$68.49.

### May 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Michael and Teresa Allbright in the amount of \$1,884.58.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant David B. Moffett in the amount of \$523.01.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Melanie Truelove in the amount of \$1,433.97.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

### May 10

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Amber and Greg Thomas, complaint, dismissed.

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

### May 11 - May 17

Zachary Brown, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Manuel Gonzales, Washington, speeding 55 in a 40; no valid operator's license, \$124.

Anthony Taylor, Williams, speeding 65 in a 50, \$119.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

### May 20

Richard O. Cox of Loogootee and Jerry Annette Sargent of Loogootee.

## April activity of Jasper Post ISP

For the month of April the troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper Post issued 808 traffic tickets and 1926 warnings. They arrested 14 impaired drivers and made 78 criminal arrests. The Jasper State Police Post covers Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer Counties.

# Sheriff's department plans around the clock enforcement for Click It or Ticket mobilization

The Martin County Sheriff's Department last week announced its participation in the state's 2011 Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization from May 20 - June 5. Officers will join more than 260 state and local law enforcement agencies, including the Indiana State Police, to conduct high-visibility patrols targeting Hoosiers who fail to buckle up.

Despite achieving a record high observed seat belt usage rate of 92.4 percent for all vehicles, not all Indiana residents 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 killed (54 percent) were unrestrained.

"It is common knowledge that wearing a seat belt can mean the difference between life and death in a collision, yet everyday we see motorists who simply refuse to buckle up," said Corporal Keith Keller. "High-visibility enforcement efforts like Click It or Ticket give police the opportunity to remind the public about the life saving benefits of seat belt use, and remind them that driving without one is against the law," he continued.

In 2007, Governor Mitch Daniels signed legislation requiring all Hoosier motorists to wear a set belt regardless of vehicle type, or

seating position. As a result of this measure and the dedicated efforts of law enforcement, Indiana's overall seat belt usage rate has increased to a record 92.4 percent.

At least two Martin County Sheriff's deputies will work overtime to conduct seat belt patrols around the clock, however, they plan to focus special attention on nighttime drivers.

Research has shown that motorists are less likely to be restrained during night hours, increasing their risk of death or injury in a collision by more than 40 percent.

"Buckling your seat belt should be the first thing you do each time you get behind the wheel," said Corporal Keller. "For those who don't, we'll be out there, both day and night, looking for you."

"Click It or Ticket" is an annual, statewide enforcement effort supported by federal funding allocated to the Martin County Sheriff's Department from the Traffic Safety Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). The efforts of law enforcement will be reinforced by a paid media campaign as well as public outreach efforts geared towards educating the motoring public about the importance of wearing a seat belt at all times. For more information about "Click It or Ticket," visit [www.nhtsa.gov/CIOT](http://www.nhtsa.gov/CIOT).





The photo above shows the firing party that fired three volleys in honor of our fallen brothers and sisters at the ISP Jasper Post Memorial Service held last Thursday. The troopers in the firing party are members of the Indiana State Police Honor Guard and from left to right they are Senior Trooper Mark Green, Trooper Wes Kuykendall, Sergeant Chad Dick, Trooper Phil Hensley, Trooper Edward Kaucher, Trooper Brock Werne, and Trooper Paul Stolz Jr. The firing party is in the position of "Present Arms" while Taps was being played.

## Indiana State Police Jasper Post holds annual memorial service

Since the early days of the Indiana State Police, memorial services have been held each May at all Indiana State Police districts to perpetuate the memory of those who have died in the line of duty. The service serves as a means of paying tribute to those who died in the line of duty, that their sacrifice was not made in vain, and as a reminder to those of us left behind that we should strive to maintain the level of professional service to the public our departed comrades so unselfishly gave their lives for.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, making May 15 National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the calendar week containing May 15 being designated National Police Week.

The Indiana State Police Post at Jasper held their annual memorial service today for those members of the department that gave their lives in the line of duty. Troopers present were brought to attention and prepared for the roll call. Captain Danny Price and Lieutenant Don Bolen then read each fallen member's name, along with a description of the circumstances surrounding their death.

A total of 46 members of the Indiana State Police have died in the line of duty since the department's inception in 1933.

For a complete listing of Indiana Troopers killed in the line of duty and a summary of their deaths, visit the Indiana State Police website at [www.in.gov/isp](http://www.in.gov/isp) and click on the "In Memoriam" link on the left side of the page.



-Photos provided

The Jasper District State Police Officers stand in formation in front of the Jasper Post.

## Paoli man arrested after trying to flee from officers

A Paoli man was arrested last Friday after being stopped for not using his turn signal and then trying to run from officers.

Preliminary investigation reveals that at approximately 6:50 last Friday night, Trooper Robbie Lambert conducted a traffic stop on a black 2009 Jeep Cherokee after the driver, Timothy C. Chastain, 36, Paoli failed to signal a turn at NE 3rd and NE Oak Street in Paoli. During the course of the traffic stop, Trooper Lambert developed enough probable cause to determine that Chastain was impaired.

Trooper Lambert also had suspicion that there may be illegal narcotics in Chastain's vehicle so he conducted an open air sniff/walk around of the vehicle with his K-9 partner Diesel. Diesel had completed his walk around and had given a positive alert to the presence of illegal narcotics in the ve-

hicle. When Trooper Lambert proceeded to place Diesel back in his patrol car Chastain tried to run from the officers that were on scene.

Orange County Sheriff's Deputies Jim Lashbrooks and John Deaton along with Paoli Police Officer Scott Dillman were able to tackle Chastain before he could get away.

Trooper Lambert was then able to secure Chastain by placing him in handcuffs.

Chastain was transported by Trooper Lambert to the Paoli Hospital where he was determined to be intoxicated.

Chastain was later transported to the Orange County Jail and charged with the following: possession of schedule II controlled substance, resisting law enforcement, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and maintaining a common nuisance.



## My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett Owner, MCJ

Growing up I could never imagine certain milestones in my life. I was sure that I would die before I reached them because I just couldn't picture getting married, having children, and growing older. Even now, at 33 years old, I can't picture myself as a grandma, retired, or old and wrinkly. It will happen, as I am starting to realize . . . knock on wood anyway.

Since I had my first child at the age of 19, my boys will be grown by the time I am 40 years old. When I was my oldest son Wyatt's age, 40 years old seemed ancient. As I continue to get closer to that mark, it doesn't seem so bad anymore. Actually, it still seems young as I have several friends who have reached it already.

A woman I admire quite a bit reminded me recently that life is short. As cliché as that is, I hadn't really stopped and thought about it in quite a while. She's right, it is. To think that I am very likely halfway through my life already . . . well, it makes me look back and wonder where the heck the first half went. My boys, ages 13 and 11, just keep growing like weeds. Wyatt will be entering eighth grade next year, Alex sixth and I can still remember the day I dropped each of them off for kindergarten and spent the entire day crying my eyes out. In five years, Wyatt will graduate high school and leave me standing there, still wondering what just happened – when did he get that big.

Last week I read an article about the guy who spent his life savings telling everyone the world was going to end on Saturday. While on facebook, I read others' posts say-

ing he wasted his money and what a wacko he was. Actually though, the whole idea of the end of the world made me stop and think about how I would feel if the world really were ending. Would I feel like I contributed to those around me? Can I say that I would end my days here on Earth happy? So, I guess the guy didn't completely waste his money because he affected me – and others I'm sure.

I suppose my family is like most typical families. My husband and I work all day, the boys are in school, and at night we usually all four go our separate ways – either to the television, the computers, or the video games. We used to eat dinner at the kitchen table every night, over the last several years that has been reduced to maybe once a week. We ask the general, 'how was your day' questions to each other, more out of habit than actually wanting to know I think. This is where life gets away from you. The mundane, everyday monotony of it all makes things speed right by. And, for me, it's the moment where I stop, realize what's happening, and do something about it. I don't want to be one of those people with the parenting regrets. I still have plenty of time.

The world may not have ended on Saturday but it really could at any minute. Lives can end at any minute. Before I go, I want to make a difference – have something for my kids to remember me by. Something other than the mouthy newspaper lady.

You know that other cliché, 'live each day like it's your last', seriously, how many people do that? I don't.

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

**'Shouldn't we the people know if the actions of our elected / appointed officials are constitutional'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Do YOU feel a law enforcement officer has the right to enter your private dwelling without a search warrant or probable cause just because he/she feels YOU may be doing something wrong? Are YOU aware when your constitutionally guaranteed freedoms are being encroached?

The Fourth Amendment states "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

Are you aware that on May 12th of this year, the Indiana Supreme Court in a 3-2 decision ruled that we Hoosiers have no right to resist unlawful police entry into our homes? Justice Steven David wrote for the court saying, 'if a police officer wants to enter a home for any reason or no reason at all a homeowner cannot do anything to block the officers' entry.' He further contends that allowing residents to resist officers who enter their homes without any right, would increase the risk of violent confrontation. 'If police enter a home illegally, the courts are the proper place to protest it' (This writer adds at the home owner's expense.)

So what do we the people do when the justice system rules against a standing precedent and the rule of the land; when they use modern Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence .

. . . besides taking it to the court system?

1. Notify our Governor Mitch Daniels at the number 317-232-4567; notify our state legislators Matt Ubelhor at [h62@in.gov](mailto:h62@in.gov); and Mark Messmer at [h63@in.gov](mailto:h63@in.gov). The state legislature is not in session at present but there are legislative assistants there to monitor messages. The matter must go thru two legislative sessions and then to we the people for a vote.

2. Educate ourselves . . . shouldn't we the people know if the actions of our elected / appointed officials are constitutional? The Loogootee Seminar of the Constitution Institute will be held Tuesday evening June 14th at 7 p.m. in Room 100 at the Martin County Learning Center. To register for this seminar call Kathy at 812 295-2674 or for more information [teapatriot76@gmail.com](mailto:teapatriot76@gmail.com)

3. Protect the Fourth Amendment: End Illegal Police Entry is on facebook with a petition to sign that goes to YOUR legislator; and a Rally will be held at the Indiana State House (200 West Washington, Indianapolis on the South Lawn ) Wednesday, May 25, 2011 from noon to 2 p.m.

Mike and Pat Jones  
Loogootee, Indiana

## LETTER POLICY

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## National unemployment for April 2011

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed or slightly lower in April. Thirty-nine states recorded unemployment rate decreases, three states and the District of Columbia registered rate increases, and eight states had no rate change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last Friday.

Forty-six states and the District of Columbia posted unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, three states reported increases, and one state had no change. The national jobless rate edged up by 0.2 percentage point between March and April to 9.0 percent, but was 0.8 point lower than a year earlier.

In April, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 42 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 8 states. The largest over-the-month increase in employment occurred in New York (+45,700), followed by Texas (+32,900), Pennsylvania (+23,700), Massachusetts (+19,500), and Florida (+14,900).

Nebraska experienced the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.9 percent), followed by Kansas and Oklahoma (+0.8 percent each) and Louisiana and New Hampshire (+0.7 percent each). The largest over-the-month decrease in employment occurred in Michigan (-10,200), followed by Minnesota (-5,200), South Carolina (-3,800), Indiana (-2,500), and Vermont (-2,200).

Vermont experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decline in employment (-0.7 percent), followed by Michigan (-0.3 percent), and Idaho, Minnesota, and South Carolina (-0.2 percent each).

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 46 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 4 states. The largest over-the-year percentage increase occurred in North Dakota (+3.9 percent), followed by Alaska and Texas (+2.5 percent each) and Nebraska (+1.9 percent). The four states reporting over-the-year percentage declines in employment were New Jersey (-0.2 percent), and Nevada, New Mexico, and South Dakota (less than -0.1 percent each).

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The West reported the highest regional unemployment rate in April, 10.4 percent, while the Northeast and Midwest recorded the lowest rates, 8.0 and 8.1 percent, respectively. Over the month, all four regions experienced statistically significant jobless rate declines, the largest of which was recorded in the West (-0.3 percentage point). All four regions also

registered significant rate decreases from a year earlier: the Midwest (-1.6 percentage points), Northeast (-0.8 point), West (-0.7 point), and South (-0.6 point).

Among the nine geographic divisions, the Pacific continued to report the highest jobless rate, 11.1 percent in April. The West North Central again registered the lowest rate, 6.8 percent. Three divisions experienced statistically significant unemployment rate changes from a month earlier, all of which were decreases: the Mountain (-0.4 percentage point) and Pacific and South Atlantic (-0.2 point each). No division had a statistically significant over-the-month rate increase. Over the year, six divisions posted significant rate decreases, the largest of which was in the East North Central (-2.1 percentage points).

No division experienced an unemployment rate increase from a year earlier.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Nevada continued to register the highest unemployment rate among the states, 12.5 percent in April.

California recorded the next highest rate, 11.9 percent. North Dakota reported the lowest jobless rate, 3.3 percent, followed by Nebraska, 4.2 percent, and New Hampshire and South Dakota, 4.9 percent each. In total 24 states posted jobless rates significantly lower than the U.S. figure of 9.0 percent, 7 states recorded measurably higher rates, and 19 states and the District of Columbia had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

Nevada experienced the largest over-the-month unemployment rate decrease in April (-0.7 percentage point), followed by New Mexico and Oklahoma (-0.5 point each). Fifteen other states also posted statistically significant rate declines from March. The remaining 32 states and the District of Columbia registered jobless rates that were not measurably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes.

Michigan recorded the largest jobless rate decrease from April 2010 (-2.9 percentage points). Three other states had rate decreases of more than 2.0 percentage points: Nevada (-2.4 points), Indiana (-2.3 points), and Illinois (-2.1 points). Sixteen additional states had smaller but also statistically significant decreases over the year. The remaining 30 states and the District of Columbia registered unemployment rates that were not appreciably different from those of a year earlier.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



Bills out of the spotlight that will help protect Hoosiers

There were many bills this session that helped strengthen Indiana by creating jobs, standing up to Washington, D.C. and protecting Hoosier taxpayers. There are also quite a few that do not get as much of a spotlight but that I thought you might find very interesting including a repeal to the universal carding law, helping stop socialized health care in Indiana, a ban on K2 or spice, strengthening charity gaming rules, and legislation to help issues with illegal immigration.

We received many letters and emails after passing a law last year stating that everyone, regardless of age, must show their ID to prove they are at least 21 years old before purchasing alcohol. This was an inconvenience to many individuals so we worked to repeal the law and instead only make it a requirement to card anyone who looks younger than 40 years old. The legislation will go into effect July 1 and will still make it so that those under age are not able to purchase alcohol.

After the Affordable Care Act (ACT), also known as Obamacare, passed last year many of you spoke up and said you were unhappy with it. The General Assembly worked this year to make sure that many of its effects would be stopped in Indiana. The legislation states that a resident of Indiana may not be required to purchase health insurance as mandated by the federal health-care law passed by Congress last year. Certain state agencies will also not have to be readying themselves for ACT to take effect.

This was a major step for Hoosiers and we want to ensure that we are all protected from socialized health care.

We have many charity organizations in Indiana that benefit from various games or raffles. Legislation passed this year will change certain regulations for charity gaming and create a summer study committee to research charity gaming.

In addition, the legislation will allow authorized organizations to use credit cards for sales at events, exclude charity revenues

from the organization's license renewal fee, increase the number of days a charity organization can conduct a gaming event from four to five days, and allow a worker at a charity bingo event to participate as a player under certain circumstances.

We want to ensure that charities are able to benefit those they are working for to the best of their ability, and feel that these changes in regulations will help them accomplish their goals.

A bill that we had a call for help on from many communities across Indiana was a ban on K2 or spice. It is a synthetic substance that has similar effects as marijuana. Starting July 1, spice products will not be allowed to be sold, made, or delivered in Indiana. This is legislation that many people asked for and will help protect Hoosiers.

Finally, a bill that did receive a lot of notice across the state was legislation that will tighten rules on illegal immigration. While this is an issue that should be better handled on the federal level, on a state level we can create some laws that will help protect us.

Indiana passed legislation which increases requirements on businesses to use E-Verify if they contract with the state. It also increases penalties for human trafficking. Further, a study committee is formed to develop a memorandum of understanding with U.S. Homeland Security in the enforcement of immigration laws.

Our intention with all of the before mentioned bills is to protect Hoosiers and to for Indiana to continue to be a state that people enjoy living and working in.

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## News from the Martin County Farmer's Market

BY LINDA LEDGERWOOD ELLIS  
*Martin County Farmer's Market*

### To Market, To Market

June 4th, opening day for the 2011 Martin County Farmer's Market is just around the corner. We hope that you will join us each Saturday from June through October this year for what we think will be an exciting and prosperous season for both our customers and vendors.

There are several changes for this year's Martin County Farmer's Market. First there will be only one location: Shoals near Bomac's and secondly the hours of operation are now 9 a.m. to noon. However, the most important aspect of the Martin County Farmer's Market will remain the same in that you will find the freshest produce and flowers, quality baked goods, and unique handicrafts made and designed by local artists.

Only those items made, produced, or created in Martin County or the immediate adjoining counties are eligible to be sold at the Martin County Farmer's Market. Last but not least, each week the MCFM will allow an area not-for-profit group the opportunity to raise funds and awareness for their organization or cause.



It is our hope that To Market, To Market, will be a column that will profile the area vendors of the Martin County Farmer's Market as well as provide information relating to issues of a local nature. For more information about the Martin County Farmer's Market, please visit our page on Facebook and be sure to "like us" so that you may always have the most current information. What better way to support our local economy than to spend the morning shopping and visiting with your friends and neighbors.

While some baby animals may be orphaned or abandoned, that's not always true. Picking up a baby animal that is not orphaned or abandoned is not only usually unnecessary it can be bad for the animal. It's also illegal if you don't have the proper permit or take the animal straight to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Such animals also pose safety and health risks for humans. They may look helpless, cute and cuddly, but they can bite or scratch people who attempt to handle them. Some wild animals carry parasites and infectious diseases, some of which can be transmitted to humans.

## Purdue expert: Gasoline likely to stay below \$4 this summer

BY STEVE LEER  
*Purdue University News Service*

Drivers have something worth honking their horns over: Summer gasoline prices likely will remain below \$4 a gallon, a Purdue University agricultural economist says.

Market conditions that caused oil prices to shoot past \$110 a barrel have improved in recent weeks, pushing oil back under \$100 a barrel, said Wally Tyner, an energy policy specialist. He cautioned that pump prices could rise again if oil production is interrupted.

Memorial Day weekend traditionally marks the beginning of the summer driving season.

"If crude oil stays below \$100 - meaning that there are no further production disruptions in the Middle East or elsewhere and we have no further weather conditions or other factors that cause refining outages - we have seen the worst," Tyner said. "We can hope for steady or even somewhat falling prices over the next few months."

Motorists have experienced severe gas pains this spring, with pump prices in some places topping \$4.25 a gallon. Prices have soared for several reasons, Tyner said.

"First, there was the conflict in Libya that sent crude oil up about \$15 per barrel," he said. "That normally translates to an increase at the pump of about 40 cents per gallon."

## Remember new DNR firewood policy this weekend

Enjoy campfires on DNR properties this Memorial Day weekend and throughout the year in a way that will protect forests from the spread of invasive insects.

The 140 known pests and pathogens that affect forests are moved from place to place primarily through the movement of firewood. As a result, DNR has a new firewood management policy. In short, the policy means: "Buy it with a stamp, bring it debarked, burn it all."

That means you can still bring firewood into a state park, reservoir, state forest or state fish & wildlife area from home if you live in Indiana, as long as you have previously removed the bark from it. Insect larvae live in the sapwood under the bark. (People from surrounding states cannot bring their own firewood because of the federal EAB quarantines.)

You may also bring firewood into DNR properties if:

- It is kiln-dried scrap lumber.
- It is purchased from a department store, grocery store, gas station, etc. and bears a USDA compliance stamp.
- It is purchased from a local firewood vendor outside the property and has a state compliance stamp with it.
- It is purchased from the property camp store or on-site firewood vendor and has a state compliance stamp.

Regardless of where you get your firewood, burn it all at the campsite. Do not leave it for the next camper.

Salamonie Lake and Spring Mill State Park have already lost shade trees because of the emerald ash borer insect. The DNR wants to stay ahead of this and other pests elsewhere.

## What to do if you find a baby or injured animal

By "rescuing" an injured or apparently abandoned baby wild animal, you may be doing the opposite of what you seek to accomplish, and break the law.

This time of year, thousands of animals are born in the wild. With the spread of suburban areas into their natural habitats, young animals are increasingly born near humans, who are more apt to discover them without an adult animal nearby. When this happens, a few reminders are especially pertinent.

While some baby animals may be orphaned or abandoned, that's not always true.

Picking up a baby animal that is not orphaned or abandoned is not only usually unnecessary it can be bad for the animal. It's also illegal if you don't have the proper permit or take the animal straight to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Such animals also pose safety and health risks for humans. They may look helpless, cute and cuddly, but they can bite or scratch people who attempt to handle them. Some wild animals carry parasites and infectious diseases, some of which can be transmitted to humans.

"The apparent lack of an adult does not mean a young animal is orphaned," said Linnea Petercheff, operations staff specialist for the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "Adults often leave their young alone, safe in nests or dens while they forage for food, but rarely do they abandon their young."

If a bird has fallen out of a nest, it is ok to gently return it to the nest. The best way to make sure an animal is truly orphaned is to wait and check it periodically. If you are unsure, place some strings or sticks across the nest. Place some grass across the top of a rabbit nest that is found with young in it.

If such items are later disturbed, the mother has probably returned. In such a situation, leave the young animal alone. The adult will return after you leave the area. As an example, rabbits often come to the nest to feed their young only a couple of times a day.

The best way to make sure that a fawn

that appears to be alone is truly orphaned is to wait and check it periodically. Before taking any action, remember the following:

-If the fawn is not injured, the mother is likely nearby.

-Leave the fawn alone and its mother will probably come and get it. Deer can take better care of their young than a human can.

-Human scent on the fawn will not prevent the mother from taking care of it.

-If you do not see any deer nearby, have someone watch the fawn without being seen by the mother. In most cases, the mother will come back and get the fawn after you leave the area.

If you believe the mother has not returned to a nest or a deer has not come back to feed her fawn, or you know that the mother is no longer alive, call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator listed at: [www.wildlife.in.gov](http://www.wildlife.in.gov).

Remember, state laws prohibit keeping protected wild animals without a permit. Most species of wildlife are protected by law and cannot be kept as a pet. Federal laws also prohibit possession of migratory birds, including songbirds, raptors and waterfowl. It is even illegal to treat wild animals for sickness or injury without a permit.

Wild animal rehabilitation permits are issued to qualified individuals who take in sick, injured, or orphaned wild animals with the intent of releasing them back into the wild.

If you encounter an injured, truly abandoned or sick wild animal, do one of the following for assistance:

-Check the DNR website, [www.wildlife.in.gov](http://www.wildlife.in.gov) and click on "Wildlife Rehabilitation"

-Call the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife in Indianapolis, (317) 232-4080.

-Call your DNR law enforcement district headquarters or regional headquarters; contact information is at: [www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/2755.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/2755.htm)

-Call a licensed veterinarian for immediate assistance with a sick or severely injured wild animal.

## 2008 FEMA flood insurance ending for homeowners

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
*Purdue University News Service*

Homeowners who received federal insurance after devastating floods in 2008 should heed the government's advice and buy their own flood insurance so they can continue to be protected, the head of a statewide coalition of disaster volunteers said.

Steve Cain, president of the Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and a Purdue University disaster communication specialist, noted that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been notifying the homeowners that three years of insurance it provided at no cost to them is expiring this year, for some as early as June. Homeowners then will be without flood insurance unless they buy a standard policy from an insurance company.

Homeowners who do not continue their flood insurance will be ineligible for federal assistance in a future flood disaster, FEMA said. In addition to ensuring their own protection, homeowners with flood insurance ease strain on community and voluntary organizations, whose resources have been stretched thin from responding to surges of local, regional and national disasters since 2008, Cain said.

"There's a social responsibility," he said. "Getting insurance is important not only for the individual homeowner but also for the community as a whole. It is important for homeowners to know that not renewing their flood insurance after the FEMA assistance runs out puts them at a high risk because others may not be able to help in the future."

FEMA provided insurance for 244 homes following a June 8, 2008, disaster declaration from storms that ravaged 40 counties in Indiana, especially in the south-central portion of the state, and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage. The agency has sent two notices to those homeowners that their coverage is expiring. Those who have not purchased their own flood insurance after their federal insurance has stopped will receive a final notice.

The same notices will be sent to 141 homeowners who were provided insurance through FEMA after a Sept. 23, 2008, disaster declaration in 30 counties.

Homeowners receiving flood insurance from a disaster declaration in April 2009 also will receive notices of their expiring coverage. Those with questions about their notice can call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-888-379-9531 or visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).



# 8th Annual Butcher-Gee Golf Classic scheduled for July 23

The 8th Annual Butcher-Gee Hall of Fame Golf Classic is set for Saturday, July 23 at Crane's Eagleview Golf Course. As in past years, the event is in conjunction with the Loogootee Schools Alumni Banquet scheduled for later that evening. The event is a scramble format with shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Organizers Jack Butcher, Junior Gee, and Charlotte Meyer along with Ann Burch and Kerry Sims plus numerous volunteers join together each year to contribute to the success of the event. Since its inception in 2004, the tourney has raised more than \$14,000 which in turn is returned to the community in the form of two \$1,000 schol-

arships to two outstanding senior athletes. These young men and women return each year either to pay or help out. This is what we call "giving back".

The event is usually a sellout, so if you are coming from out of town and want to play golf, please contact one of the organizers as soon as possible.

Call your classmates and put together a foursome or you can be put on a team. Entry fee includes 18 holes, cart, food, and prizes plus a fun-filled day with Loogootee Alumni and friends.

You may contact Jack Butcher at 295-3464, Junior Gee at 407-401-0196, or Charlotte Meyer at 812-887-0779

## \$10,000 Hole-In-One Golf Scramble

A \$10,000 Hole-in-One Golf Scramble sponsored by the Dubois County Humane Society, will be held on Sunday, June 26 starting at 1 p.m. at the Jasper Municipal Golf Course, 1728 Jackson Street, Jasper.

The team entry fee of \$220 per team includes registration, cart rental, green fees, lunch, and prizes such as Casino Aztar overnight packages, St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds, and IU basketball tickets, golf items, rounds of golf and other prizes to numerous to list. If the registrations are postmarked by June 10, the team fee is \$200.

Late registrations the day of the event will begin at noon. Burgers and brats will be served starting at noon.

Mulligans are \$5 each and can be purchased the day of the event.

The \$10,000 Hole-in-One is being sponsored by ISU Krapf-Bartley Insurance in Jasper.

Each team should mail the names, addresses and phone numbers of their team members, indicating who the team captain is, along with a check for \$200, if by June 10, or \$220 after June 10 to: Dubois County Humane Society, P.O. Box 408, Jasper, IN

47547-0408.

Registration forms are available at ISU Krapf-Bartley Insurance in Jasper, at the Pet Adoption Center and other local businesses and can also be found at [www.duboiscountyhumane.org](http://www.duboiscountyhumane.org). Email any questions to [dchs-mail@yahoo.com](mailto:dchs-mail@yahoo.com) or contact Bob Johnson at 812-367-1057.

## Calendar of Events

### Commissioners meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet Tuesday, May 31 at 6 p.m. in the Martin County Courthouse in Shoals. The meeting is open to the public.

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet in special session Tuesday, May 31 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office. The only item on the agenda is personnel action. The meeting is open to the public.

### 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.

### 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.

## Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has this very nice Dachshund mix. She is two years old, housebroke, very friendly, and she just wants to be a lap dog. For more information, call Don at 812-296-0952.

If you would like to see an animal shelter built in Martin County, you can help by making a donation to the building fund; it is tax deductible. You can send donations to: Martin County Humane Society, P.O. Box 537 Shoals, IN 47581.

## Severe weather safety tips to keep Hoosiers safe

With the warm temperatures of spring, the threat of severe weather increases. The Indiana State Police offers the following safety tips to keep all Hoosiers safe when severe weather threatens their area.

Purchase a NOAA all-hazards weather radio: Monitor the radio and be prepared to act on all warnings and watches issued by the National Weather Service.

Homes or small buildings: Go to the basement or an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a closet or bathroom. Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets for protection against flying debris. Rooms under stairwells also offer protection from dangerous weather.

Schools and shopping centers: Go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from glass enclosed areas or areas with wide-span roofs. Crouch down and cover your head. Follow all instructions from staff members.

In your car or mobile home: LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. Numerous unnecessary deaths occur in cars and mobile homes. If you are in either of those locations, leave them and go to a substantial structure or shelter. If no structure is nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch and use your hands to cover your head.

Hoosiers should also have an emergency evacuation kit, which is water proof and can

be easily carried during a hasty evacuation. The kit should include documents such as a mortgage, insurance policies, birth certificates, social security cards, banking information, a list of family physicians and identifying information on life sustaining medical devices like pacemakers.

The kit should also include first aid supplies and extra medication such as insulin or blood pressure medicine.

## Dream Team meets

The Dream Team 4-H Club met at Pizza and More on May 21. About 25 members and three leaders attended. The members elected officers: President, MKaden Gregory; Vice-president, Maura Gregory; Secretary, Ross Adams; Recreation Leaders, Jody Seals, Corbin Henninger, and Sebastian Toy; Health and Safety Leaders, Adalyn Arvin, Tara Pennington, and Justin Clark.

Allyson Arvin did a demonstration on scrapbooking.

The kids drew 4-H clovers and played bingo. They also voted for a choice of club t-shirts.

The next meeting will be June 4 at 11 a.m. at the Loogootee City Park. The club would like to offer special thanks to Pizza and More for the meeting space, pizza, and drinks.

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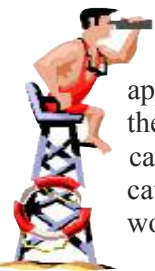
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## Lifeguards Needed



The City of Loogootee Pool has need for additional lifeguards. Applicants must have current lifeguard certification and submit copy when applying. Applications can be picked up in the Mayor's office located at the Loogootee Municipal building from May 26 until June 1st. The application must be returned by 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 2nd. No late applications will be accepted. This is for lifeguards only, no concessions workers are needed at this time. Please contact the Mayor's office with any questions at 295-4770.

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# Shoals Fifth Graders participate in L.E.A.D.

The Shoals Fifth Graders recently concluded their participation in Project L.E.A.D. (Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency) by participating in a mock trial held in the courtroom of the Martin Circuit Court. Judge Lynne E. Ellis presided over the events of the day. In conjunction with the mock trial, the students toured the Martin County Security Center. Project L.E.A.D. is a special curriculum sponsored by the Purdue University Cooperative Service. This was the nineteenth year the program has been taught to Martin County youth. This year's program was conducted by Chief Probation Officer Lisa Brittain with assistance from Martin County Extension Educator Jonathon Stevens along with fifth-grade teachers, Mrs. Kindra Hovis and Ms. Stacey Edwards.

The program was designed to teach fifth graders about the law, the need for laws, and the legal system with emphasis on the juvenile justice system. In addition, the program emphasized decision-making and the consequences of their actions.

The program combined classroom work, hands-on experiences, and speakers from various agencies. The following persons volunteered their time by speaking with the students about various law enforcement-related topics: Judge Lynne Ellis, Prosecutor Michael Steiner, Excise Officer Brian Stewart, Admission Manager of Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village T.J. Brink, Deputy Sheriff John Fischer, and Loss Prevention Officer Gary Sprinkles.

As a part of the program, students were asked to submit drawings/logos for a new L.E.A.D.

t-shirt. Each student was provided a t-shirt with the winning logo. This year's design winner was Justin Sanders. In addition, each student was required to submit an essay regarding their L.E.A.D. experience. The essay winners are as follows: Ben Clymer 1st place; Abby Stoll, 2nd place; Olivia Wells, 3rd place. Chief Probation Officer Lisa Brittain presented the winners with a certificate and prize sponsored by the program's financial supporters.

Project L.E.A.D. received financial sup-

port from the Martin County Prosecutor's Officer and the Martin County Probation Department. They would like to thank all of the students for their participation as well as the speakers and fifth grade teachers for their help in administering this program.

The mock trial casts are as follows:

Judge: Abby Stoll  
Donna's Chief Defense Attorney: Ben Clymer  
Ann's Chief Defense Attorney: Amelia Cooper

Donna's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Haley Roach

Ann's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Taylor George

Donna's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Colin Hoffman

Ann's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Damon Jones

Donna's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: MaKayla Cundiff

Ann's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Destiny Baugh

Donna's 4th Assistant Defense Attorney: Joanna Schnarr

Ann's 4th Assistant Defense Attorney: Faith Abel

Donna's 5th Assistant Defense Attorney: Mitch McKibben

Ann's 5th Assistant Defense Attorney: Jeffrey Crowder

Chief Prosecuting Attorney: Dylan Hembree

Assistant Chief Prosecuting Attorney: Caleb Tanksley

1st Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Hope Self

2nd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Kaitlin Cooper

3rd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Phillip Troutman

4th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Avory Bauernfiend

5th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Jacob Wade

6th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Sam Bruner

Ken Miller (Store Detective): Robbie Bough

Barbara Beach (Cashier): Sara Craft

John Smith (Store Manager): Justin Sanders

Police Officer John Doe: Cole Diamond

Gary Sprinkle: Graham Montgomery

Connie Charles: Haylee Davis

Donna Decker: Macey May

Ann Anderson: Olivia Wells

Court Reporter: Gabrielle McCarty

Bailiffs: Lance Parr and Kestin Jones

Jurors: Craig Tuttle, Katelyn Conrad, Eddie Brown, Michael Bengge, and Kierstin Jones

(Matches to be played at Jasper starting Tuesday, May 24)

#1 Singles Stacey Beard North Daviess 16-0, 1-0

#1 Singles Abbie Franklin Paoli 11-2, 3-0

#1 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins Loogootee 13-2, 1-0

#1 Doubles Haley Taylor/Bridgette Graber Barr-Reeve 8-3, 1-0

#1 Doubles Amanda Mowery/Brooke Braswell WRV 11-4, 1-0

Sectional first-rounds

Bloomfield 4, North Daviess 1

#1 Singles Stacey Beard (ND) defeated Sarah Scott 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Alley Gilliland (B) defeated Alison Beasley (default)

#3 Singles Kari Schulte (B) defeated Brianna Long 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Elena Weddle/Bailey Byers (B) defeated Taylor Jeffers/J'lynn Borter 6-1, 6-2

#2 Doubles Emily Walker/Rachel Helms (B) defeated Sarah Smith/Natasha Trinkle 6-2, 6-1

Paoli 3, Loogootee 2

#1 Singles Abbie Franklin (P) defeated Jill Taylor 6-3, 6-2

#2 Singles Jennifer Lundergan (P) defeated Brittany Eckerle 1-6, 6-1, 6-1

#3 Singles Jaclyn Thomas (P) defeated Devan Arvin 6-4, 6-0

#1 Doubles Hannah Lamar/Becca Zins (L) defeated Nicole Bridgewater/Shelby Litsey 6-2, 3-6, 6-4

#2 Doubles Erin Wittmer/Kylie Sims (L) defeated Hannah Balsmeyer/Stevie Thomas 7-5, 3-6, 6-3



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The Shoals Fifth Graders shown above were the winners of the L.E.A.D. Essay and Logo Contest. In the front row, from left to right, are Judge Lynne Ellis and Abby Stoll. In the second row, from left to right, are Justin Sanders, Olivia Wells, Ben Clymer.

## L.E.A.D. essay contest winners

### 1ST PLACE

#### How Lead changed My Life

By: Ben Clymer

They all influenced me so much. TJ Brink left the biggest mark on me. He told me where I should not go. And how strongly bad decisions can affect the ones we love. I wonder how strongly bad decisions affect our families.

Then we had Michael Steiner. He is a great guy with some really great stories. I think I will never forget these words "good decisions get good results, bad decisions get bad results".

All the rest gave me a big mark on me to. This program called lead is fun and words can't describe it.

I hope I get to do it next year.

### 2ND PLACE

#### L.E.A.D Has Helped Me

By: Abby Stoll

Do you know what L.E.A.D stands for? It means Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency. I have learned in L.E.A.D. that there are many crimes that you can commit. Some of them are: abuse of drugs, murder, and battery. However, I'm going to tell you about one crime, and it's theft.

Gary Sprinkle presented a speech about theft. He talked to us about his job, which was a security officer at Buehler's Buy Low, and other places as well. Gary helps catch people that try to steal things. He told us many examples of people trying to steal things in the weirdest ways. For example, a woman wore a flare dress and tried to put a TV in between her legs as she walked out of the store. He also spoke about how some stores had undercover security people. I thought his whole speech was very interesting.

The L.E.A.D. program has influenced my life by, just reminding me that it's very important to never get in trouble with the law. To be a good Christian and a good citizen for your country, you should stay out of trouble. When you go to get a job later in life, it may cost you a job that you really want. If they see that you have been in trou-

ble with the law.

I hope that I never get in trouble with the law. If I start getting in trouble with the law now, it will be hard to get a job and make life more difficult. This program has helped me to understand to never get in trouble with the law. I am going to try to live by the laws of my country and God's laws.

### 3RD PLACE

#### 'How the L.E.A.D. Program Influenced My life.'

By: Olivia Wells

T.J. Brink talked about if you get caught during something against the law and you're under the age of 18, there's no way of getting out.

He said, "When you go to the Southwest Youth Village you have to earn everything, you wear the clothes I give you, and you listen to my rules."

At the Youth Village you go to school every day, even on the weekends. Monday-Friday its 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday its 9 a.m.-11 a.m. The Youth Village has cameras everywhere and they watch everything you do. At lunch you sit with the people at your table and you may not talk to the other people at the others tables.

When you call your parents it costs your parents \$20, but it doesn't affect you or the people at the village. T.J. Brink also said, "Whenever you get done with one thing, you're on to the next activity." You have to wake up at 6:30 a.m. and go to bed at 9 p.m.

Whenever you walk you must have your hands behind your back and you may not talk. If you don't listen to these rules, there will be consequences. T.J. Brink also talked about a thing called the 'Wrap'. You lay on the floor and someone puts a rope around your chest, arms, and legs. They also put a metal bracelet around your ankles.

T.J. Brink inspired me to follow the rules of my parents and other adults. There shouldn't be any 9 to 12 year olds in this facility just because they don't want to obey the laws and rules of their parents. He made me feel like I don't need to be there and I don't want to ever be there.

## Lady Lions Tennis fall in sectional opener

The 2011 Sectional Finals were held last Friday, May 20. Bloomfield edged all competitors to take the championship.

After seven consecutive sectional wins, Loogootee fell in round one to Paoli, 3-2. The girls also won their first Blue Chip Conference this year; the first since 1998. "We got off to a great start today. Paoli played great second sets on all courts. In the end, they played a little better than we did today, said Loogootee Head Coach Mike Tippery. "This is not how we wanted to end the season but the girls played to the best of their ability. That is all you can ask for as a coach. It is nice that Hannah and Becca get to advance in the tournament. They are 14-2 now and playing very good tennis. Our senior class won three sectional titles and one conference title. That is an impressive accomplishment and is something they can be proud of."

Loogootee ended their season with a record of 10-4.

### Sectional Finals

Bloomfield 4, Paoli 1

#1 Singles Abbie Franklin (P) defeated Sarah Scott 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles Alley Gilliland (B) defeated Tiffany Graber 6-4, 6-0

#3 Singles Kari Schulte (B) defeated Jaclyn Thomas 6-3, 6-1

#1 Doubles Elena Weddle/Bailey Byers (B) defeated Nicole Bridgewater/Tessa England 6-3, 6-1

#2 Doubles Emily Walker/Rachel Helms (B) defeated Hannah Balsmeyer/Stevie Thomas 6-1, 6-1

Bloomfield record: 17-0

Individual Tournament Advancers



# Loogootee JH Track results

On Monday, May 9, the Loogootee Junior High Girls' Track team competed in a meet against Bloomfield, Shoals, and Springs Valley. The girls finished with 13 points putting them in fourth place. Winning the meet was Bloomfield, with Springs Valley in second, and Shoals in third.

Ariel Jones was the only team member to place for Loogootee, finishing first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:11.03, second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 31.41 seconds, and third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.31 seconds.

On May 2, the girls went up against Northeast Dubois and again finished in last place. NE Dubois had 104 points, Loogootee finished with 12. Ariel Jones placed first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:12.16, second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 32.6 seconds, and third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.59 seconds. Lindsey Lukens finished second in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 8:28.

The Loogootee Junior High Boys' Track team also competed in a four-way meet against Bloomfield, Springs Valley, and Shoals on May 9. The boys finished in third place with Shoals taking the first place win.

Hayden Bell finished second in the high jump with a height of 4'10", second in the long jump with a distance of 17'3", second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.58 seconds, and second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.85 seconds.

Justin Kiser placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:09.5. Dylan

Street finished fourth in the high jump with a height of 4'6". Grant Carrico placed fourth in the shot put with a distance of 29'0 1/2" and fifth in the discus with a distance of 79'10". Jonathan Jones finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 31.84 seconds. Chase Wilcoxon placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6 minutes and fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:11.23. The Loogootee 400-meter relay team finished third with a time of 57.93 seconds and the 1,600-meter relay team placed third also with a time of 5 minutes.

The boys also fell to Northeast Dubois on May 2. Hayden Bell finished first in the high jump with a height of 5'2", first in the long jump with a distance of 16'3", first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.79 seconds, and first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.23 seconds. Justin Kiser placed first in the 400-meter dash finishing at 1:06.58.

Also placing first was Damen Earley in the 800-meter run at a time of 2:47.58. Grant Carrico placed second in the discus with a distance of 74'8" and third in the shot put with a distance of 30'4 1/2". Chase Wilcoxon finished second in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:03. Dylan Street finished third in the high jump with a height of 4'4" and third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.95 seconds. The Loogootee 400-meter relay team finished in first place with a time of 58.78 seconds. Coming in second was the 1,600-meter relay team with a time of 4:58.16.

## Loogootee Summer Tennis starts June 1

The Loogootee Summer Tennis program will be held beginning on June 1 and ending July 1 for students entering grades three through 12 – both boys and girls. The program is designed to teach the basic fundamentals of tennis, as well as the rules of the game, how to keep score, and how to play games, sets, and matches.

There will be open court time on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for grades seven through 12 to make up sessions or to just get in extra hitting. Open court begins on June 6.

There is a \$15 fee for all participants. The fee includes a t-shirt. If there is more than one family member participating, the cost will be \$10 for each additional family member. Checks should be made payable to LHS Activities.

The following is the schedule for the girls:  
 June 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9  
 Grades 3 and 4: 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.  
 Grades 7 and 8: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.  
 Grades 5 and 6: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
 June 3, 10, 17, 24, and July 1  
 Grades 9 thru 12: Fridays 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

June 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30  
 Open court time: Monday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The following is the schedule for the boys:

June 20-24, 27-30  
 Grades 5 and 6: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
 Grades 3 and 4: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
 Grades 7 and 8: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
 June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1  
 Grades 9 thru 12: Fridays, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

June 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30  
 Open court time: Monday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Each group should report to the high school tennis courts and should be prepared to start right away.

If any student does not have a tennis racquet, a few will be available for their use.

If your child is unable to attend the first session or two, please call Coach Mike Tippery at 812-295-3254 ext. 555 or at home 295-3162 or Coach Roger Bailey at 812-295-3254 ext. 401 or 295-3162 so a t-shirt can be ordered.

## Loogootee Volleyball Summer Camp 2011

The Loogootee Volleyball team will be hosting their 2011 summer camp for the following incoming grades: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th.

The cost of the camp is \$20 per girl. Each child will receive six practice sessions and a camp t-shirt.

The camp will be held on the following dates: June 1-2 and June 6-9. Each practice

will take place in the East Gymnasium.

Schedules are listed for each grade level below.

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. – 5th/6th grades  
 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – 3rd/4th grades  
 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. – 7th/8th grades

Please contact Lacey Wade at 486-9504 or Leslie Summers at 486-7872 with any questions or concerns.



**SARHA JONES**

Sarha Ann Jones is the daughter of Clint Jones and Patty Tolbert. Her favorite pastimes include playing with Phoebe, reading, and riding horses. During school, Sarha has been involved in track, SADD, the book club, and the Spanish Club. Her best memory was when Phoebe was born and her funniest memory was when her pants ripped at lunch. Sarha plans to attend St. Mary of the Woods College and train horses.



**BRADLEY PHILLIPS**

Bradley Allen Phillips is the son of Justin and Ashley Phillips. His favorite hobbies include hanging out with friends, playing games, watching movies, and listening to music. During high school, Bradley has participated in Beta Club, the academic team, and SADD. His best memory of school was Senior Prom and his most memorable moment was when Amber Lynn dropped a huge rock on her forehead. Bradley plans to attend the University of Evansville to study engineering and marry the girl of his dreams.



**SUPITCHA CHAROENRAM**

Supitcha Charoenram is the daughter of Dave and Tonia Holman. Her favorite pastimes include hanging out with friends, vocational classes, prom, and school dances. Her best memory was going to Jessica Mae's house to play Yahtzee. Supitcha plans to go to college to become an RN.



**KYRA OTT**

Kyra Iliane Ott is the daughter of Uta and Detlef Ott and Teri and Donald Kerr (her host family). Her favorite hobbies include reading and horseback riding. While in school she was involved in basketball. Her fondest memory was the last day she spent with her family before she left for the United States. Her fondest memory in school was when the Shoals Lady Rox beat the Loogootee Lions in basketball in 2010. Kyra plans to finish school in Germany.

# Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

**LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY**  
**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, May 26**  
 Cereal, sausage, egg, juice  
**Friday, May 27**  
 Cereal, sausage, muffin, juice  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, May 26**  
 Hamburger, vegetables, juice  
**Friday, May 27**  
 Bologna sandwich, vegetables, peaches  
**LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, May 26**  
 Chef or pizza, pretzels, cottage cheese,

fruit, salad plate, milk  
**Friday, May 27**  
 Cook's choice, salad plate, milk  
**SHOALS SCHOOLS**  
**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, May 26**  
 Egg, biscuit & jelly, juice, milk  
**Friday, May 27**  
 Cereal, sweet roll, juice, milk  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, May 26**  
 Corn dogs, green beans, fruit, milk  
**Friday, May 27**  
 Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, fruit, roll, milk  
**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

### Lady Lions Summer Volleyball Camp

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt size: YM YL AS AM AL AXL  
(circle one)

I/we will not hold Loogootee School Corporation or the girls' volleyball program liable for any injury or accident incurred by my daughter during participation in the summer volleyball camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# Shoals Jr./Sr. High School holds annual talent show



*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
Dillon and Devon Cornett, brothers, sang "No!" and "Landing in London during the talent show.



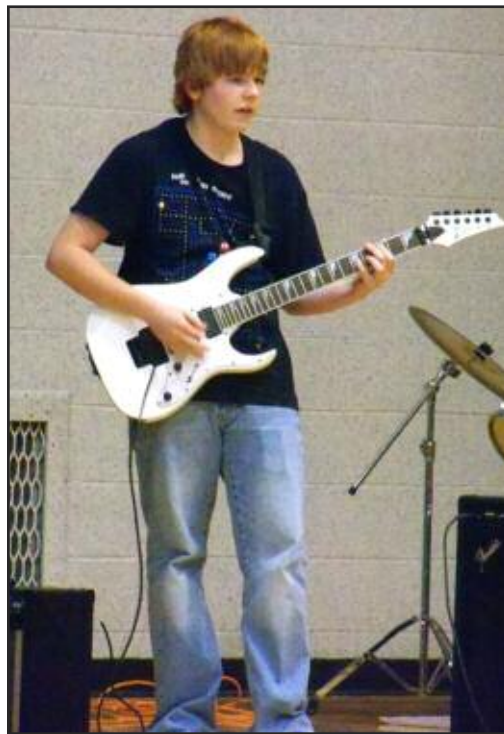
*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
Cole Howell dressed as the "lunch lady" for the seniors' skit "Lunch Lady Land".



*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
Foreign exchange student Supitcha Charoenram performed a traditional Thai dance "Chern Phra Kwan".



*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
Performing an original instrumental were Michael Hawkins, Bryce Boyd, Tanner Sorrells, and Jonah Shaw.



*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
Tanner Sorrells again this year took his talent to the drums for the talent show.



*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
The Shoals Seventh Grade Band, under the direction of Joel Weitkamp, played "Legend of Ft. Apache".

*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
Austin Jones, above, performed the instrumental "Tears of Fire" along with Casey Davis and Ethan Jones.



*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
Bryce Boyd, above, answered the duel on drums from Tanner Sorrells.



*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
Haylie Brace, singing a-cappella belted out "Jar of Hearts".



*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
Alanna Dawley and Sasha Mains performed the song "Back to December" by Taylor Swift.



*-Photo by Courtney Hughett*  
Carmen Houchins sang "Round and Round" by Selena Gomez.



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Holly Self sang "The Broken Ones" to the crowd of students, parents, grandparents, and teachers.

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### First Communion

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Noah Colon, son of Victor and Evelyn Colon, made his First Communion on Sunday May 15, 2011 at St. Joseph Church in Bramble. Fr. Erbacher was the celebrant for the Mass and servers were Jessica Padgett and Austen Byrer.

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# New Beginnings Church

## WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY ERNIE CANELL  
Pastor, New Beginnings Church

The Drifters  
Hebrews 2:1-4

Sometimes we find ourselves in that spot. You know what spot I'm talking about. Things don't seem to be going well or maybe not just as good as they once were. You find yourself struggling harder and harder with people with little things that bother you more than they use to. You don't have a passion for the things of God as much as you use to. You don't read the Bible like you know you should. 'I'm not in the word or prayer like I know I should be.' And you seem to be drifting from the things of God; finding yourself falling into old patterns of life. The writer of Hebrews has a word for you today.

It's called drifting - we seem to be drifting from the great attitude we once had about our salvation and what Christ has done for us. We must pay much closer attention to what we have heard.

The writer of Hebrews gives us an image of a ship drifting because its anchors won't hold. Such dangerous drifting is not intentional, but rather comes from inattention and carelessness, which was precisely the problem with the pressured little church. They had become careless about their moorings in Christ. The writer says 'how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation. If we drift so far away and return to our former way of life. There are terrible consequences in ignoring the gospel.'

And how can we ignore such a great salvation? When it was first spoken by Jesus Himself, then confirmed by the believers that were with Jesus and now it is being testified to by the Holy Spirit with signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His WILL. It's hard to ignore that even in our lives today.

Who are the ones drifting? The ones whose attitude has changed. The one who has let the greatness of Christ slip away. The one who no longer marvels at the atonement. (the death of Jesus on the cross to

take the punishment for our sins so we can have reconciliation of God and humankind, especially as accomplished through the life, suffering, and death of Christ.) The one who no longer has a desire for the word of God. The one who really does not pray in His spirit. The one who is drifting back to where he or she came from and has little concern about drifting.

What are we to do? We must pay more careful attention, therefore to what we have heard so that we do not drift. How? Make sure our anchors are in solid ground. If we do not want to drift our anchors have to be deeply rooted in Christ. Knowing the truths He taught, who He is superior to the Angels, our high priest, mediator to the father for us that believe, the redeemer, savior, king over all creation. Our anchors need to be embedded in passages turning to Christ's words, mediating on Him, asking questions, memorizing and worshipping Him. Make sure our anchors in our living every day are living in the revelation of God's word by the power of the Holy Spirit.

That our lives reflect what God told us to do in Deuteronomy. 6:4-9; Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Make sure our anchors are even in our speech - talk about Jesus - testify - tell people your family, friends, and children.

The Holy Spirit will help you if you will only pay attention. If you reject God and begin to drift, pick up your Bible and read the word. Pick a passage about Christ put it in your mouth and in your heart. If you begin to drift, pick up your phone call someone talk about Jesus not the weather or your problems.

If you realize you are drifting, you may have been drifting for awhile. Your anchors have lost their hold and you need to get back in a solid hold on your life.

If you find yourself drifting and need someone to talk to call (me) Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258. I will be glad to talk with you about your relationship with God.

Our service time has changed it is now 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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# Classes, programs at the Martin County Community Learning Center

Ivy Tech Summer Classes! - Ivy Tech Community College will be offering the class Microsoft Excel: Level 1 at the Martin County Learning Center on Thursdays, June 23- July 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet program for today's working world. You will begin by reviewing the new Office Ribbon interface. By the end of this class, you'll possess the skills to enter and edit data, select cells and ranges, print worksheets, create formulas and functions, and format cell contents. This class is a great way to build skills for the workplace and add to your resume! Course fee is \$154 and textbook is included. The class is geared toward certification in Microsoft Excel, and further courses will use the same textbook. For more information or to register, call the Workforce & Economic Development office at Ivy Tech at (812) 330-6044 or visit [www.ivytech.edu/bloomington/cll](http://www.ivytech.edu/bloomington/cll) to register.

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 <http://www.constitutioninstitute.org/> or call or stop by the learning center to register before June 9.

Résumé Writing and Career Planning - Need help with your résumé? Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting will offer Résumé Assistance-Level One on June 7. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

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 information.

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