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## Remembered sacrifice

-Photos by Joshua Hughett

On Monday May 30, the American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9359 paid homage to the veterans of all wars with a visit to Truelove Church Cemetery. A special ceremony directed to departed comrades was presented. Despite the scorching hot weather, the group visited eight cemeteries throughout Martin County to honor those fallen soldiers whose names were read at each location.



## Martin County one of the worst in the state for Census participation

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Over the last 10 years Martin County's population has been at pretty much a standstill. According to 2010 Census data the county's total population for 2010 was 10,369, only five more people than in 2000. Martin County did rank in 90th place out of the 92 Indiana counties for participation in the 2010 Census with only 71 percent of residents returning their forms. The percentage was 73 percent in 2000.

The adult population, 18 years of age and older, went up from 7,754 in 2000 to 7,853 in 2010. The under 18 population fell from 2,615 in 2000 to 2,481 in 2010.

The total housing units in 2000 were 4,729 with 4,183 occupied. In 2010 there were 4,786 with 4,216 occupied.

The population of Loogootee only rose by 10 people. In 2000 there were 2,741 residents and in 2010 that went up to 2,751. 76.6 percent of Loogootee's population is 18 or older with 643 residents under the age of 18. There were 1,324 housing units in the city with 1,206 of them occupied.

Shoals' population fell from 807 residents in 2000 to 756 in 2010.

Daviess County's population in 2000 was

29,820 and rose to 31,648 in 2010. Daviess County had a response rate of 79 percent putting them in 48th place in the state.

Daviess had 21,186 residents over the age of 18 in 2000 and 22,528 in 2010. The county had 11,898 total housing units in 2000 with 1,004 vacant. In 2010 there were 12,471 housing units with 1,142 vacant. Daviess County had a Hispanic population of 1,314 people in 2010, up from 620 ten years before. Daviess County had a 79 percent response rate.

Dubois County's population went up from 39,674 in 2000 to 41,889 in 2010. Ten years ago the county had 28,816 residents over the age of 18. In 2010 that number went up to 31,220. Dubois County's Hispanic population also doubled going from 1,103 in 2000 to 2,521 in 2010. The county had 15,511 total housing units in 2000 with 698 unoccupied and 17,384 total housing units in 2010 with 1,251 unoccupied. Dubois County had the highest response rate in the state at 86 percent.

Orange County's population had a slight increase from 2000 to 2010 going from 19,306 to 19,840. In 2000, 14,346 residents were over 18 years of age; in 2010 that number moved to 14,953. Orange County

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## Ambulance proposals delayed, county has new flood plains

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Several people turned out at the Martin County Commissioners meeting Tuesday night, May 31 to be present for the opening of the ambulance contract proposals for service to the county. Prior to this happening, County Attorney Dave Lett informed the commissioners that a mistake was made in the publishing of the bid notification and the bids would not be able to be opened until a later meeting. It was decided that bids will be accepted until Friday, June 3 and opened on Wednesday, June 8 at 6 p.m.

Commissioner John Winger was not present at the meeting.

Rex Knight with SIDC presented information to the commissioners on the debris removal grant that the county was awarded for removal of log jams in Lost River and Indian Creek.

The commissioners also opened one request for qualifications for the debris removal. The one received was from Commonwealth Engineers. Knight explained that a committee must be formed to score the request for qualification. He said it is typically formed when there is more than one submission, but it has to be done regardless of there just being one so it could be submitted to OCRA. He explained that the committee must be odd-numbered, either three or five and could be comprised of all three commissioners. Commissioner Dan Gregory recommended that it be the

three commissioners with Paul George agreeing.

Knight said that the committee will also have to have an interview with Commonwealth Engineers.

Commissioner Gregory reported that he and Sheriff Rob Street met with Richard Burch of Midwest Engineers last week regarding the repairs needed on the exterior of the jail. "I am cautiously optimistic that we may be able to do that for the money we have available, or less," he said. Gregory explained that Burch didn't feel that the repairs needed were as severe as other engineers who looked at it. He said that Burch would have a recommendation prepared for the commissioners in 30 days.

Sheriff Street reported that the jail population is currently around 50 inmates with 14 from the state department of corrections. He said that they may be receiving another nine.

The sheriff also reported that the plumbing problems in the jail are still being corrected; they are currently waiting on more parts to come in. He said a majority of the cells have been repaired, however, and around \$2,000 has been spent so far.

Civil Defense Director Monty Wolf spoke to the commissioners briefly about funding for storm damage. Auditor Nancy Steiner said that she spoke with a representative from FEMA and was very impressed with what he knew by looking at a map of Martin County. She said that he said funding may be available to clean up a fallen tree in

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# Local youth inspired to help fight cancer

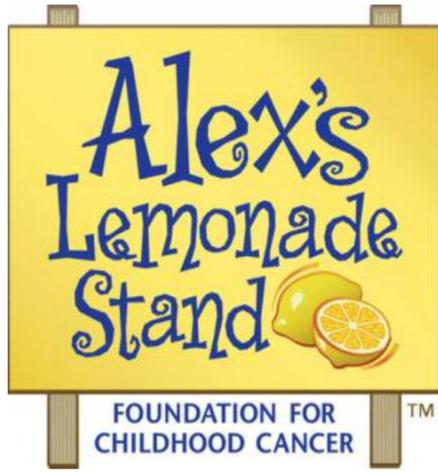
Leslie Summers and her daughter Brooklyn will be hosting an Alex's Lemonade Stand to benefit children with cancer on Saturday, June 11 from noon to 3 p.m. at Blake Hi-Y Car Wash.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) shares the vision of the founder and creator, Alexandra "Alex" Scott - a cure for all children with cancer.

When Alex, who was diagnosed with childhood cancer just before her first birthday, was four, she told her parents she wanted to set up a front-yard lemonade stand. Her plan: to give the money to doctors to help them find a cure. Her first "Alex's Lemonade Stand" raised an astonishing \$2,000 in one day. While bravely fighting her own cancer, Alex continued to set up lemonade stands every year. As news spread of the remarkable girl so dedicated to helping other sick children, people everywhere were inspired to start their own lemonade stands—donating the proceeds to her cause.

In 2004 when Alex passed away at the age of eight—her stand and inspiration had raised over \$1 million towards finding a cure for the disease that took her life. Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation was started by her parents in 2005 to continue the work that Alex began.

Since Alex set up her first lemonade stand in 2000—truly exemplifying the saying "When life hands you lemons, make lemonade"—the foundation has raised more than \$40 million. That money has helped to fund more than 200 cutting-edge research projects, create a travel program to help support families of children receiving treatment,



and develop resources to help people everywhere affected by childhood cancer.

According to Leslie, she and her husband Travis have often explained to Brooklyn that there are kids less fortunate in the world and that she should be thankful for everything she has including her health. "She knows that her Grandma Pat lost a battle to Lukemia and that our friend Haley fought breast cancer," said Leslie. "I told her that there are kids her age, younger, and older that have to fight cancer - some beat it and some don't. I feel like holding a lemonade stand to benefit these children would be a learning experience as well as a little fun for her."

Leslie added that part of the package for signing up for a lemonade stand was a book that she and Travis try to read to Brooklyn every night. The book was written by Alex's parents about her story. "It is very inspiring," she said.

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Inman Cemetery in Rutherford Township. The Rutherford Township Trustee Sue Hembree has already approached the commissioners asking for money to help with the clean-up but was denied. Steiner said that this may qualify for FEMA assistance if the exact coordinates are given.

Wolf also reported that he had a shipment of weather radios available to those who need them. He said they were geared more toward those living in mobile homes. Anyone interested in receiving one - free of charge - can call the Martin County Auditor's office at 812-247-3731. The radios will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams reported that he hired two new part-time employees, Daniel Haulk and Scott Hert. He also reported that his department is still cleaning up storm damage and they still have three fallen trees to take care of but they are unable to get to them. He said they

will eventually end up in the roadway but there is nothing they can do until they come down a little more. He said they are keeping a close eye on them.

Commissioner Gregory asked Williams how the community corrections workers are working out. Williams explained that over the past few months four or five have been sent to him with a few of them "not being worth a whole lot." He said the last two, however, have been very good workers.

Auditor Steiner informed the commissioners that the new flood maps for the county are out and there have been changes to the flood plain. The DNR will be contacting over 600 people who are affected by the change.

She said an open house and public hearing would need to be held and a building large enough would need to be found to which Monty Wolf volunteered the Martin County Civil Defense Fire Station building. The open house will be held Wednesday, July 6 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.



## Donation

-Photo provided

The Martin County Ag Day Association presented a check to the Martin County Humane Society for \$200 toward building of the new animal shelter. Shown from left to right are David Gregory, Martin County Ag Day Association; Don Greene, Martin County Humane Society President; and Joe Williams, Ag Day Association.



-Photo provided

## Summit

On May 19, Martin County Judge Lynne Ellis and staff attended the Summit on Evidence-Based Practices and Risk Assessment at the Indiana Convention Center. This program was co-sponsored by: the Indiana Judicial Center, the Indiana Department of Corrections, and the Center for Evidence-Based Practice at Indiana University. At lunch, the Martin County table of personnel was joined by Randall T. Shepard, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. Shown above, from left to right, are Lynne E. Ellis, Judge of Martin Circuit Court; Randall T. Shepard, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court; Rita Baldwin, Public Defender serving in Martin County; Patricia King, Director of Martin County Community Corrections; and Kathy Collins, Administrative Assistant of Martin County Community Corrections.

## CENSUS

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had 8,348 total housing units in 2000 with 727 vacant. In 2010, there were 9,176 total housing units with 1,304 unoccupied. Orange County's response rate was 82 percent.

Greene County's population hardly moved over the 10 year period only going up eight residents. In 2000 the population was 33,157 and in 2010 it was 33,165. In

2000, 24,958 residents were over the age of 18 and in 2010 that number was 25,282. Greene County had 15,053 housing units in 2000 with 1,681 unoccupied. In 2010 there were 15,211 housing units with 1,724 vacant. Greene County's response rate on the Census was the worst in the state with only 68 percent down from 75 percent in the 2000 Census.



## Do not cross

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The railroad crossing repairs on JFK Avenue in Loogootee yesterday had many drivers taking the scenic route through the city. CSX Railroad had the main road closed through Loogootee through the day. The Loogootee Mayor's office has been contacting CSX for several months to get the worst crossings in Loogootee fixed.

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**DELBERT SALMON**

Delbert Ray Salmon, formerly of Shoals, passed away Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 11:15 p.m. at the Ketcham Memorial Center. A resident of Odon, he was 76.

The last of his family, he was born March 19, 1935 in Martin County; the son of Herschel W. and Lottie Mae (Beard) Salmon. He married Betty Jean Butler on January 26, 1957 in Shoals, and they celebrated fifty-four anniversaries together.

He was employed by Loogootee Brickyard and retired from National Gypsum in Shoals.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of Odon; five daughters, Ellen (Ronnie) Hopper of French Lick, Sandra (Kenny) Arthur of Odon, Anita (David) Letterman of Shoals, Bonnie (Timothy) Dove of Loogootee, and Synthia Blevins of Odon; two sons, Ray Dean Salmon of Shoals and Roger (Amy) Salmon of Shoals; twenty grandchildren, thirty-two great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews

He is preceded in death by his parents, one son, Delbert Lee Salmon, Sr.; two grandchildren, one great grandchild, seven brothers, and one sister.

A funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday, June 1 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed at Spring Hill Cemetery.

**MAXINE HOPKINS**

Maxine R. Hopkins, formerly of the St. Mary's area in Barr Township, passed away Saturday evening at the Washington Nursing Center. A resident of Washington, she was 76.



She was born on February 1, 1935 in Martin County; the daughter of Charles and Bertha (Owens) Terrell. She first married Austin Taylor and in preceded her in death in 1975. She then married Paul Hopkins and he died in 2003.

**MAXINE HOPKINS** Maxine previously worked at RCA, Crane, and retired from Perdue Farms.

She is survived by one daughter, Eva Darlene (Paul Joseph) Moffitt of Loogootee; two sons, Tim (Becky) Taylor of Montgomery and Kenneth C. Taylor of Loogootee; step-sons, Jim (Gayla) Hopkins of Washington, Mike (Karen) Hopkins of Loogootee; Pat (Jayne) Hopkins of Noblesville; Dr. Frank (Donna) Hopkins of Jasper; and Ed (Carla) Hopkins of New Palestine, Illinois; step-daughters, Joan Kavanaugh of Phoenix, Arizona; Mary (John) Mirro of Crown Point, and Barbara Rusert of Windsor, California; twelve grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, and expecting two great-great granddaughters; twenty-one nieces and nephews; two sisters, Eldean Gibbs of Shoals and Lavonda Krodol of Lake Jackson, Texas; and one brother, Charles Terrell of Shoals.

She is preceded in death by parents, husbands, a son Shelby Austin, and six sisters, Irene Gammon; Laverne Terrell, Pauline Johnson; Helen Payne; Francis Sellers; Dollie McCauley; and Martha Blessinger.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home, in Shoals. The funeral will be at Queen-Lee on Thursday, June 2, at 11 a.m., with burial in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

**TOMETT Y. "TOME" BATEMAN**

Tomett Y. "Tomee" Bateman passed away Friday, May 27, 2011 at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis. A resident of Bloomington, she was 46.

She was born November 26, 1964, in Vincennes. She married Robert Bateman of Loogootee and he survives.

She was a caterer for Black Buggy Restaurant. She enjoyed camping, fishing, spending time with her grandkids and was

a NASCAR fan. She made the best of everything and overcame many things.

Other survivors include her mother, Karen (Dodd) Ridge of Vincennes; daughter, Tasha Doua and her husband Edward of Bloomington; son, Brett Willis of Decker; step-daughter, Shanda Hundanich of Vincennes; three sisters, Deb Harper of Shelbyville, Karen Neighbors of Vincennes and Stacey Clapp of Vincennes; six brothers, Doug Raley of Princeton, Greg Raley of Vincennes, Tom Clapp, Carl Clapp, Bobby Clapp and Jim Clapp all of Shelbyville, Paul Clapp of Switz City and Earl Thomas Clapp Jr. of Washington; grandchildren, Stephanie Hundanich and Des'tanee Evans both of Vincennes, Trystan Clapp of Bloomington, Ashlyn Hundanich, Alexis Hundanich and Sierra Hundanich all of Vincennes, Devyn Mason of Oregon and Owyn Willis of Decker; and sister-in-law, Mandy Bateman of Loogootee.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earl Thomas Clapp Sr.; sons, Michael Ridge, Andrew Ridge and Steven Willis Jr.; stepfather, "Buck" Ridge and sister, Dawn Clapp.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, May 31 at Goodwin Funeral Home, 524 Broadway Street in Vincennes. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Riley Children's Hospital. Online condolences may be sent through [www.goodwinfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodwinfamilyfh.com).

**ANGELA GATES**

Angela Grace Gates died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, May 30, 2011 at St. Charles Villa in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 86.



She was born on April 20, 1925, in Springfield, Illinois; the daughter of Roy and Leona (Atterbury) Cantrall. She married George Thomas Gates on November 28, 1946 and he preceded her in death in 1992. She was a member of St. John

Catholic Church and a graduate of St. John High School, both in Loogootee. She was a graduate of St. John's School of Nursing in Springfield. Angela spent some 50 years as a nurse retiring after 19 years as an emergency room nurse at Daviess Community Hospital and retired from Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane after 25 years as a nurse. She was active in the Daughters of Isabella and Legion of Mary at St. John's Parish. She took care of all the altar lines for the church and had volunteered at both the Loogootee Nursing Home and the Martin County Nursing Home. In addition she worked at providing meals for the family after funerals and still provided food when needed. Her many activities kept her very busy.

She is survived by two sons, John Thomas Gates of Virginia Beach, Virginia and George William Gates of Bloomington; five daughters, Mary Frances Bradley of Montgomery, Marie Cleophas Wilmington of Surprise, Arizona, Miriam Patricia Kerr of Greensboro, North Carolina, Catherine Ann Barnes of Rock Hill, South Carolina, Angela Christine Lasiter of San Diego, California; 20 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one son, Michael Lee Gates in 2006; two grandsons, Lyle Wilmington and Riley Adam Lasiter; and one brother, Robert "Bob" Cantrall.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, June 3 at Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. John

Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee. Preferred memorials may be made to Catholic Charities through the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

**ALICE E. HARRINGTON**

Alice E. Harrington went home to the Lord at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, May 29, 2011 at her home. A resident of Washington, she was 87.

She was born May 10, 1924, in Washington; the daughter of William and Alice (Roach) Hayes. She was retired from Shenandoah Turkey Processing Plant after 19 years of service. She was a member of St. Simon's Catholic Church, now Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Paula Harrington and Helen Jane and Robert Smith Jr., all of Washington; four grandchildren, Tyra (Craig) Winger of Wichita, Kansas, Jonathan (Stephanie) Bray of Indianapolis, Tracy (Benny) Fields and Robert Fields III, all of Washington; 10 great-grandchildren, Tabitha Winger of Washington, Kenneth Winger, Olivia Winger, Adrianna Winger, all of Wichita, Brock Bray of Indianapolis, Kirstin Lentz, Kacrisa Lentz, both of Washington, Ciara Smith, and Zack and Jena, both of Wheatland; three great-great-grandchildren, McKenzie Lentz of Washington and Zatarra and Lyrik Davidson, both of Loogootee; and a brother, William Hayes of Washington.

Her husband, Kenneth Harrington, died December 4, 1987. Her parents; one infant son, Kenneth William Harrington; two sisters, Mary Jane Brothers, Rosemary Kennedy, and two infant sisters; four brothers, James, Michael, Joseph and Robert Hayes, are also deceased.

Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 2 at Ed Lee Mortuary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, with Rev. Gordon Mann as celebrant. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com).

**HELEN C. STUCKEY**

Helen C. Stuckey died at 3:20 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2011 at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 95.

She was born December 1, 1915, in Seymour; the daughter of George Roy and Ruth (Clark) Hunter. She was a 1935 graduate of Seymour High School and had previously worked at the former Larking Brothers Store in Loogootee. She married Harry C. Stuckey on November 4, 1939 and he preceded her in death in 1980.

She is survived by two sons, Murray Lee Stuckey and Roy Max Stuckey, both of Loogootee; one daughter, Susie Chanley of Loogootee; three grandchildren, Travis L. Stuckey of Indianapolis, Treva Vallier of Noblesville, and Brandon Chanley of Phoenix, Arizona; and five great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by two brothers, Clark and Brooks Hunter; one

grandson, Erik C. Stuckey; and one granddaughter, Nichole L. Chanley.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. this morning Wednesday, June 1 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. There was no visitation.

Arrangements were made through Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST****SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

at Loogootee United Methodist Church  
208 West Main Street in Loogootee

Cost: Free-will offering

The proceeds of the breakfast will go toward a mission trip to Red Bird Mission in the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky that will take place in July.



# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

## Monday, May 23

1:44 p.m. - Received a request for a boat inspection.

4:37 p.m. - A female called and reported two puppies left on her doorstep.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on a vehicle on U.S. 150.

Unknown times - Received numerous reports of power lines and trees down in several areas including Emmons Ridge Road, U.S. 50, Mount Olive Road, Indian Creek Bridge, High Street in Shoals, Stark Street in Crane, Windom Road, Wadsworth Lane, Buckley Road, U.S. 231, north of Alfordsville turnoff; and Kent Farm Road.

5:30 p.m. - Richard Stetter, of Dubois, was traveling south on Windom Road in a silver 2004 Chevrolet when a tree branch fell onto the hood and grille of his vehicle. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan.

6:04 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer regarding custody and visitation issues.

6:36 p.m. - A male caller reported a possible accident on Brooks Bridge Road.

8:54 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in removal of a large tree at a residence on Sherfick School Road.

10:08 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm east of Loogootee.

11:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on S.R. 650.

## Tuesday, May 24

12:01 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in Shoals.

1:26 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious subjects around a residence in Shoals.

8:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

11:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:27 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Deep Cut Lake Road.

4:00 p.m. - A female caller requested to speak to an officer regarding items missing from a vehicle involved in an accident.

4:28 p.m. - Received a call about a missing dog.

4:48 p.m. - Received a call about custody and visitation issues.

9:03 p.m. - Received a request to assist REMC with traffic while replacing a pole.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of found property.

## Wednesday, May 25

11:10 a.m. - Received a call about an abandoned dog in Crane.

11:55 a.m. - Received an alarm from a medical alert company for a residence in Loogootee.

12:00 p.m. - Received a complaint about stray dogs.

12:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on S.R. 550.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of a cow on S.R. 450 just north of U.S. 50.

6:07 p.m. - Received a call regarding a deer accident in the Willow Valley area.

6:11 p.m. - Received a report of an open door on a business in Loogootee.

6:33 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak with an officer regarding custody and visitation issues.

8:46 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer about a domestic dispute.

9:22 p.m. - Received a call from Lawrence County Sheriff's Department that there had been severe weather, several houses destroyed, and multiple injuries and they request our ambulance be on standby to assist.

9:35 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm on Ziegler Road.

10:15 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm on U.S. 231.

Unknown times - Received calls about numerous trees and power lines down on Ironton Road, S.R. 450, Windom Road, and Mt. Olive Road.

## Thursday, May 26

1:30 a.m. - Received a report of a treetop in the roadway on S.R. 450, just past Low Gap Road.

4:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road on Simmons Creek Road.

6:11 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road on Brooks Bridge Road.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking both lanes on U.S. 150 about two miles outside of Shoals.

10:21 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 150, caused by the tree in the roadway.

1:08 p.m. - Received an alarm at East Fork Water Treatment Plant.

1:10 p.m. - A female came on station to report a domestic dispute.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Hawkins Cemetery Road.

1:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:17 p.m. - A caller reported a large limb in a tree on U.S. 150 that he was afraid would fall into the roadway.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of smoke coming from a house on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

4:45 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm in Shoals.

5:32 p.m. - Received a call from a subject that had found two dogs in a parking lot in Loogootee.

## Friday, May 27

4:11 a.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm on U.S. 50.

6:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was taken to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:16 a.m. - Received a report of cows on the roadway on U.S. 50 at Max Warrens Curve.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of cows on the roadway on Brickyard Road.

11:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Rutherford Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:20 p.m. - A male caller reported animal cruelty in Shoals.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle off the roadway on U.S. 231 just south of Loogootee.

5:48 p.m. - Received a call regarding custody issues.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call regarding custody issues.

6:17 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, westbound from Lawrence County.

6:36 p.m. - Received a call regarding custody issues.

7:04 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on U.S. 150.

11:13 p.m. - Received a report of a civil disturbance in Burns City.

## Saturday, May 28

2:10 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject due to failure to arrive at destination.

11:01 a.m. - Received a report of a theft at a residence in Crane.

11:11 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on S.R. 550.

11:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. The subject was transported to Dunn Hospital.

1:06 p.m. - Received a medical alarm in Shoals. The ambulance responded to the residence but was unable to locate anyone at the residence and the residence was secure.

4:00 p.m. - Received an anonymous call regarding possible drug activity.

4:55 p.m. - Received a complaint about a neighbor's dog at D & M Market.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee.

7:17 p.m. - Received a call regarding a property dispute and trespassing.

7:30 p.m. - Received a call regarding a child custody dispute.

8:18 p.m. - Received a report of possible gun shots fired on Chicken Farm Road.

8:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Dover Hill Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a speed-

ing vehicle and possible impaired driver northbound on U.S. 231, north of Haysville.

## Sunday, May 29

3:10 a.m. - Received a report of vehicles racing on Hollow Lane.

5:10 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Reinhart Road.

12:23 p.m. - Received a report of two juveniles leaving without paying for goods at a business in Shoals.

2:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:26 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

3:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Progress School Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver eastbound on U.S. 50 from Loogootee.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire on Rutherford Road.

4:51 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a church.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident involving a motorcycle on U.S. 150 near Mill Road.

6:46 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a residence in Shoals.

7:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject.

9:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 150 near Morgan Curve.

## Monday, May 30

9:57 a.m. - Received a report of a dog bite in the Martin State Forest.

10:42 a.m. - Received a report that a previously assumed controlled burn may now be out of control on U.S. 231, near Pine Tree Road.

11:02 a.m. - Received a report of theft of gasoline from RJ's Food Mart.

12:22 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded trailer in Shoals.

2:20 p.m. - A female caller reported that her dog had attacked another dog.

3:19 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm on Ziegler Road.

4:02 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a locked vehicle.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded camper on U.S. 50, east of the Overlook Park.

5:43 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 150, headed toward Shoals.

5:59 p.m. - Received a call regarding custody issues.

7:51 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a possible propane gas leak at a residence on Sherfick School Road.

8:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Bex Lane. The subject was transported to Orange County Hospital.

## Tuesday, May 31

12:45 a.m. - Received a report of problems at West Boggs with a camper

12:52 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Brian Winger and Tammy Winger**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Trenton Winger**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 10 acres, more or less.

**The Nature Conservancy**, a non-profit corporation of the District of Columbia to the **State of Indiana, Department of Natural Resources**, of Marion County, Indiana, part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 16.97 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.839 acres, more or less.

**Faryl Armstrong and Clay A. Armstrong**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cameron S. Truelove and Krista S. Truelove**, of Martin County, Indiana, 421 Fairview Street, Loogootee, containing 1/5 acre, more or less.

**William M. Heckard**, of Monroe County, Indiana to **William L. Heckard**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 25, 26, 27, and 28 in the McCormick's Subdivision of Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the town of West Shoals, in Shoals, Indiana.

**Scott L. Arvin and Jason M. Kirk**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Edward L. Seals**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.16 acres, more or less.

**Norman C. McCloskey and Marthana L. McCloskey**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Edward R. McCloskey**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east one half commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot Number 18 in Risacher's First Addition to Loogootee, Indiana, thence north to the south line of lands conveyed to Victor and Norma Arvin, then west along the south line of the lands of Victor and Norma Arvin and an extension of said south line to Kentucky Avenue, thence south along the east line of said Kentucky Avenue to a point due west of the northwest corner of Lot Number 20 in Risacher's First Addition to Loogootee, Indiana, thence east 214 feet to the northeast corner of Lot Number 18, the place of beginning. Except a portion of the south half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing 0.09 acres. Also, a part of the south half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, except 38 feet of even width off of the entire south end of herein described strip of land.

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# Loogootee Police log

## Monday, May 23

2:39 p.m. - Male caller reported that someone had stolen his Xbox from his residence. Chief Rayhill talked to subject did a case report

2:48 p.m. - Male caller reported a subject driving under the influence and no driver's license. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle everything checked out.

5:04 p.m. - Trisha Fox, of North Line Street, reported a tree had fallen onto a house across the street from her residence. Sgt. Norris went to the area.

5:04 p.m. - Unknown caller reported a tree blocking the southbound lane six miles north of Loogootee on U.S. 231. Contacted Martin County with the information.

5:16 p.m. - Report of a tree blocking the roadway on High Street. The street department was notified.

5:49 p.m. - A female was on station to report vandalism to her son's truck. Sgt. Norris talked with her.

6:40 p.m. - Mike Newton, of South Oak Street, reported vandalism to his truck and someone had moved his trailer. Sgt. Norris went to the location and did a case report on the incident.

7:30 p.m. - Female came on station to report a civil dispute. Sgt. Norris talked with her.

9:36 p.m. - Female called in requesting extra patrol on Queen Street.

## Tuesday, May 24

8:14 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested first responders to Cedar Street. The fire department responded.

9:30 a.m. - Female came on station requesting assistance in getting some personal property from her son's residence. Chief Rayhill went with her.

11:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at 506 SW 3rd Street. Contacted Martin County to send the ambulance.

7:20 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver traveling toward Loogootee at a high rate of speed from the Shoals area.

## Wednesday, May 25

12:58 p.m. - First responders were requested on SR 550 for a vehicle accident.

6:05 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported an open door at a local business.

10:46 p.m. - Caller reported a tree limb in the roadway on NW 1st Street.

10:59 p.m. - Caller reported a tree limb in the roadway on Bloomfield Road.

## Thursday, May 26

Unknown time - Caller reported downed trees on US 231 South.

3:46 p.m. - Caller reported his brother was causing damage at his mother's house on Queen Street.

4:40 p.m. - Tom Trayweek, of Loogootee, reported stolen medication.

4:44 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible fire on US 231 South. No fire was observed.

4:58 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street. Officer Nolan responded.

5:59 p.m. - Caller reported two dogs on her property.

## Friday, May 27

Unknown time - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Dewey Street.

4:10 a.m. - Caller reported a car alarm going off on Church Street.

12:40 p.m. - First responders were requested on Locust Street for lifting assistance.

4:19 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

## Saturday, May 28

6:08 a.m. - Caller reported loud music on Broadway Street.

2:26 p.m. - DCSO reported a drive-off at the Haysville gas station.

5:24 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female on North Street.

6:24 p.m. - Caller reported a fight in progress on East Broadway Street. Captain Akles responded.

6:37 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Nobles Court.

8:34 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a vehicle all over the road on US 231.

8:58 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested the Loogootee Fire Department for traffic control on US 231.

9:44 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

## Sunday, May 29

3:01 p.m. - First responders were requested on Dover Hill Road for a male with chest pains.

3:24 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SE 1st Street.

4:03 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle all over the road eastbound towards Shoals. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

4:01 p.m. - Caller reported a driver with a suspended driver's license.

6:48 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

## Monday, May 30

2:50 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette assisted DCSO with a traffic accident on Hwy 50.

6:54 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

9:30 a.m. - Caller requested a VIN check.

1:56 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a speeding vehicle on US 231. Vehicle was located but no traffic violations were observed.

1:52 p.m. - Female reported problems with a child custody issue.

5:50 p.m. Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

6:05 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

10:40 p.m. - Caller reported his front door open upon arrival. Officer Branham responded.

# Jail bookings

## Wednesday, May 25

2:00 p.m. - Chelse Smith, 19, of Frankfort, was arrested and charged with theft, forgery, and identity deception.

2:30 p.m. - James C. Measrosh, 33, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Martin County warrant for possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana.

## Saturday, May 28

12:18 a.m. - Linda M. Trambaugh, 60, of Loogootee was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and transported to the Martin County Security Center.

9:28 p.m. - Gregory Halcomb, 41, of Shoals was arrested and charged with criminal recklessness and pointing a firearm.

## Sunday, May 29

8:38 p.m. - Rocky Morton, 23, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with driving while suspended.

## Monday, May 30

5:48 p.m. - Bradford Williamson, 51, of Odon, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

# 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 20

Ryan V. Lane, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Dylan T. Beyers, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### May 24

John D. Truelove, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Gina M. Bearshak, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

James C. Mesarosh, possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

#### May 18

Justin M. Rembe, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 58 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

#### May 23

William Hamblin, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve two days in the Martin County Security Center with zero days suspended.

#### May 25

Darrell Baker, convicted of intimidation, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days in the Martin County Security Center with 515 days suspended. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

Terry Arthur, convicted of intimidation on a law enforcement officer, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 546 days in the Martin County Security Center with 475 days suspended. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

#### May 18

Justin M. Rembe, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

#### May 23

Darrell Baker, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

James Stewart, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; neglect of a dependent resulting in bodily injury, a Class C Felony, dismissed.

dismissed.

Glenn Wyatt, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

#### May 24

Jason Greene, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

#### May 25

Terry Arthur, two counts of resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony, dismissed; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class D Felony, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; intimidation on a law enforcement officer, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### May 20

Indiana University Credit Union vs. Carl S. Stanger, civil collection.

#### May 23

Discover Bank vs. Ronald Gilbert, civil collection.

Kimberly Fegan-Chambers vs. Steven D. Chambers, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

#### May 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One and against the defendant Michael Hopkins in the amount of \$1,825.28.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One and against the defendant Sandra M. Sherfick in the amount of \$11,100.25.

#### May 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Deaconess Hospital and against the defendant David Bledsoe in the amount of \$5,849.66.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding and against the defendant Mike Chambers in the amount of \$4,266.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One and against the defendant Karen Hilderbrand in the amount of \$868.13.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. and against the defendants David B. Sanders and Janet L. Hembree for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$87,176.14.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

#### May 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Justin D. Bruce in the amount of \$4,048.87.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Susan and Frankie Busby in the amount of \$586.90.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Bradley and Miriam Jolliff in the amount of \$574.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant April L. Ranard in the amount of \$452.92.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Ronald D. Olsen Jr. in the amount of \$589.59.

#### May 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Douglas Bennett in the amount of \$489.

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

#### May 18 - May 24

Sherman Green, Russell Springs, Kentucky, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Lacey Hawkins, Shoals, speeding 55 in a 40; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Wendy Pilcher, Jensen Beach, Florida, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

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## FOR RENT

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

## Indiana State Police to conduct sobriety check point in Martin County on June 3

Troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper Post will be conducting a sobriety check point at an undisclosed location in Martin County on Friday, June 3. Those drivers passing through the check point area should have their licenses and registrations ready to present to troopers and will only be detained briefly while troopers determine whether further investigation is necessary.

The purpose of the sobriety check point is to remove those motorists from the highways who are alcohol and/or drug impaired and poses a danger to all who use the roadways. Impaired drivers are responsible for billions of dollars in property damage, personal injury, and death annually.

Lieutenant Don Bolen, Commander of the Jasper Post said, "In Indiana almost one quarter of the fatal crashes on Indiana roadways involves alcohol, therefore keeping in line with our Department's mission to reduce the number of fatal crashes we will be

conducting this checkpoint in an effort to deter people from drinking and driving."

Reminders so motorists do not find themselves "Over the Limit and Under Arrest":

-Plan ahead and always designate a sober driver before consuming alcohol.

-Don't drive your vehicle if you've been drinking alcohol. Call a taxi or sober friend.

-Take care of your friends. Never let a friend drive while impaired. Take their keys.

If you are hosting a party, always offer non-alcoholic beverages. Make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.

-Never provide alcohol to anyone under the legal drinking age of 21.

Motorists encountering another vehicle being operated erratically are encouraged to dial 911 or call the Jasper Indiana State Police Post at (812) 482-1441 or 800-742-7475 and be prepared to give a description of the vehicle, location, and direction of travel.

## Summer driving safety tips from ISP

With the hot summer temperatures here and summer vacations coming up the Indiana State Police would like to remind motorists of the following safety tips.

-On hot days, the temperature inside vehicles can climb rapidly and may exceed 100 degrees. Be very careful with children and pets — even when you're at home and the car is parked.

-Never leave your child unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows down.

-Teach children not to play in, on, or around cars.

-Always lock car doors and trunks — even at home — and keep keys out of children's reach.

-Always make sure all child passengers have left the car when you reach your destination. Don't overlook sleeping infants.

-When securing your child in a safety restraint system in a car that has been parked in the heat, check to make sure seating surfaces and equipment (child safety seat and safety belt buckles) aren't too hot.

-Use a light covering to shade the seat of your parked car. Consider using shades on windows.

Proper vehicle maintenance in warm weather will allow you to make it to your destinations. Remember the following:

-Your cooling system should be completely flushed and refilled as recommended in your owner's manual. The level, condition, and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. (A 50/50 mix of anti-freeze and water is usually recommended.)

-If your car overheats — or if you are doing regular maintenance at home — never remove the radiator cap until the engine has thoroughly cooled.

-A professional should check the tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps, and hoses.

Tire care, while important throughout the year, is especially critical in warm weather because long trips, heavy loads, high speeds and higher temperatures all put additional stress on your tires.

Check your tires regularly to be sure there are no visible signs of wear or damage.

Be sure your tires are properly inflated. Check your tire pressure often with a gauge, especially on long trips. Measure when the tires are cold, before you drive on them. You can find the recommended inflation pressure in your owner's manual, on a label frequently found in the glove box, near the door latch on the driver's side, or other locations on your vehicle. The recommended

inflation pressure is not to be confused with the maximum inflation pressure shown on the side of the tire. At the recommended inflation pressure, tires will last longer and be less likely to fail, and the car will use less fuel. Serious injury can result from tire failure because of under inflation or overloading.

Never overload your vehicle. Your car and tires are designed to operate safely only up to their load limits. These limits are shown in your owner's manual and on the certification plate on the edge of the driver's door.

Make sure there is enough tread on the tire to operate safely, and make sure the tires are wearing normally. All grooves should be visible and deep enough to at least touch the top of Lincoln's head on a penny inserted head first in the tread. Low tread or bald tires are unsafe and need to be replaced.

If some spots on the tire seem to be wearing faster than others, see your service station or mechanic. You could have misaligned wheels, worn shock absorbers, or other potential problems. Make sure your tires are aligned and balanced properly.

Don't drive at a high rate of speed for a long time, particularly in hot weather. Obey posted speed limits. Lower speeds also mean better gas mileage.

(Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Weather Service, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Federal Citizen Information Center, Washington State SAFE KIDS Coalition)

Also make sure you carry a roadside emergency kit to include: water, food, a charged cell phone, flash light, fire extinguisher, and a first aid kit.

As with any travels you are planning please let someone know your route of travel and itinerary. Following these tips will hopefully allow you and your family to have a fun and safe summer.

**NOTICE:** On May 13, 2011 at 4 p.m. - Lawrence Dant contacted the Martin County Sheriff's Department to report a burglary at his residence. Dant advised of 24 firearms taken from his residence. Dant is offering a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the recovery of the firearms and the arrest of the suspect or suspects involved. The investigating officer is Corporal Keith Keller with the Martin County Sheriff's Department. He was assisted by Chief Deputy Tony Dant and Indiana State Police Trooper Dana Miller, Crime Scene Processor.

## Martin County accident reports

### Monday, May 23

4:48 p.m. - Kaylee Hastings, 31, of Loogootee, was backing from her driveway on County Rd. 250N. She advised that she had looked both ways and the roadway was clear so she proceeded to back out. Once the rear of the vehicle was in the roadway, she observed a blue 1989 Chevrolet Celebrity traveling eastbound towards her vehicle. She stopped her black 2008 Jeep in an attempt to avoid a collision. The driver of the Chevrolet, Robert Bateman, of Loogootee, advised he steered his vehicle to the right towards the ditch in an attempt to also avoid a collision, but the left rear driver's side passenger door and fender of the Bateman vehicle struck the left rear driver's side bumper of the Hastings vehicle. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan.

5:00 p.m. - Victoria Sipes, 31, of Shoals, reported that she was traveling westbound on U.S. 50, near Max Warren's curve when a tree branch fell and landed on the windshield of her 2005 Honda Pilot. Damage was sustained to the windshield and the upper driver's side door frame. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan.

### Wednesday, May 25

1:23 p.m. - Judith A. Yarnell, of Shoals, was operating a 2001 Chevy and backing from a parking spot at CVS when she backed into a 1996 Buick owned by Jaime Holt, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported Chief Rayhill investigated.

### Saturday, May 28

10:33 a.m. - Laura E. Belcher, 33, of Odon, was westbound on U.S. 150 near Panhandle Road. She reported that a deer ran out in front of her and she swerved to miss the deer. The Belcher vehicle went over the embankment and hit a tree and a utility pole. Belcher was transported to Bloomington Hospital of Orange County. The investigating officer was Corporal Keith Keller.

### Monday, May 30

11:03 a.m. - Leroy Anderson, 49, of Columbus, was traveling East on S.R. 550, near Abel Hill Road on an orange 1982 Honda Goldwing. He started into a curve and lost control. He ran off the roadway and turned over, coming to rest on some logs along the side of the highway. Both Mr. Anderson and his wife, who was a passenger, were treated at the scene by Emergency Medical Technicians and refused transportation to the hospital. The investigating officer was Chief Deputy Tony Dant.

12:09 p.m. - Valerie Fromme, 37, of Jasper, was on Reinhart Road and making a right turn into a private driveway in a brown 2004 Chevrolet. Fromme struck a parked and unoccupied vehicle owned by Carolyn Wagler. Damage was sustained to the Fromme vehicle along the entire driver's side. The Wagler vehicle sustained damage to the left rear fender and bumper. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan.

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### St. John Seniors

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High school seniors recognized at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee at Mass on Sunday, May 22 are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Hannah LaMar, altar server; Megan Lottes, Ryan Dant, and Meghan Mathies, altar server. In the second row, from left to right, are Leah Lottes, Keriann Lents, Mary Ann Wininger, Mitch Green, and Alexis Walker. In the third row, from left to right, are Tia Pennington, Allyson Arvin, Jill Taylor, Kylie Sims, and Phillip Hart. In the back row, from left to right, are Ben Hogan, Chelsea Clifton, Fr. Joseph Erbacher, pastor; Brittany Eckerle, Tyler Jacobs, Bryant Ackerman, emcee; Clinton Burch, and Stephen Bradley.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

### Mark Messmer



Remembering those who protect the American dream

Memorial Day, originally called Declaration Day, was created to honor the fallen soldiers of the Civil War. Our Founding Fathers created a revolutionary way of life and it is important that we remember those that have fought to protect our independence and freedoms and that we show our respect for their heroic efforts.

Memorial Day, which is often thought of as a kick off to the summer season with BBQs and the opening of pools, is a day when we can and should also gather to honor all of the armed services personnel killed in defense of our country. It is almost impossible to thank them for that sacrifice, but it is important that we take time to re-

member them and show how grateful we are to them.

Over the last 10 years many of us have been personally affected by the tragedies of war. Whether it is a daughter or son, a father or mother, an aunt or uncle, a niece or nephew, or a friend we have known someone who lost their life fighting for our great country and the American way of life.

For more than two centuries America has been the land of the free, the home of brave and we must remember that the price of freedom is not cheap. It has taken the devotion of countless men and women to allow us to continue to live as we do today, and it is our responsibility to make sure that they are never forgotten.

On Monday my daughter and I were at the Winslow Memorial Day Observance and played Taps to honor the fallen. While I hope that you took time to enjoy the warm weather and time with family and friends I also encourage you to pause for a moment to remember and honor the numerous brave soldiers that have fought and made the ultimate sacrifice for every one of us. Please also remember the families of current soldiers and the sacrifices they make every day so that we are protected. God bless America.



### First Communion

-Photo provided

On May 1, the First Communion Class from St. John Catholic Church received the sacrament. Shown above, in the front row from left to right, are Brayden Sutton, Aaron Dant, Jalen Wildman, Jordan Wildman, Asia Crim, Maddie Milligan, Tristen Tinkle, Shealyn Arthur, Macy McAtee, Delani Bateman, Tommy Jones, Tyler Wagoner, and Seth Blackwell. In the second row, from left to right, are Trey Fuhs, Austin Brittain, Kayden Sutton, Adie Nolley, Kallin Trambaugh, Aspen Salmon, Makenzie VanHoy, Mattie Miller, Karoline Tedrow, Sara Street, Bryant Ackerman, server; and Ayden Wilson. In the back row, from left to right, are Keriann Lents, assistant instructor; Caleb Dant, altar server; Jake Blackwell, altar server; Fr. Joseph F. Erbacher, pastor; Brandon Eckerle, altar server; Noel Harty, master of ceremonies; and Julie Sutton, instructor



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## Quite a catch

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Carolyn S. Newlin, of Shoals, caught this gigantic catfish on May 27 in Dubois County. She was fishing with a regular fishing pole and a red worm on a 25-pound test line. She struggled with this one for 3.5 hours before finally reeling it in. It weighed 44.6 pounds and was 46.5 inches long.

## Free Fishing Weekend is this Sat. and Sun.

Free Fishing Weekend, June 4 and 5, provides a chance for kids and adults to participate at recreation areas located across Indiana that are planning fun fishing derbies, casting clinics, fish-cleaning demonstrations and cooking classes.

A list of the many sites offering special events for kids for the weekend is at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3598.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3598.htm).

Free Fishing Weekend also is a great chance for Hoosier adults who don't fish or haven't for a while to take a child fishing. That's because Indiana's adult residents do not need a license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish Indiana waters during Free Fishing Weekend.

With children age 17 and younger not needing a fishing license at any time, it's a perfect match. All other fishing regulations are still in effect during Free Fishing Weekend.

Adults who decide they want to buy a license for the rest of the year can do so any time at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5330.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5330.htm).

Individuals who need reasonable modifications for effective participation in Free Fishing Weekend events at DNR properties should contact the property at least 72 hours before the event or call the DNR ADA Coordinator at (317) 232-4145.

Want a better way to find the fish? Several new lake bathymetry (depth) maps have been added to DNR's website just in time for Free Fishing Weekend. This brings the number of such maps to 63 now available for free download in digital format.

The additions include two in Warrick County (Blue Grass and Otter), as well as Shipshewana and Nauvoo in LaGrange County, and Mud Lake in Noble County, and Indian Lake in DeKalb County.

Armed with these maps, Hoosier anglers of all experience levels can hit the water knowing the location of the deep holes and shallow areas fish love.

The complete list is available at Indiana Lake depth maps at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5759.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5759.htm)

## Crop insurance weighs heavily on farmers' planting decisions

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

As the June 5 final planting date nears for the full crop insurance yield and revenue guarantees for corn, a Purdue Extension agricultural economist says there are a lot of factors that come into play when farmers are deciding how to manage their 2011 crop.

First, farmers need to take into consideration the type of crop insurance they've purchased for 2011 and whether or not the crop has been planted, said George Patrick.

There are two basic types of crop insurance. Farmer-based coverage is an individual policy based on a producer's yield history and actual yields. The farmer-based insurance includes coverage for a 25-day late planting period, replant coverage and prevented planting.

In contrast, group or county insurance policies base indemnity payments on county yields and revenue.

"If producers have the farm-based insurance, they have a different set of management options than those who have group risk plans," Patrick said. "Farmers with the group risk plan really don't have a lot of management options as far as crop insurance is concerned."

Farmers with individual plans who have planted a corn crop that is now in poor condition have to decide whether to leave the crop as is, replant with the same crop or to shift to another crop.

"Those looking to shift to another crop need to work with their crop insurance agents to be sure they are complying with all regulations so they don't run into any problems with collecting on an indemnity," Patrick said.

If a producer with farm-based insurance has not yet been able to plant a crop, the decision comes down to a prevented planting payment versus late planting or perhaps a shift to soybeans. The final planting date for soybeans to qualify for the full yield and revenue guarantees is June 20.

Farmers who are unable to plant corn by June 5 may qualify for a prevented planting payment for corn.

This payment is 60 percent of the guaranteed yield or revenue level they purchased for the 2011 growing season. Coverage levels range from 50 percent to 85 percent, with 65-75 percent historically being the most popular.

After June 5 for corn, and June 20 for

soybeans, yield and revenue guarantee levels are reduced by 1 percent each day during the 25-day late planting period.

"It becomes a question of whether a farmer would have more net income from taking the prevented planting payment, or whether they would be better off to go ahead and plant even though they would expect to have a reduced yield," Patrick said. "So part of it would come down to what costs already have been incurred, and what additional costs would come with going ahead and trying to produce a crop. Producers need to work through the potential costs and returns on both sides."

One of the major costs farmers would need to consider would be fertilizer. If nitrogen already has been applied, it creates a much different situation from that of a farmer who has not yet applied fertilizer.

"If most of the inputs are still in the shed, farmers are probably more likely to have higher returns with prevented planting," Patrick said. "However, if everything but the seed is already in the field, farmers may find they are better off planting."

Patrick also said it's important to note that if a producer does take a prevented planting payment, their historical yield average, or APH, will use the 60 percent yield for 2011.

Farmers who choose a prevented planting payment may be required to plant a cover crop. Producers need to remember that in order to receive a prevented planting payment cover crops cannot be grazed or used as a forage crop.

"The bottom line is that the crop insurance provisions are pretty specific in a number of instances, so farmers need to work with their crop insurance agents to make sure they are doing everything they need to in order to comply," Patrick said. "Working with an agent will help ensure producers don't run into problems with collecting on an indemnity to which they are entitled."

More crop insurance information and resources are available on the following websites:

\* Purdue Extension's Chat 'n Chew Café: <http://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/corn/cafe/>

\* Ohio State University Extension's Ohio Ag Manager: <http://ohioagmanager.osu.edu/>

\* University of Illinois Extension's Farm Doc Daily: <http://www.farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/>

\* National Crop Insurance Services: <http://www.ag-risk.org/>

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# Red Skelton Festival is June 8-11

The city of Vincennes will "paint the town Red" during its annual Red Skelton Festival, June 8-11. Named for Vincennes native Red Skelton, one of America's clowns, the festival will feature Clown Follies, a Parade of a Thousand Clowns, a clown pie fight, and much more family-friendly fun.

Hobo Stew Night kicks off the Festival on Wednesday, June 8, at 6 p.m. (EDT), at Third and Vigo streets, beneath the Red Skelton mural. Sponsored by the American Legion, Boy Scouts, and the Knox County Shrine Club, the scouts will be selling beef stew as a fundraiser. Entertainment will be provided by students of the Red Skelton Clown School as they put their new hobo skills into play with the audience. Bathub races featuring four-member community teams will highlight the evening and teams can sign up by calling the Knox County Chamber of Commerce, 812-882-6440.

On Thursday, the World's Biggest Birthday Party will begin at 6 p.m. at the Riverfront Pavilion on Second and Busseron streets. Featuring dessert, music, and prizes, the Clown School students will again be on hand to entertain at the circus-themed event which sponsored by Old National Bank.

On Friday, the public is invited to watch a real Clown Pie Fight at noon on the lawn of the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. The Clown School students will be hurling clown pies at each other and the audience can participate, too, if they like. The Skelton Center is located on Red Skelton Boulevard on the Vincennes University Campus.

The Red Skelton Clown Follies will be presented at the Skelton Center at 7 p.m. From slapstick to comedy to magic, the variety show will feature two Hall of Fame clowns and some of the most lively entertainers of all time. General admission tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Skelton Center box office at 812-888-4039. All proceeds from tickets sales will support the Red Skelton Museum.

The Red Skelton Festival will culminate on Saturday with Paint the Town Red events downtown from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be food vendors, children's activities, and a variety of slapstick clown entertainment. Willow Manor Nursing Facility will sponsor a doughnut-eating contest at 1 p.m. and participants can sign up at the information booth on the corner of Second and Main streets. Following the contest will be a Clown Beauty Contest featuring local dignitaries styled by the Clown School students. The winner will be chosen by a panel of judges and announced that afternoon.

Red's "Commentary on the Pledge of Allegiance" will be broadcast on radio station WZDM 92.1 and over the Main Street speakers beginning at 11 a.m., followed by the Parade of a 1,000 Clowns.

The Red Skelton Museum Gift Shop, located at the Skelton Center, will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the Red Skelton Festival, call the Vincennes/Knox County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 812-886-6443, or log onto [www.vincennescvb.org](http://www.vincennescvb.org).

RED SKELTON -  
A REMARKABLE LIFE

Born in Vincennes on July 18, 1913, Red

Skelton joined a medicine show at age ten, beginning a lifelong entertainment career. Although he died at age 84 on September 17, 1997, he is currently ranked among the top five most popular deceased celebrities, sharing top-billing with Lucille Ball, Bob Hope, John Wayne, and Jimmy Stewart.

Skelton is one of few performers to succeed in four entertainment genres - vaudeville, radio, movies, and television. It was the influence of a Vincennes performance by vaudeville great Ed Wynn that led Skelton to perfect his own comedy routines. To honor his lifetime achievements, Red received the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Governor's Emmy Award in 1986 and, with it, the critical praise he deserved.

"The Red Skelton Show" ran on television a record 20 consecutive years, from 1951 to 1971, and was consistently among the top-rated programs. The only TV performer with a longer stay was Ed Sullivan (24 years as host of "The Ed Sullivan Show"). Through his radio and TV career, Skelton introduced unforgettable characters like Freddie the Freeloader; country bumpkin Clem Kadiddlehopper; Willy Lump Lump, the drunk; Cauliflower McPugg, the boxer; the Mean Widdle Kid; and con man San Fernando Red.

Based on longevity and audience size, "The Red Skelton Show" was the second most popular show in TV history ("Gunsmoke" is first). Long after his television career ended, Skelton continued to perform to sell-out audiences throughout the nation and overseas, and was particularly popular on the college circuit.

Skelton starred in more than 30 motion pictures, wrote 5,000 musical selections - many of which have been performed and recorded by Arthur Fiedler, Van Cliburn, David Rose, and the London Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. He also has written 64 symphonies that have been performed by the Las Vegas Symphony, Thomas Mancini, Anthony Movella, and the Palm Springs Desert Symphony Orchestra. In his spare time, Skelton was a prolific portrait painter of clowns. He is also one of the few entertainers to have performed for eight U.S. Presidents - from Roosevelt through Reagan - and to receive a private audience with three Popes - Pope Pius XXII, Pope John, and Pope Paul.

Red Skelton presented his famous "Commentary on the Pledge of Allegiance" before a joint session of Congress and at Independence Hall. His Pledge of Allegiance won him 42 awards and has been read into the Congressional Record.

He was a major supporter of children's charities, including the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital and the Red Skelton Foundation in Vincennes.

Other lifetime honors include awards from the American Legion, the American Freedom Foundation, and the United Conference of Christians and Jews. He holds honorary doctorate degrees from Boston's Emerson College, Vincennes University, Ball State University, and Indiana State University.

Among his other honors is the Cecil B. DeMille Award for outstanding contributions to the entertainment industry, the Governor's Award presented to him by Lucille Ball at the Emmy's Show, and induction into the Television Academy Hall of Fame. He also received the Screen Actors Guild's highest award for humanitarian service to the industry.

## Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society had two female, Dachshund/Yorkie Poo mix puppies that need a good loving home. They will be small dogs and they are 10 weeks old. Call Don for adoption fee on these pups at 812-296-0952. The humane society currently has a lot of dogs that need a good home. You can check out the Martin County Humane Society website at [www.martincountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.martincountyhumanesociety.org) for more information.

## Calendar of Events

### Shawn Ministry meeting

The non-denominational Woven with Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Monday, June 6 and Monday, June 27 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church in the prayer room. Yarn, patterns, needles, and hooks are available upon request. For more information, contact Dianna Overall at 295-2639 or Teresa Davis at 295-2947.

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet in special session Friday, June 3 at 5:30 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.

### 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.

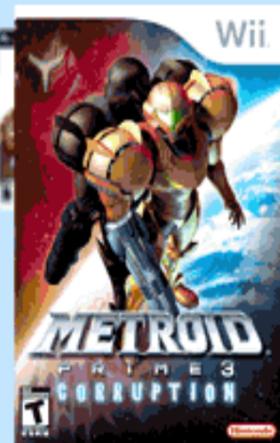
### Martin County ABATE meetings

The Martin County Chapter of ABATE of Indiana will meet Wednesday, June 15 at 6 p.m. in Loogootee Family Restaurant.



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## The sky's the limit

Loogootee and Shoals High Schools held their commencement ceremonies last weekend sending off another graduating class. In the photo above is the Loogootee Class of 2011 and in the bottom photo the Shoals Class of 2011.



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The *Martin County Journal* inadvertently made an error in Mr. Phillips' senior spotlight last week, therefore we are running the corrected version below. The MCJ sincerely apologizes to Brad and the Phillips' family for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.



**BRADLEY PHILLIPS**

Bradley Allen Phillips is the son of Jeff and Cindy 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.

## Summer classes, programs at the 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 [www.constitutioninstitute.org/](http://www.constitutioninstitute.org/) or call or stop by the learning center to register before June 9.

**USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder)** - The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the Federal government's official website and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an on-line resume training session and will provide applicants with information and advice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshop will be held on June 23 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Call the learning center to sign up.

**Résumé Writing and Career Planning** - Need help with your résumé? Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting will offer Résumé Assistance-Level One on 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 encouraged to contact SOAR! at 812-709-1618 for further information.

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

Contact - Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email [kkerr8@ivytech.edu](mailto:kkerr8@ivytech.edu)

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

### Walton headed to state

Loogootee's Lauren Walton qualified for the Track and Field State Championship track meet at regional last week. Lauren tied for 3rd place in the high jump with a jump of 5'2". This is the third year in a row that Lauren has qualified for the state meet. She will compete for a state championship on June 4 at the Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington.

### Loogootee Sixth Grader receives ICTM math award

Congratulations to the 2011 Loogootee Intermediate School student recipient of the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Mathematics award. Martina Stevens received the ICTM Award for excellence in Mathematics for the 2010-2011 school year.

Martina is a 6th grader in Mr. Sanders's LEAP Math class. She has maintained an "A" average all year. Martina also participated in Math Fax, and was a member of the school's Math Bowl team that finished 5th in the state.



-Photo provided

Mrs. Hawkins' Fourth Grade Class at Shoals got a surprise visit from Jerad Emmons. The students had sent letters and a care package to him while he was on duty. Jerad is the uncle of Ryan Spurgeon and cousin to Aryonna Braun who are in the class. He talked to the students about being in the service and what he does. He even brought the students a token too. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are Georgia Bryson, Josh Richardson, Maddy Gaines, Ivy Andis, Amber Fields, Angel Hampton, and Olivia Stoll. In the second row, from left to right, are Matthew Newkirk, John Sukup, Calli Winger, Hallie Wyman, Aryonna Braun, Jarod Waggoner, Melanie Hawkins, Hunter Spurgeon (Jerad's other nephew). In the back row, from left to right, are Evan Wagoner, Kyle Montgomery, Harley Spurgeon, Ryan Hawkins, Ryan Spurgeon, Jerad Emmons, Klayton Tichenor, Lori Albright, Chase Fromme, and Alyssa Hernandez.

# Loogootee Fifth Graders L.E.A.D. the way

The Loogootee 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 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 the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service Extension Educator, Jonathan Stevens, along with fifth-grade teachers.

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, Deputy John Fischer, Prosecutor Michael Steiner, Excise Officer Brian Stewart, Loss Prevention Officer Gary Sprinkles, and Admission Manager of Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village T.J. Brink.

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 Lane Keller. In addition, each student was required to submit an essay regarding their L.E.A.D. experience. The essay winners are as follows: Leighton Seals, 1st place; Carson Rayhill, 2nd place; and Savannah McAtee, 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 support from the Martin County Prosecutor's Office and the Martin County Probation Department. They would like to take this opportunity 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 for the each trial are as follows:

Judge: Lane Keller  
 Donna's Chief Defense Attorney: Dylan

Arthur  
 Ann's Chief Defense Attorney: Kenadi Rumble  
 Donna's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Brandon Eckerle  
 Ann's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Taylin Trambaugh  
 Donna's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Cole Harmon  
 Ann's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Anaya Carrico  
 Donna's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Jamison Hennette  
 Ann's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Marina Lents  
 Donna's 4th Assistant Defense Attorney: Corbin Henninger  
 Ann's 4th Assistant Defense Attorney: Elizabeth Stoll  
 Donna's 5th Assistant Defense Attorney: Dylan Ritchie  
 Ann's 5th Assistant Defense Attorney: Anthony Bonte  
 Chief Prosecuting Attorney: Carson Rayhill  
 1st Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Leighton Seals  
 2nd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: MKaden Gregory  
 3rd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Katie Sims  
 4th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Ross Adams  
 5th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Adam Greene  
 6th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Brandon Armstrong  
 Ken Miller: Luke Callison  
 Barbara Beach: Julianne Bell  
 John Smith: Justin Hellums  
 Police Officer John Doe: Dylan Jones  
 Connie Charles: Jody Seals  
 Donna Decker: Kristin Norris  
 Ann Anderson: Estralia Brewer  
 Court Reporter: Kayla Taylor  
 Bailiffs: Jalen Pearson, Austin Woody, and Christopher Hager  
 Head Jurors: Emily Whitworth, Chris Wilson, and Haley Burch  
 Jurors: Candice Clark, Josh Cook, Monica Cowin, Cora Hedrick, Dalton Higdon, Ruger Hopkins, Jordan Kaiser, Brycen Reinhart, Kim Rogers, Nicole Shavor, Zach Taylor, Victoria Turpin, Karika Young, Taiya Armstrong, Justin Clark, Josh Daniels, Heather Harshaw, Zachary Koenig, Harley Lawrence, Savannah McAtee, Brianna Price, Megan Street, Dylan Sturgeon, C.J. Brown, Shalyn Bruner, C.J. Hellums, Sara Hollis, Alex Hughett, Jordan Leatherman, Zach Lythgoe, Trevor Mason, Dometyer Riker, Halle Sheetz, and Alissa Whitehead



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Shown above are the Loogootee L.E.A.D. Essay and Logo Contest winners. In the front row, from left to right, are Leighton Seals, Carson Rayhill, Savannah McAtee, and Lane Keller. In the back is Martin County Judge Lynne Ellis.

## L.E.A.D. winning essays from Loogootee

### 1ST PLACE How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life By Leighton Seals

Have you enjoyed L.E.A.D.? I certainly have! I've learned valuable knowledge from the messages that the speakers gave about this program. L.E.A.D. has taught me about my responsibilities if I break the law. We can choose to break the law and take a chance we don't get caught or we can obey the law and not have to worry about it. If we break the law and get caught, we have to pay the consequences for the decisions we have made.

Of all the guest speakers, Mr. Steiner got my attention the most. He is a very intelligent man and a role model for me. Looking at the job he now has shows how hard he has worked to be successful. He told a powerful story about a family traveling to Holiday World for a fun-filled day which turned out to be a day of tragedy. One drink can lead to another and another and can cloud a person's judgment. This story made a very big impression on my life. When I grow up I want to be a lawyer like Mike Steiner, and help bring justice to people in need.

I would also like to acknowledge Lisa Brittain and Jonathan Stevens for helping us. They were with us the entire L.E.A.D. program. I appreciate everything they taught me such as the difference between laws and rules. I need to know the laws to make the right choices in my life. I never gave much thought to how making the right choices could affect my life until the people in this program brought it to my attention.

In my future, I will obey the rules and laws to avoid hurting others or myself. I plan to obey the laws so that the quality of my life will be good and not be spent in jail. My mother, father, grandmother, and church have taught me rules and this program has taught me about the laws. Thank you to everyone who has made this valuable program possible.

### 2ND PLACE How the L.E.A.D Program has influenced my Life By Carson Rayhill

There is a saying that knowledge is power. Now that I have experienced the L.E.A.D. program, I feel prepared for my future decisions. L.E.A.D. has taught me that good choices get good results. It also taught me that if you break the law or commit a crime, you may have to endure terrible consequences. Some of these consequences are community service, house arrest, and the children's youth village. L.E.A.D. taught me how to avoid these consequences, and what to do if we see someone break the law.

I think that L.E.A.D. is a wonderful program for fifth graders because what crimes we do as juveniles, we will most likely do as an adult. In court if you are a juvenile, you do not get a jury trial. This means the judge decides your punishment not a jury. Also, these crimes stay on the court system's record your whole life.

If juveniles decide to smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol, or take drugs, not only is it illegal, but they could get addicted to them their whole life causing health problems. They may also get in trouble with the law. If they are associated with a friend who is doing any of these they could also receive a consequence. This is called guilty of association. If we choose not to do any of these, it will help lead you to a happy, healthy, life.

I hope that future fifth graders will get to experience L.E.A.D. Everyone including me, has dreams, and if they don't break the law they can accomplish any dream they can think of. One of these dreams may include going to college. If you break the law and get a record it is possible that a college may not accept you because of that offense.

I think it is important that future L.E.A.D. students get to learn about our national, state, and local legal systems, the laws, and the consequences.

Finally, I would like to thank Lisa Brittain, all of the guest speakers, and everyone else associated with L.E.A.D. Without you L.E.A.D. would not have been such a huge success.

Knowledge IS power. I will use the knowledge I've gained in L.E.A.D. to fulfill my dreams and goals and become a successful adult!

### 3RD PLACE How L.E.A.D. Has Influenced My Life By Savannah McAtee

Have you ever had a dream? I have! Mine is about going to college and having a good job. But I can't go to college and get a good job if I make bad choices. If you want a good job, you have to follow the rules. Your future boss can see if you were in trouble with the law when you were young.

L.E.A.D. has influenced my life in many different ways. It has helped me realize that the choices I make now have certain consequences for my future. The way I behave and my attitude toward rules at home and in school will help me be a better person. L.E.A.D. has taught me that I am in control of my own future. The mistakes that I make now will follow me forever.

I learned Martin County Judge, Mrs. Lynne E. Ellis, is very nice out of the courtroom, but she also can be strict and harsh if you need to face her in the courtroom. Judge Ellis can assign people to go on probation and to jail. If you fail to meet your probation guidelines, Judge Ellis can assign you to more probation time or even have you serve a jail sentence. After listening to Judge Ellis, I have realized that I do not want to be a juvenile delinquent. I do not want the courts to have control of me. I want to have the freedom to do what I want.

I think L.E.A.D. has been very helpful to 5th graders. It has helped me realize that importance of developing decision making skills. The knowledge I've gained in this program has made a positive difference in my life. Thank you L.E.A.D.!

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# VU adopts record-high budget of \$155.4 million

Vincennes University adopted a \$155.4 million budget last week for fiscal year 2011-12. This is a record-high budget that reflects the growth and statewide outreach of the state's first college.

Adopted unanimously by the VU Board of Trustees, the budget includes a tuition and fee increase of 2.8 percent for both fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 and a one percent increase in tuition and fees for facility repair and rehabilitation for both years. No one spoke in opposition to the tuition and fee increase at a public hearing on May 23 at VU.

The budget also includes a state operating fund increase of \$111,841 for FY 2012, representing an increase of less than one-third of one percent.

"VU is fortunate to not have had our operating fund appropriation cut such as other institutions experienced. We are also fortunate to be able to invest in maintaining our physical facilities for the benefit of our students and programs. It is critical to our mission to invest in repair and rehabilitation of facilities on an on-going basis," said Phil Rath, vice president for Financial Services and Government Relations.

The state operating appropriation per full-time equivalency enrollment at VU has declined from \$5,988 in FY 2007 to \$4,310

in FY 2010. During that same time period, VU's enrollment grew by 29 percent.

The budget includes general fund revenues and expenses of \$77.6 million. On the expenditure side, the general fund budget includes employee compensation totaling about \$50 million. Compensation represents about 70 percent of the general fund budget.

"The budget that was adopted relates to the economic times that we have today. We tried to be sensitive about tuition increases and think about our students and their parents as they seek access to higher education. At the same time, we have a responsibility to maintain a quality program at Vincennes University, so this budget reflects that," said VU President Dick Helton.

VU will continue to offer the lowest tuition and fees among all state residential colleges. Under the new tuition and fees, VU students will pay \$171 more in 2011-12 and \$177 more in 2012-13. For full-time, in-state students, VU tuition will be \$4,705 this year and \$4,882 next year. "We feel very confident that we developed a budget that we can easily justify based on the quality we offer," Helton said.

Helton praised the work of trustees and staff in preparing this year's budget. "We

tried to develop a financial plan that will allow us to grow as an institution and provide programming that is important to our students and the communities we serve," Helton said. He singled out both the Board's Finance/Revenue Committee and the VU Financial Services Area, under Vice President Phil Rath, for their work in developing the budget.

"This has been a challenging budget to prepare but the good news is that it will allow VU to continue to provide a quality education and modern academic facilities comparable to any college in the state, and do this at an affordable cost," Helton said.

Incorporated in the budget is a four-year financial plan that uses conservative enrollment and state funding estimates. The budget also directs funds to those areas emphasized in VU's Strategic Plan.

"When you talk about a budget of this magnitude, the positive impact on the communities we serve is considerable," Helton said. "When we bring a large number of students to our campuses each fall, that also impacts our communities from an economic standpoint, and that's why it is important that we maintain quality programs and find innovative ways to help our students and communities compete in a world economy."

The budget incorporates one new facility that will open in fall 2011 - the Gibson County Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics. This \$12 million training facility will be strategically located near the intersection of Interstate 64 and U.S. 41, a site close to Toyota and many other regional manufacturers. VU's commitment has been matched by the State of Indiana and contributions of business and industry partners to create the 57,342 square-foot facility.

In other action the VU Board of Trustees:

- Approved granting the Finance/Revenue Committee authority to approve bids for the renovation of the former Printing Technology Building into a new Public Safety and Homeland Security Building. Bids were opened last week.

- Approved an employee promotion list.
- Approved curriculum changes that include reactivation of the Pre-Dental Hygiene Program, with revisions, and deactivating the Dance/Theatre Certificate program due to low enrollment.

- Heard a report that shows summer school has attracted 2,977 students - up 168 students compared to last year.

- Congratulated the VU Tennis Team and its Coach Ron Albers for winning the NJCAA Division I National Championship.

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## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

### 'Free markets – my take'

Today, as unbelievable as it may seem, we hear a lot about the wonders of socialism and even communism - how they are so much better than the economic system that has generated unbelievable wealth and prosperity here in the United States. Our economic system is not a totally "free" market system, but, even with the government regulations that have been imposed upon it - all in the name of protecting us - it has served us well.

The socialist or communist systems are so-called "command" economic systems. The rulers of "command" economic systems determine what products and services are to be available for the people to purchase and at what price. In a "free market" system we, the people, decide what products and services are to be available and at what price we are willing to pay. We determine that with our money- if the product or service is valuable to us at a price that we feel is fair, we buy it. If not, we do not buy it. If enough of us do not buy the product or service, the producer may go out of business- he or she fails. It is all voluntary, on

the part of the buyer and the seller. Profits are NOT BAD. They are the incentive for sellers to develop and sell us products and services that we want and depend upon.

A lot of money and risk is involved for the business owner. The business owner must risk his money, time and management talents to bring a product or service to the marketplace. The total objective is to willingly bring a product or service to the market that we, the public want, at a price that we will willingly pay in order to please us, the buyer.

We complain a lot about the price that we pay for a gallon of gasoline today. It is much higher than it was a year ago. Without government interference, however, gasoline always seems to be available. I recently talked to a friend of mine who has been in the gasoline business for several years. He told me that to open a new filling station (4 pumps/convenience store operation) it costs around \$1.7 million dollars. In addition, it costs about \$6,500/month for labor and maintenance of the business. The profit on a gallon of gasoline (subtracting product cost, transportation, storage, labor, taxes and maintenance costs) is about 6-7 cents a gallon. You do not get rich selling gasoline. Typical oil company profit margins are around 6 percent. Typical grocery store profit margins, I believe, are around 2 percent. Grocery products also always seem to be available.

The bottom line is that, without government interference, supply, demand and you determine prices of all of our products and services. That is a free market system in operation. We benefit from this economic system. It has filled our needs and brought us prosperity for over 200 years. Let's not lose it.

God bless you and God bless America.

Dennis Jones  
Shoals, Indiana

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## My Point of View

By Courtney Hughett Owner, MCJ

Thank goodness the school year is over. Man oh man that was something. And, I'm going to be quite frank - I don't expect things to change anytime in the near future. In case you haven't noticed in the past several issues of the Journal, I've decided to just roll with it. You can't force something someone doesn't want.

The bullying issue infecting our schools, however, should be dealt with. I was hearing instances of it constantly this last school year at Loogootee and there at the end, it seemed to escalate. I have no idea why but I have my own theories.

While I believe that the teachers and administrators should play a part in the discipline, it ultimately rests on the parents to teach children right from wrong. I have had the bullying conversation with my boys several times. I remind them constantly that they cannot in any way act like they are better than others. Kids need to understand that some children can't help the way they are, how they look, or the personality they have. Tolerance is the key word I guess. I tell my boys that if they don't care for someone - don't be friends with them. Luckily, we get to choose who we are friends with.

Teachers have to be put in a tough position at school. I know at home when I am not in the room and my boys get into a fight, I have to decide who is telling the truth. And I know them well. For a teacher, that's diffi-

cult. I'm sure it is easier sometimes to just tell the kids to knock it off and not even try to find out who was the instigator.

At Loogootee, suspension seems to be the top answer. I am not in favor of out-of-school suspension. I think most kids would love that. Leaving them in school to write a book report or an essay paper would be way more punishment. Loogootee School Board member Eric Ackerman made a comment at last school board meeting that he would like to see less out-of-school suspensions. I hope that this gets a follow-up prior to next year.

Bullying has an everlasting effect on a person's self-esteem. While I had a pretty good run through school, I did have some real stand-out moments. I remember all of them like they were yesterday. And yes, I'm a girl, and I may be a little overly sensitive but I've watched bullying affect boys too.

I've said this before numerous times but I have come across adults in this community who feed off that ability to hurt someone. I once worked with a guy who thought he shined above them all. I would watch him completely tear down a person using phrases like 'makes me sick', 'I can't stand', 'loser', and then when that person would be in front of him he would act like he was talking to his best friend. It was nauseating. These are the things we should teach our children not to do because otherwise they grow up to be like him.

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By creating a venue where both the seller and customer can meet on a regular basis, the Martin County Farmer's Market is a win-win for everyone.

Opening day of the 2011 season will be this upcoming Saturday, June 4. With only

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