

## Shoals High School to graduate 42 on Saturday

Commencement exercises for Shoals High School will be held in the gymnasium of the Shoals Junior-Senior High School at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7 for 42 candidates for graduation. The junior-senior high school band, under the direction of Joel Weitkamp, will open the commencement program with the Processional, followed by the National Anthem.

The welcome will be presented by Ariel Hert, secretary of the senior class. The invocation will be given by Briana Wagler, historian of the senior class.

The musical selection, "Bohemian Rhapsody," will be presented by the junior-senior high school band. The musical selection, "I Was Here," will be presented by the junior-senior high school choir.

The salutatorian speech will be presented by Robin Hamby. She is the daughter of Jim and Shari Hamby.

The valedictorian speech will be given by Nicole Harder. She is the daughter of Kevin and Joni Harder.

A video presentation, entitled "Class of 2014," will be presented by Briana Wagler.



**NICOLE HARDER**  
Valedictorian

Mrs. Candace Roush, junior-senior high school principal, will present the Class of 2014 to the audience. Ms. Mary Lou



**ROBIN HAMBY**  
Salutatorian

Billings, president of the board of school trustees, and Dr. Joan Keller, superintendent of the Shoals Community Schools, will pres-

ent the diplomas to the graduates. Dr. Keller will announce the acceptance of the Class of 2014.

The farewell address will be given by Kani Tichenor, vice-president of the senior class. The turning of the tassels will be led by Robyn Hamby, president of the senior class. Austin Jones, the junior class president, and Tanner Sorrells, junior class vice president will present the class flower.

The playing of the recessional by the junior-senior high school band will conclude the program.

Members of the Class of 2014 are Jamie Allen Bennington, Erica Jo Bratton, Luke Allen Brett, Caleb Daniel Davis, Richard James Davis, Nick Logan Divine, John Patrick Dixon, Kimberly Dawn Erwin, Robin Paige Hamby \*, Nicole Elaine Harder \*, Cody Daniel Hert, Ariel Nicole Hert \*, Jallynn Cheyenne Hilderbrand, Sarah Amanda Holt, Cole James Hovis \*, Hannah Rose Land, Logan James McCrary, Tyler Joseph McGuire, Victoria Lee McGuire, Cody Dean McKibben, Brandon Scott Melvin, Dakota

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## County competing with others for \$51 million USG expansion

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth Director Tim Kinder spoke to the county council at their meeting Monday night, June 2 about a project he is working on that would be the largest he has done to date for the county. He explained that the project is still in the works and Martin County is competing for it. He said the company, US Gypsum, has the option of working in Martin County or at other locations in Indiana or another state. Kinder said he is working with the state on this project and the state is putting together their own incentives, such as training funds, but the company is asking Martin County for a five-year real property tax abatement (\$11 million) and 10-year personal property abatement (\$40 million). Real property is land and buildings and personal property is machinery and equipment. Kinder said the investment also comes with 30 new jobs and the company has committed to at least 50 percent of those jobs being Martin County residents. The average wage is \$29,120 not including benefits.

Kinder said the company will decide what location they want to expand in by mid-June. He said after they decide where they want to expand, they want to begin work on that expansion in August.

Kinder and council member Warren Albright wanted it noted that if the abatements were approved, it would only be on the new development, not anything existing. It was also noted that abatements do not mean the company would not pay taxes during the abatement years but are on a scale, increasing by percentage each year until back at 100 percent.

Kinder also noted that the expansion at USG would be over the five-year period through 2018, not all at once.

County Attorney David Lett told the council that USG received tax abatement from the county in 1999 and at that time the location was designated as an economic recovery area

*A special county council meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 16 at 6 p.m. This meeting is being called to approve the United State Gypsum Tax Abatement and the resolution regarding the use of county EDIT funds for the Loogootee City Pool Project.*

which is the first step in granting a tax abatement according to state statute. He said that designation in 1999 was open-ended so the timeframe to go forward with these new abatements would be much quicker. He said the council can meet and approve the abatement as soon as June 16.

The council approved the resolution to go forward with the tax abatement but it will not be officially approved until after it is advertised as legally required.

In other business, Judge Lynne Ellis came before the council to discuss replacing the panic buttons in the courthouse. The commissioners approved the purchase of the new buttons at their meeting last week pending the council providing the funds. Ellis explained that the new buttons,

when pushed, would not just alert the sheriff's department but also the fire department and other offices in the courthouse and also through text message and email. The cost is \$9,356.25. Ellis noted that the current panic buttons are outdated and no longer being manufactured so once the distributor sells out, they will not be available anymore. Ellis said the current system still works although officers noted that when pushed, it's difficult to hear the person talking.

Ellis also told the council that she recently learned that when the smoke alarms in the courthouse go off, no one outside the building is notified. She said it is her understanding that the state inspector had told the courthouse janitor last year that the alarms needed to be connected to someone. Ellis told the council that Coy Graber, with Area One Protection, provided a quote to upgrade the alarms of \$7,905.

Councilman Warren Albright asked why

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## Humane society to give \$1,500 to bingo winners

Need an extra \$1,500? The Martin County Humane Society can help you out with their latest fundraiser, Puppy Poop Bingo.

From now until the last night of the Loogootee Summerfest on Saturday, June 21, the humane society is selling bingo squares for \$10 each or five squares for \$40. On Saturday night, June 21, a shelter dog will be placed in the marked squares and the first square he does his "business" in, the owner of that square will win \$1,000. The next closest square owner will win the second place prize of \$500.

The bingo squares will be marked on the ground in the area where the former Southside Tavern was located near Greenwell

Hardware in Loogootee.

To purchase your squares, stop by the animal shelter Monday or Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. or Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Or you can pay via PayPal to mchs@frontier.com and a volunteer will contact you to pick your squares. In order to get the best squares, don't delay!

For more information, contact Tina Wilson at 812-296-0035 or email mchs@frontier.com. You can also message Martin County Humane Society on facebook.

All proceeds from the bingo will go toward the housing and care of the shelter dogs and cats. The shelter currently has more than 40 dogs and cats and is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

## Food service establishments inspected

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections. Violations that were seen again from one inspection to the next are noted with "(Repeat violation)" after the entry.

- April 22  
Shoals Community School Corporation, 11741 Ironton Road, Shoals  
No violations noted.
- May 22  
The Candy Mill, 108 Mill Street, Loogootee  
No violations noted.
- Dollar General #2621, 819 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee  
No violations noted.
- Amish Country Hearth, 1120 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

- No violations noted.
- CVS Pharmacy #6883, 402 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee  
One non-critical violation:  
-Box of pretzels, box of cheese curls and cans of Ensure sitting directly on floor of store room.
- Family Dollar Stores of Indiana, 99 Pine Street, Loogootee  
No violations noted.
- Loogootee West Elementary, Costello Drive, Loogootee  
No violations noted.
- Loogootee High School, 201 Brooks Avenue, Loogootee  
No violations noted.
- Bobber Stop, LLC, 16272 US Hwy 231, Loogootee  
One non-critical violation:  
-Pepsi fountain machine nozzles have build-up of black substance.

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## My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett  
Owner/Publisher, MCJ

Ask anyone who knows me well and they will tell you that I am a huge cheerleader for the underdog. My husband, who is an only child, used to get so mad at me when we first met because he said I gave away too much, when I needed it for myself. Me being one of seven children, it has always been second nature to help out wherever I can, whenever I can.

This is why I was a little surprised at my own irritation after reading that the minimum wage may go up to \$10.10 per hour from the current \$7.25.

I have never been one of those workers who felt that I should make more money just because I had been at a job for a certain period of time. I have always felt someone should be paid based on how well they perform. The word "seniority" always makes me cringe. Sure, something should be said about someone being in a job for decades but just because a person shows up at a job for 30 years doesn't mean they are the slightest bit productive. Over the years, through jobs my husband and I have had, we knew many who just showed up to work giving very little effort.

This will sound very conceited but I am a really hard worker. You can ask any boss I have ever had and whether they like me now or not, they would have to say I gave 100 percent every single day. When I went in to request pay raises, I did so knowing I deserved it and was always ready to list additional duties I had taken or how I had gone above and beyond for the company. I have a very strong work ethic and always wanted to help whatever company I was with succeed. I always felt that if they did well, I would do well.

I do believe the minimum wage should go up, I just don't think it should go up that much. \$10.10 an hour is a lot of money for people around here doing an entry-level job.

For example, when we hired at the animal shelter we discussed what the hourly wage should be. Considering scooping poop, scrubbing kennels/cages, washing very soiled laundry, and handling sometimes very large dogs who don't necessarily want to go back in their cages, we felt \$10 an hour was a fair wage. We were afraid when we advertised for the position that no one would apply because it is really hard work. To our surprise we had more than 40 applicants and the only place we posted was on facebook for a few weeks and I think I put it in this paper one week. Why so many applicants? Well, we were told it was the \$10 per hour that excited people because it was a lot of money. Many didn't even ask for a job description, they just wanted that hourly wage.

Starting people out at \$10.10 an hour gives small business very little room to give pay increases. Not to mention if businesses were required to pay that much per hour for an entry-level position, they would have no

choice but to increase the prices of their goods or services. It's a domino effect and it's scary actually. And in the end, that minimum wage increase really wouldn't help those it was affecting because their costs would just go up to accommodate their extra pay.

If someone has the education or experience in any given field they are not going to start out at minimum wage anyway. There are jobs out there that are designed for an entry-level worker such as fast food restaurants or store clerks or even some factory jobs. Basic jobs for basic education and basic skills.

One of my friends on facebook said the other day that entry-level is not meant to be a career and I agree with that. Every job I have ever gone into I have expected to advance. I went into it ready to prove myself. That was a conscious choice I made because I would not be happy with entry level forever. Everyone has to start somewhere though. Some may be completely happy with entry level.

I started working at Dairy Queen when I was 13 at \$3.35 per hour. I worked at the Loogootee location for five years before my family moved to Brown County. When I left I was making \$5.50 per hour. Moving up north I didn't realize how much better salaries were. But I quickly realized this was due to the higher costs of living. I began managing the Brown County Dairy Queen at \$10 per hour. I worked there two years and I cannot count the amount of turnover we had. It wasn't just teenagers either. I worked my tail off covering for people night after night that just decided not to come to work, walk out mid-shift, or disappear constantly and have to be tracked down. It was awful. My employees who showed up and worked got pay increases but everyone who came in with no experience started out at minimum wage.

When I left the restaurant business to get my foot in the door in journalism, I started out just above minimum wage which was a huge pay cut from being a restaurant manager. I knew this going in. I worked my way up from front office receptionist to special projects coordinator over a three-year period and when I left I was making substantially more than minimum wage and receiving bonuses quarterly. Had I just stayed the front office receptionist and never taken on any additional responsibilities, I wouldn't have expected to make much more money after three years.

I guess the bottom line is if you want more then learn more, work harder, prove yourself. But, that's just my opinion. I just feel these days there is just too many feelings of entitlement.

*What are your thoughts? I love letters to the editor and my opinion is not the only one out there so email your letters to courtney@martincountyjournal.com.*

## EXPANSION

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the smoke alarms could not be tied into the panic buttons instead of there being a separate system.

Ellis said she believes the quote given by Area One Protection is only to bring the smoke alarms up to code, and does not include combining them with the panic buttons.

The council requested that Ellis speak to Graber with Area One to see what he could do in regard to upgrading the smoke alarms and tying them into the panic buttons. They will revisit the issue at their next meeting.

Ellis also brought up the issue of a security guard for the courthouse that was discussed at last week's commissioners' meeting. Sheriff Rob Street had told the commissioners that he has a jailer he is sending through the police academy to help fill in as a deputy part-time. Street had told the commissioners that the new deputy could be used for courthouse security but that would leave him without the part-time deputy he needed.

Ellis also told the council that an officer from the Indiana State Police Alliance could also be hired at a cost of \$25 per hour or \$52,000 a year at 40 hours a week. She noted that one benefit of using the state police alliance is that they would have a police car parked out front at all times.

Council member Lynn Gee suggested that the jailer that is going through the academy be hired full-time as a deputy in charge of courthouse security. She said courthouse security is and has always been the number one job of the sheriff's department.

It was discussed that the same officer may not want the job 40 hours per week and the position may need to be split between several officers. The council suggested that Ellis speak with the sheriff and the Loogootee Police Chief to see if any of their officers would be interested in the security position. The council also suggested Ellis speak to Greene County to see how they handle their courthouse security position.

Jim Stoughton, with the Martin County Tourism Committee, presented the council with information on tourism. He said according to a report that was done, Martin County ranks 89th in the state for tourism dollars. He said Lawrence County had \$96 million in tourism dollars in 2008 and in 2012 Martin County had \$1.8 million in tourism dollars. He said he felt Martin County could do much better.

Stoughton said he was told the county received a grant to start visitmartincounty.org. He said according to statistics from the website, it had 9,400 unique visitors in 2013. He asked the council for \$500 to update the website. He also requested \$5,200 for advertising in different publications in the state and for billboards.

The council discussed giving the tourism committee money to get started now with advertising and getting the website changed prior to Summerfest in Loogootee and the Catfish Festival in Shoals. They agreed to putting \$2,500 in now as an additional appropriation for approval at the next meeting. The council will then discuss creating a line item

in the budget for the tourism committee during budget hearings.

The council approved Carolyn Parsons-Downey to replace Stephanie McAtee and also extended the term of Pat Hale on the Loogootee Public Library Board.

The council approved the following additional appropriations:

-\$3,000 for a part-time worker in the treasurer's office, from the CEDIT fund (Councilman Hawkins voted against saying he wasn't opposed to the part-time worker, he was opposed to taking the money from CEDIT)

-\$1,500 for the surveyor to get a new computer, from the riverboat fund

## SHOALS

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Nicholas Mullins, Sistoria Rama Covye Neeley, Garrett Austin Parsons, Ashley Marie Payne, Samantha Dawn Pugh, Aaron Wade Qualkenbush, Damon Ray Roach, Katlyn Marie Sanders \*, Tia Marie Sanders, Summer Victoria Shaw, David Raymundo Wilson Sipes, Roger Dale Terry, Kandi Layne Tichenor \*, Adrianna Ilean Todd, Steven Lee Truelove, Skyler Kade Veilleux, Kristen Elizabeth Waggoner, Briana Rene Wagler, Zachariah Tavish Walker, Jessica Nicolle Walker, Trandon Lee Wynn

\* Denotes Academic Honors.

The class motto is "We have a lot of story yet to tell." The Shoals High School 2014 Class Flower is the carnation. The class colors are teal and silver. Class sponsors are Mrs. Cassie Phillips, Ms. Deborah B. Asbell, and Mr. Dennis Dahlen.

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### HELP WANTED

**GARAGE SALE** Saturday, June 7, 8 a.m.-1p.m. 13201 Mount Calvary Road. Girl clothes up to 24 months, girl clothes size 6-8, toys and children's DVDs, rocking horse, child-size wooden swing, small air compressor, some men's clothing XL-XXL, women's clothing M-XL, and misc household goods.

**KITCHEN MANAGER NEEDED** 10hrs per week (Friday 5-8 p.m., Saturday 6-8 p.m., Sunday 5-9 p.m.) at \$8-10/hour depending on experience. Position opening is located in Loogootee. Potential for future growth and additional hours. Call or text 812-295-6400.

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# OBITUARIES

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## KENNETH WININGER

Kenneth Wininger died at 7:50 a.m. Friday, May 30, 2014 at Kindred Hospital Greenwood. A resident of Loogootee, he was 85.

He was born May 3, 1929 in Martin County; the son of Roy and Bertha (Collins) Wininger.

On January 9, 1970 he married Maita (Weisheit) Wininger and she died August 1986. He attended Shoals High School.

He was a member of the Shoals Eagles and past member of the Teamsters Construction Union, retired truck driver, had operated his own lawn mower service for several years.

He enjoyed playing Euchre, fishing, hunting, and gardening.

He is survived by two sons, Mark and wife, Teresa Wininger, of Shoals and Kevin and wife, Tina Wininger, of Loogootee; three daughters, Vicki and husband, Darrell Boyd, of Shoals; Pamela and husband, Jim Belmore, of Fishers; and Stacy Gillick of Loogootee; one brother, Wilson Wininger of Shoals; one sister, Vonda Wininger of Loogootee; his companion, Anita Terrell; 11 Grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Bertha (Collins) Wininger; one infant son, Darrell Wininger; and one brother, Norman Wininger.

Funeral services were held this morning, Wednesday, June 4 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial fol-

lowed in Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals. Pastor Jim Lilly officiated.

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

## TED BRIDGEWATER

Lawrence E. "Ted" Bridgewater died at 9:49 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, he was 81.

He was born May 14, 1933 in Martin County; the son of Carolyn (McBride) Bridgewater.

On August 27, 1952 he married his first wife, Mary Margaret (Stuckey) Bridgewater, and she preceded him in death on July 21, 1988. On May 27, 2004 he married his second wife, Pearl (Carrico) Beckett Bridgewater, and she survives.

He was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church and retired after 30 years from NSWC Crane as a mechanic. He was U.S. Army veteran and a POW of the Korean War.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards and slot machines and was an avid NASCAR fan.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Bridgewater; one daughter, Debbie Poehlein of Loogootee; one son, Danny Bridgewater of Loogootee; one stepdaughter, Kim Beckett of Loogootee; four grandchildren, 25 step-grandchildren, eight step-great grandchildren and four step-great-great

grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn (McBride) Bridgewater; his first wife, Mary Margaret (Stuckey) Bridgewater; one daughter, Carol Craney; one brother, Robert Curtis; one infant granddaughter, Melinda Kay Poehlein; two stepsons, Herbert and Alan Beckett; and one stepdaughter, Cathy Harris.

The body of Lawrence E. "Ted" Bridgewater was cremated and burial will be at a later date.

The Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is in charge of arrangements.

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

## DONALD MAY

Donald Philip May died at 4:51 a.m. Monday, June 2, 2014 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Washington, he was

85.

He was born December 24, 1928 in East Orange, New Jersey; the son of Bertram and Sarah (Reinke) May.

He was a 1946 graduate of East Orange High School in East Orange, New Jersey and was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He was a painter and retired from Home Depot when he was 79 years old.

He is survived by two daughters, Susan Cox of Grapevine, Texas and Dona Robertson of French Lick; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bertram and Sarah (Reinke) May.

The body of Donald P. May was cremated and burial will be at a later date.

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

## Dates set to speak to Martin County residents about health insurance

IAUW, an Indiana nonprofit organization focused on serving uninsured and underinsured Hoosiers, Indiana Association for United Way recently provided a grant for Marketplace. These services will be expanding to cover several counties across Indiana. Jodi Wolfenbarger will be serving Orange, Martin, Lawrence and Davies counties and is certified and licensed by Indiana Department of Insurance as a state health care navigator and certification as federal navigator and application counselor.

A federally certified and state licensed navigator will be at the below locations on the dates and times listed to speak with Martin County residents about having fair access to affordable healthcare and options available to each resident. This includes but is not limited to Medicaid, HIP (HIP 2.0) and the Marketplace.

Email [JMWolfen@StVincent.org](mailto:JMWolfen@StVincent.org) or call 812-279-6222 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome if no one is scheduled.

At the Loogootee Public Library, 106 N. Line Street in Loogootee:

Thursday, June 12 – 2-5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17 – 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, June 26 – 2-5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1 – 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, July 10 – 2-5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15 – 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, July 24 – 2-5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29 – 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, August 7 – 2-5 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12 – 4-7 p.m.

At the Loogootee WorkOne Office 123 Cooper Street, Loogootee:

Tuesday, June 10 – 12-3 p.m.

Each following Tuesday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through August 15

## "Heartland Half Marathon & 5K" moves to the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend

The Heartland Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk has several exciting changes for 2014! This year's event is moving to Saturday, August 30 during Labor Day weekend at 7:30 a.m. ET. Along with the change in the day of the event, other changes include the addition of the Heartland Team Challenge and the Heartland Kids Fun Run & Festival.

The Heartland Team Challenge is a relay comprised of a four-person team, and follows the same course, time, and date as the Heartland Half Marathon. The first runner in the relay will travel 4.2 miles and pass along his/her timing chip to the second runner. The second runner will then run 3.6 miles and pass along the timing chip to the third runner who will run 3 miles. The final runner will finish with the remaining 2.3 miles. Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers, along with an award for the best 'heart-friendly' team slogan. Registration fee for the Heartland Team Challenge is \$80 per team before June 22, and \$100 thereafter.

The Heartland Kids Fun Run & Festival is for children entering kindergarten through 8th grade and is designed to encourage staying active all summer long. Once registered, participants print off the Running Log to track 12 miles of running in the weeks prior to the Fun Run & Festival on Friday, August 29. On the day of the Fun Run, participants turn in completed Running Logs and finish the final 1.1-mile run to complete their own 'half marathon.' (Those entering kindergarten through 3rd grade are required to run with a buddy in the Fun Run.) The accompanying festival, which is free and open to the public, will include health and wellness booths and fitness activities located in the Dave Buehler Plaza from 5-8 p.m. The Fun Run will begin at 6 p.m. at the City Mill. Fun Run participants will receive a t-shirt, medal and goody-bag while supplies last. The first 100 participants to register will receive a special gift, and those who turn in their completed Running Log on race day will be entered to win exciting prizes. Registration fee for the Heartland Kids Fun Run & Festival is \$15 through August 17, increasing to \$17 thereafter.

The Heartland Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk begins in the shadow of the Jasper Train Depot along the banks of the Patoka River and finishes in the shade along the same river just a stone's throw away. This is a hilly course that is fairly challenging, espe-

cially at the midway point of the race along St. Charles Street. While the first half of the race features a number of stretches past residential neighborhoods, the second half offers a more scenic terrain as the course takes runners along the Jasper Riverwalk.

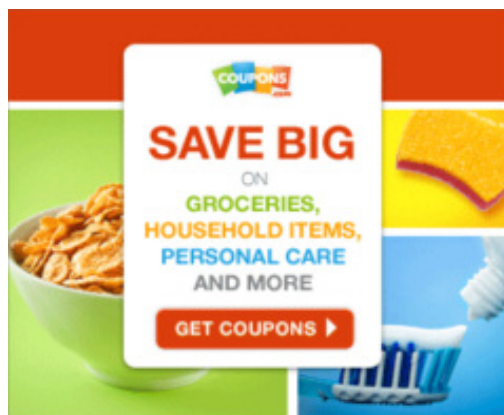
The registration fee for the half marathon is \$50 if registered by June 22, increasing to \$60 between June 23 and August 17. After August 17, the registration fee is \$70. The 5K registration fee is \$20 by June 22, increasing to \$25 thereafter. Pre-registrants for both races will receive a technical shirt along with a special race gift for half marathoners. The first 100 half marathoners to pre-register will also receive a running hat.

Registration for all events can be completed online at [active.com](http://active.com) or at [heartlandhalfmarathon.com](http://heartlandhalfmarathon.com).

The Heartland Half Marathon & 5K is being coordinated by DC Multisport, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting health and wellness while giving back to local communities. The organization supports events for both youth and adults. Lodging information is being coordinated by the Dubois County Visitors Center staff. The event corporate sponsor is Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. Proceeds from this year's half marathon, 5K, and team challenge will be given to the Philip R. Dawkins Heart & Vascular Center and the Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center at Memorial Hospital. Proceeds from the Kids Fun Run & Festival will benefit Girls on the Run serving Dubois County.

Anyone interested in volunteering for these events can call Memorial Hospital at 812/996-2333.

For more information on the events, visit [www.heartlandhalfmarathon.com](http://www.heartlandhalfmarathon.com) or call Dubois County Visitors Center at 800/968-4578.



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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

11:45 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals.

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

10:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, east of Shoals.

7:05 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident in Boggs Park.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

### MONDAY, MAY 26

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

8:58 p.m. - Received report of a tree down and across the roadway on U.S. 231 South. Martin County Civil Defense responded and removed the debris from the roadway.

9:40 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

### TUESDAY, MAY 27

2:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

8:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

2:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic

dispute in Loogootee.

7:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

6:42 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 North.

9:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

2:42 p.m. - Received a report of a theft on Coal Hollow Road.

3:59 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals.

### THURSDAY, MAY 29

1:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

3:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with personal injuries.

7:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Burns City.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of an identity theft in Shoals.

10:21 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

10:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Burns City.

### FRIDAY, MAY 30

12:40 a.m. - Received request for an am-

bulance in Loogootee.

5:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

8:36 p.m. - Received a report of illegal burning in Shoals. Shoal Volunteer Fire Department responded and put out the fire.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 150 and 2nd Street.

### SATURDAY, MAY 31

6:32 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

10:48 a.m. - Received a report of power lines down on U.S. 231 South.

11:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

11:17 p.m. - Received a report of an accident at the Marathon station in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was dispatched.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Akles responded.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Burns City. Deputy Keller responded.

2:52 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Keller responded.

4:39 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Highway 50. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Harmon responded.

9:22 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on 2nd Street in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, Deputy Harmon, and Marshal Eckert responded.

9:37 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Highway 50. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Harmon responded.

### MONDAY, JUNE 2

5:48 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on Highway 50. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

## Loogootee Police Department log

### MONDAY, MAY 26

12:30 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

4:15 p.m. - Caller requested an officer remove people from her house.

5:04 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a vehicle accident on US 231.

9:23 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle near Country Place Apartments.

### TUESDAY, MAY 27

10:18 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

11:42 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Officers were unable to locate.

3:23 p.m. - Received a report of property damage at the high school.

6:53 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

9:01 p.m. - Caller reported a loud noise on Butcher Boulevard.

9:17 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint. Owner was advised to keep his dog on a leash.

9:05 a.m. - First responders were requested on Jackson Street for a medical call.

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

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported a male causing problems on JFK Avenue.

4:40 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance between a male and female on East Broad-

way Street.

7:36 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to SE 1st Street for a possible fire.

### THURSDAY, MAY 29

3:13 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle accident.

5:50 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

5:55 p.m. - Male caller reported harassment.

8:25 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported reckless vehicles in the high school parking lot.

9:11 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Smokers Host.

10:21 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

### FRIDAY, MAY 30

1:40 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons at Chuckles.

3:08 a.m. - Officer Nolan arrested a female juvenile for minor in consumption.

5:12 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted child protective services.

5:42 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street.

10:00 p.m. - Caller reported a missing juvenile. Juvenile was later located.

### SATURDAY, MAY 31

6:04 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

9:42 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

9:54 p.m. - Caller reported a theft on JFK Avenue.

## Martin County jail bookings

### MONDAY, MAY 26

12:02 a.m. - Seth McCrary, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Baker on preliminary charges of resisting law enforcement.

### TUESDAY, MAY 27

11:50 a.m. - Gary Smith, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Dant on a Martin County warrant.

6:50 p.m. - Natalie Gibson, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant.

7:43 p.m. - John Wagler, of Loogootee, was arrested by Martin County Major Burkhardt on preliminary charges of domestic battery.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

7:46 p.m. - Logan Padgett, of Paoli, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert on preliminary charges of theft.

### THURSDAY, MAY 29

6:53 a.m. - Patrick Bowling, of Loogootee, was arrested by Martin County Corporal Greene on preliminary charges of operating while intoxicated.

3:08 a.m. - Shayla Brewer, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Patrolman Nolan on preliminary charges of operating while intoxicated.

7:23 p.m. - Ryan Bell, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver on preliminary charges of invasion of privacy.

### SATURDAY, MAY 31

1:30 p.m. - Nicholas Guy, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant.

2:25 p.m. - Jerrad VanMeter, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Akles on preliminary charges of disorderly conduct and resisting law enforcement.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Bruce Richardson**, of Morgan County, Indiana to **Larry W. Graber, Jr.**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 80 acres, more or less.

**Louise Burger**, of Martin County, Indiana to **George B. Patterson and Mary Kay Patterson**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 15 in Walker's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Cletus Tedrow**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kecia M. Taylor and Dustin Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 5 acres, more or less.

**Tommy Wilcher and Toni Wilcher**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Glenn Wagler and Marjorie Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 8.26 acres, more or less.

**Jarrold H. Lents and Jennifer L. Lents**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin D.**

**Mann and Ashley M. Mann**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana.

**Kevin D. Mann**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jarrold H. Lents**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.26 acres, more or less.

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# Indiana State Police announce new Twitter initiative

Indiana State Police announced yesterday that 13 State Police Districts across Indiana will now have a unique Twitter account to complement the existing statewide Twitter handle of @IndStatePolice. The local state police Twitter accounts will be used primarily by the state police public information officer locally assigned at each state police post. With the exception of the Toll Road District, there is a state police PIO assigned to the other 13 state police posts. The public and local media are encouraged to follow as many of the local state police Twitter accounts as desired for information concerning crashes, road closings, current road conditions and other information of localized interest.

The Indiana State Police started using Twitter in July 2010 to help share information with the public, but the information was issued statewide. The Indiana State Police will continue utilizing the statewide Twitter account @IndStatePolice for news releases of statewide interest, inclusive of Amber and Silver Alerts, safety tips and for large events that occur in the greater central Indiana area.

Indiana State Police District Twitter accounts and names of local PIO personnel:

- Lowell District, ISPLowell, Sgt. Ann Wojas
- Lafayette District, ISPLafayette, Sgt. Kim Riley
- Peru District, ISPPeru, Sgt. Tony Slocum
- Fort Wayne District, ISPFortWayne, Sgt. Ron Galvaniz
- Bremen District, ISPBremen, Sgt. Trent Smith
- Bloomington District, ISPBloomington, Sgt. Curt Durnil
- Jasper District, ISPJasper, Sgt. Philip Hensley
- Evansville District, ISPEvansville, Sgt. Todd Ringle
- Versailles District, ISPVersailles, Sgt. Noel Houze
- Sellersburg District, ISPSellersburg, Sgt. Jerry Goodin
- Pendleton District, ISPPendleton, Sgt. John Bowling
- Indianapolis District, ISPIndianapolis, Sgt. Rich Myers
- Putnamville District, ISPPutnamville, Sgt. Joe Watts

# Lanes to be Restricted on U.S. Route 50

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is advising motorists to be aware of temporary lane restrictions on U.S. Route 50 (U.S. 50) in Washington. Beginning on or after Monday, June 9, contractor's crews will begin patching a portion of west bound U.S. 50 near the State Road 257 intersection.

Contractor's crews will be patching several areas of the west bound lanes. In Phase 1 which starts Monday, June 9, crews will close the left turn and passing lanes of west-bound U.S. 50. No left turns will be permitted during this time. It is anticipated the lanes will remain closed until Monday, June 16. Crews will then move to Phase 2 and close

the west bound driving and right turn lanes. The lanes will remain closed through Tuesday, July 1.

To protect the work zone and employees a 10-foot width restriction will be in place. It is anticipated all work will be complete by the end of the day on Tuesday, July 1. Inclement weather may cause the restriction dates and times to be delayed.

INDOT reminds motorists to follow the posted work zone speed limit, use caution and consider worker safety when traveling through a work zone. For the latest news and information about INDOT, please visit [www.in.gov/indot](http://www.in.gov/indot).

# Vincennes will "Paint the town Red" June 6 and 7

The city of Vincennes will "Paint the town Red" June 6 and 7 during the Red Skelton Festival that will feature a variety of activities for young and old. The annual festival honors Vincennes native Red Skelton, America's most beloved clown.

Except where noted, all events will take place downtown on Patrick Henry Square. Admission is free except for the comedy show on Saturday evening.

The Festival will kick off on June 6 with a Carnival and Festival, 5 to 9 p.m. (EDT), offering rides, food, fun, and craft vendors.

Live entertainment will be featured throughout the evening on the Red Skelton Festival Stage: 5 p.m., No Limits Dance and Cheer Firebirds; 6 p.m., Brad Zinn, sneak preview of Saturday's Comedy Show; 7 p.m., Cross Creek Band; and 8 p.m., Big D, local guitar legend Daniel Phillips.

On Saturday the Carnival and Festival will continue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and at 11 a.m. the Red Skelton Parade will commence, ending at Patrick Henry Square.

At noon will be the traditional Bath-tub Races. Live entertainment on the Red Skelton Festival Stage will feature: noon, Tropical Sunrise Steel Drum Band; 1 p.m., professional storytelling by Stephanie Holman: "Good Night and May God Bless - Red Skelton"; 2 p.m., Donut Eating Contest, Bath-tub Race Finals, and Red Skelton Character Look-Alike Contest.

A Red Skelton Film Festival will take place at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center on the Vincennes University campus. Showings will be at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The highlight of the Red Skelton Festival will be a 7 p.m. comedy show at the Skelton Center featuring Brad Zinn in "The Great Comedians: Those Felt Hat and Big Cigar Funny Men." Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 812-888-4184.

### ABOUT THE PERFORMER

Comedy impressionist Brad Zinn has an extensive background as an actor,

impressionist, comedian, and magician. He has appeared in six films and hundreds of local and national television and radio commercials. He has performed alongside many celebrities, such as Dick Van Dyke, Shirley Jones, Cliff Robertson, Paul Rodriguez, Damon Wayans, Richard Crenna, Will Shriner, Justin Wilson (the Cajun Chef), Harry Anderson, and Lynda Carter.

Zinn's "Great Comedians" one-man show pays homage to his childhood idols in show business and the presentation has called upon all of his diverse skills to prepare and present.

Schedule of events  
Red Skelton Festival, June 6 and 7, 2014

Events will take place downtown on Patrick Henry Square unless otherwise indicated.

Admission is free to all events except the Saturday night comedy show.

Friday, June 6  
5-9 p.m. - Carnival and Festival with rides, food, fun, and craft vendors (Carnival ends at 10 p.m.)

5 p.m. - No Limits Dance & Cheer Firebirds

6 p.m. - Brad Zinn, sneak preview of Saturday's Comedy Show performance

7 p.m. - Cross Creek Band

8 p.m. - Big D, local guitar legend Daniel Phillips

Saturday, June 7

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Carnival & Festival with rides, food, fun, and craft vendors

11 a.m. - Downtown - Parade

Noon - Bath-tub Races

Noon - Tropical Sunrise Steel Drum Band


1 p.m. - Professional Storytelling by Stephanie Holman: "Good Night & May God Bless - Red Skelton"

2 p.m. - Donut Eating Contest, Bath-tub Race Finals, Red Skelton Character Look-Alike Contest

2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Red Skelton Performing Arts Center - Film Festival

7 p.m., Red Skelton Performing Arts Center Comedy Show featuring Brad Zinn in "The Great Comedians: Those Felt Hat & Big Cigar Funny Men"

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## Loogootee fifth graders participate in Project L.E.A.D.

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 22nd 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 Probation Officer Melissa Lottes and 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, Major Andy Burkhardt, Prosecutor Michael Steiner, Excise Officer Brian Stewart, Loss Prevention Officer Gary Sprinkle, and Director Kathy Collins with Martin County Community Corrections.

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 Karoline Tedrow. In addition, each student was required to submit an essay regarding their L.E.A.D. experience. The essay winners are as follows: Maddelyn Miller, first place girl; Jalen Wildman, first place boy; Jasye Thompson, second place girl; Austin Brittain, second place boy; Brittany Walker, third place girl; and Seth Blackwell, third place boy. 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 the Martin County Probation Department. Organizers 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: Caden Chandler
- Donna's Chief Defense Attorney: Macy McAtee
- Ann's Chief Defense Attorney: Jaelyn Walker
- Donna's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Shealyn Arthur
- Ann's 1st Assistant Defense Attorney: Bryant Eckerle
- Donna's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Philip Wagler
- Ann's 2nd Assistant Defense Attorney: Sara Street
- Donna's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Jordan Wildman
- Ann's 3rd Assistant Defense Attorney: Aaron Dant
- Donna's 4th Assistant Defense Attorney: Austin Edwards
- Ann's 4th Assistant Defense Attorney: Maddelyn Miller
- Donna's 5th Assistant Defense Attorney: Samantha Cook
- Ann's 5th Assistant Defense Attorney: Seth Blackwell
- Chief Prosecuting Attorney: Austin Brittain
- 1st Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Maria Chestnut
- 2nd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Zane Cropp
- 3rd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Aspen Salmon

4th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Jasye Thompson

5th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Delani Bateman

6th Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Karoline Tedrow

Ken Miller: Stanley Wagler

Barbara Beach: Kallin Trambaugh

John Smith: Conner Wilcoxon

Police Officer John Doe: Jace Walton

Connie Charles: Isabelle Waggner

Donna Decker: Adleen Nolley

Ann Anderson: Haileigh Suheski

Court Reporter: Brayden Sutton

Bailiffs: Billy Wetter, Matthew Poole, and Cody Carrico

Head Jurors: Jalen Wildman, Haley Bohnert, and Daniel Park

Jurors: Trey Fuhs, Tatiana Stinson, Trenton Cathy, Devan Stoll, Brittany Walker, Ashlyn Holt, Anna Wilson, Trenton Clark, Tristan Tinkle, Cody Stone, Christian Chitwood, Julius Castro, Thomas Jones, Abbey Lindsey, Camden Long, Jatelin Nicholson, Zack Perkins, Emily Petit, Jared Sullivan, Ayden Wilson, Mikel Flanagan, Josh Venters, Emily Gingerich, Haley Jones, Karissa Hunt, Mattie Milligan, Justin Williams, Tyler Wagoner, Asia Crim, Kayden Sutton, Seth Gillick, and Aaron Todd

### LEAD ESSAY WINNERS

#### First Place Boy

#### How L.E.A.D. Has Influenced My Life

By: Jalen Wildman

I was lucky enough to have experienced the L.E.A.D. program this semester. L.E.A.D. stands for Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency. Thanks to L.E.A.D., I will think very seriously about the decisions I make when I am out running around with my friends. I now know what I can and cannot do when it comes to breaking rules or laws. I never thought about how important it is to do the right thing and NOT what might be funny or wrong. A harmless prank or joke isn't funny if it costs someone else time or money to fix it.

All actions have consequences, I care about my reputation and want to be respected by my teachers and local police officers. I never thought so much about doing the right thing until I saw how much all of our guest speakers care about me and my future. It doesn't take much to go down the wrong path in life, and sometimes it can be too late to get back on the right trail. For example, if you wish you had not tried an illegal drug because now you want it all the time, this is a battle you would have to fight everyday of your life!

Life can be challenging enough without adding problems to it. If you make the right choice when you are tempted, then you won't have to face more struggles and challenges later on.

If you think about it, it's simple. Good choices produce good results. Bad choices produce bad results. I'm only going to get one chance at life. I want to do it right and make my family proud!

Thanks to the L.E.A.D. program, I now know to stop and think about my decisions and the possible consequences of my actions!

#### First Place Girl

#### How L.E.A.D. Will Influence My Future

By: Maddelyn Miller

LEAD has influenced my future in many ways. LEAD has taught me that my path to the future starts here in 5th grade. It taught me that every decision, good or bad, I make leads to the future. For example, me choosing the right friends to hang around with can either lead me to getting in trouble or making the right choices. LEAD has taught me life is full of choices. LEAD has showed me in the book and in speeches what doing drugs and other bad things can do to you. I have learned other things such as when people steal from stores, stores and customers like me then have to pay extra for the things which were stolen by shoplifters. In the book, they have taught me about branches of



-Photo provided

Shown above are the winners of the Loogootee LEAD essay and logo contests. In the front row, from left to right, are Seth Blackwell, Austin Brittain, and Jalen Wildman. In the back row, from left to right, are Karoline Tedrow, Brittany Walker, Jayse Thompson, and Maddelyn Miller.

government and the levels of felonies.

All of the speakers were amazing. They all had an important message to get across to us. We are very grateful to have the LEAD program and I am glad they have talked to us about the things they do or did for a living and protect us from the bad people out there! This program was very helpful to our class because we need to learn how to make the right decisions. We need to learn what will happen if we don't. I can't think anything that would improve this program. THANK YOU! I hope you keep this program going because I like it and learned a lot and I am sure others will to!

#### Second Place Boy

#### How L.E.A.D. Has Influenced My Life

By: Austin Brittain

My class was lucky enough to have the L.E.A.D. program this year. L.E.A.D. stands for Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency. This program has influenced my life by making me think about the importance of good choices and having a bright future as a result of those good choices.

We had about eight guest speakers who came weekly to help us see why our actions have consequences. While all of the speakers were excellent, I would have to say my favorite was Gary Sprinkle. He had entertaining stories and pictures of some things that people had stolen and how they "tried" to make their "get away". Mr. Sprinkle's job is to help stores have less "loss prevention", which helps the store keep their prices down. Stores have to raise their prices when theft occurs to make up the difference in sales. That means hard working moms and dads have to pay more for what their family needs, and that is just wrong!

L.E.A.D. taught me to make good choices and to think about the effects of my decisions. I learned more about laws and rules, and why they are important. I also learned about law enforcement and how they provide a service to help keep all of us safe and living in a world that we can afford to be a part of.

I know I will not get into trouble when I get older because I want my goals and dreams to be possible.

When I grow up, I will not do any type of illegal drugs, or drink alcohol and drive. I will never end up in jail because I refuse to break the law! I will not have everything taken away from me, and have to pay for legal costs. That just doesn't make sense!

This is how the L.E.A.D. program has influenced me. I want to thank everyone for caring!

#### Second Place Girl

#### How the L.E.A.D. Program Influenced My Life

By: Jayse Thompson

My class this year was lucky enough to have the program L.E.A.D. L.E.A.D. stands for Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency.

All of the speakers were amazing, but my favorite was Mr. Sprinkle. He drove all the way from Evansville to speak to us. My

teacher kept telling me how good of a speaker he was, but I wanted to hear it for myself. I couldn't wait! Once he was actually here, his stories were amazing. My favorite one would have to be about the people who stole tons of meat in a tiny backpack. His message was that eventually, you will get caught shoplifting; it just isn't worth the risk! At the end, he started to cry about his wife who had recently passed away. It was so sweet! That just shows you how kind and caring of a person he is.

The L.E.A.D. program taught me to make good choices. I know that when I get older I will have to make decisions that sometimes, doing the right thing won't be that easy!

L.E.A.D. was very fun and enjoyable. I also loved the True Colors program. That program helped me to understand different personalities. I have so many dreams and goals to achieve and both of the programs have definitely helped me realize how important it is to do that! I want to make good choices because all actions have consequences.

#### Third Place Boy

#### How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life

By: Seth Blackwell

The LEAD program has influenced my life by teaching me how to make good choices in life. I do not want to do anything against the law, because I know it is wrong, or it will hurt me or worse yet, someone else! I have learned laws are there to protect us!! Everyone should follow the "Golden Rule". Don't do anything that you wouldn't want done to you. I have also learned to respect others and their property. I should also respect myself and not do drugs or anything that would harm my body. LEAD taught me that breaking the law not only hurts you, but it also makes it very hard on your family. I would never want to do anything to hurt my family in any way!

Brian Stewart taught us that drinking and doing drugs can impair your vision as well as your decision making. I will try to make good choices as I get older about both of those things. I can't imagine being responsible for harming other people and ruining my own life just because of a selfish decision I made.

So, life IS about making good choices. I will use all of the information I gained in LEAD to help me make the best choices. I don't want to spend my life in jail, or spend any time regretting a bad decision I made. I want to reach my goals of going to college and getting a good job. I want to someday have a family, and have a happy, healthy life!! I will try to remember: GOOD CHOICES—GOOD RESULTS.....BAD CHOICES—BAD RESULTS.

#### Third Place Girl

#### How the L.E.A.D. Program Has Influenced My Life

By: Brittany Walker

My class was fortunate enough to have the (See 'L.E.A.D. continued on page 7)

# L.E.A.D.

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L.E.A.D. Program. L.E.A.D. stands for Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency. This program has influenced my life greatly.

I know that when I get older I may be in a situation where I would have to make the decision to choose right from wrong. However, since this program came to my school, I know that I need to make the right decision because it will affect the rest of my life. I have goals and things to look forward to, and I don't want anything to change the bright fu-

ture ahead of me.

We had a lot of amazing and life changing people come and talk to my class about how to always make good decisions. Even if it's hard at the time, it will make your life much easier in the long run.

I am so glad that we got to be a part of the L.E.A.D. program, but my favorite part was when we got to design our shirts for it. That was so much fun! The L.E.A.D. Program is definitely the coolest program I have ever been in.

## VU Dean's List for spring semester

The Vincennes University Dean's List for Spring 2014 includes students from the Vincennes campus, Jasper campus, Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis, military bases, and other extended sites. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete at least 12 credit hours and achieve a grade point index of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Below are the names of honor students from Martin County.

Crane - Emily Rogers, General Studies  
Loogootee - Paul Crew, Technology;  
Scott Duzan, Surveying Technology;  
Alexander Leonhard, Behavioral Science, Psychology Concentration; Kelci Mann, Physical Therapist Assistant; Barbara Mofatt, Accounting; Jonathon Myers, Culinary Arts; Caitlin Ryan, Education, Special Ed, Mild Intervention; Reva Smith, Adminis-

trative Office Tech; Matthew Stice, General Studies; Mary Sutton, Nursing, Associate of Science; John Swartzentruber, Nursing, Associate of Science; Emily Yoder, Nursing, Associate of Science; Jennifer Yoder, Nursing, Associate of Science

Shoals - Bailey Anderson, Radiography; Sheryl Moore, General Studies

### LHS Perfect Attendance

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**ELEVENTH GRADE**

Connor Bailey, Jordan Berry, Kendall Bratton, and Alan Fellers

**TWELFTH GRADE**

Kyle Craney and Tylan Norris

## Loogootee Elementary 4th Term Honor Roll

**THIRD GRADE**

High honors: Parker Arvin, Kyleigh Courter, Isaac Eagle, Abbey Fischer, Maddie Fischer, Euan Graves, Mackenzie Hembree, Broedy Knepp, Bridget Like, Lindsey Nolan, Kaylynn Sims, Wayden Wagoner, Ethan White, and Morgen Wolfe

Honor roll: Lacie Arthur, Zoey Brassine, Caitlin Carrico, Linsey England, Bri Green, Conner Hayden, Talan Hayes, Claire Kemp, Noah Knight, Symphony Lantz, Kage Lyon, Shawna Mason, Ashley Nail, Kieragen Napier, Kortni Rumble, Ashley Sargent, Madyson Simmons, Savannah Stevens, Ava Summers, Brooklyn Summers, Mallorie Sutton, Jacob Tedrow, Anastasia Toy, Hannah VanMeter, Brenna Wade, Jeffery Wagler, Ashden Walton, and Tylan Williams

**FOURTH GRADE**

High honors: Grace Foddrill, Mikenna Jones, Nick Keller, Rachel Lents, Haylie Mathies, Jaylen Mullen, Annalise Powell, Miracle Stinson, Jalynn Stoll, Reece Tippery, Rory Tippery, and Caylin Wagoner

Honor roll: Tessa Bradley, Katie Callison, Tia Fuhs, Abbey Furhman, Grace Gingerich, Ethan Graber, Chantel Greene, Jayleigh Harger, Hannah Harshaw, Lauren Holt, Aiden Kain, Jacob Lengacher, Grace Lingenfelter, Sadie Marshall, Madison McAtee, Logan Moffatt, Tierlan Norris, Lexis Overton, Anna Marie Park, Andrew Powell, Mason Roark, Jocelyn Strange, Tucker Walton, and Jon Whitworth

## Loogootee Little League Softball tournaments

Loogootee Little League would like to invite softball teams to enter the all-star tournaments to be held June 23-29.

Three game guarantee tournaments will be held for the following age groups:

- 8 & Under (Pitching Machine Only)
- 10 & Under (Pitching Machine Only)
- 10 & Under (Live Pitch—maximum of 8 teams)
- 12 & Under (Live Pitch—maximum of 8 teams)

Cut-off date for age groups will be December 30, 2013 (Child's age on that date is age for tourney). Birth certificates must be furnished if requested. Teams must be comprised of players from one league (no travel teams). Rosters must consist of at least 10 and not more than 13 players including alternates.

Entry deadline is Saturday, June 14 with a draw taking place on Wednesday, June 18. Entry fee is \$300 per team. Checks should be made payable to Loogootee Little League.

Please team name, age division, contact name, contact address, phone number, email and the entry fee to: Bobbi Nonte 105 Garrett Avenue Loogootee, IN 47553.

For information, contact nontebobbi@frontier.com or 812-296-1351.

Rules for individual tournaments will be distributed upon receipt of entry information and payment. Rosters must be submitted before team's first game is played. No pets please.

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## The Marsh

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Paw Paw Marsh, a flooded wetland along an oxbow of the Lost River, is aflutter with activity this time of year. The beautiful wetland is home to a wide variety of birds and other animals native to Martin County.

## Free Fishing Weekend events June 7-8

For Hoosiers who have never cast a fishing line or haven't cast a line in a while, Free Fishing Weekend, June 7-8, is a great opportunity.

That's because Indiana's adult residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish Indiana waters during Free Fishing Weekend.

Clint Kowalik, DNR Go FishIN coordinator, suggested several Free Fishing Weekend options for adults and families.

"Go alone to a quiet, secret spot, explore new waters with your family, or take a kid to a local fishing derby or city park pond," Kowalik said.

To celebrate Free Fishing Weekend, recreation areas across the state are planning fun fishing derbies, casting clinics, fish-cleaning demonstrations and cooking classes.

Properties hosting activities for Free Fishing Weekend are:

- Brookville Lake, Brookville, (765) 647-2657
- Buffalo Trace Park, Palmyra, (812) 364-6112
- Cagles Mill Lake (Lieber State Recreation Area), Cloverdale, (765) 795-3552
- Cecil M. Harden Lake (Raccoon State Recreation Area), Rockville, (765) 344-1412
- Cedar Lake, Cedar Lake, (219) 374-6157
- Chain O'Lakes State Park, Albion, (260) 636-2654
- Eagle Creek Park, Indianapolis, (317) 327-7110
- Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, (317) 591-0904
- Hardy Lake, Austin/Scottsburg, (812) 794-3800
- Hurshtown Reservoir, Fort Wayne, (260) 627-3390
- J. Edward Roush Lake, Huntington, (260) 468-2127
- Lake Maxinkuckee, Culver, (574) 952-2963
- Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, (574) 952-2963
- Logansport Isaac Walton League, Logansport, (574) 753-6969
- Marion Utilities, Marion, (765) 664-2391
- Mississinewa Lake, Peru, (260) 468-2127
- Monroe Lake, Bloomington, (812) 837-9546
- Mounds State Park, Anderson, (765) 649-8128
- Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, Seymour, (812) 522-4352
- O'Bannon Woods State Park, Corydon, (812) 738-8234
- Patoka Lake, Birdseye, (812) 685-2447
- Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area, Mongo, (260) 367-2164
- Prairie Creek Reservoir, Selma, (765)

- 747-4776
- River Preserve, Baintertown, (574) 535-6458
- Robinson Lake, Hobart, (219) 743-0679
- Salamonie Lake, Andrews, (260) 468-2127
- Sam Peden Community Park, New Albany, (812) 948-5360
- Saxony Park, Fishers, (317) 842-9550
- Shakamak State Park, Jasonville, (812) 665-2158
- Starve Hollow State Recreation Area, Vallonia, (812) 358-3464
- Summit Lake State Park, New Castle, (765) 766-5873
- Tippecanoe River State Park, Winamac, (574) 946-3213
- Trine State Recreation Area, Fremont, (260) 833-2012
- Versailles State Park, Versailles, (812) 689-6424
- Whitewater Memorial State Park, Liberty, (765) 458-5565
- Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area, Morocco, (219) 285-2704

Further information is available at [dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/3598.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/3598.htm).

Adults who decide they want to buy a license for the rest of the year can do so anytime at [IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov](http://IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov). The standard resident license costs \$17.

Children age 17 and younger do not need a fishing license in Indiana at any time.

All other fishing regulations are still in effect during Free Fishing Weekend.

People 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.

### Wings Over Patoka Workshop

Join the naturalists Saturday, June 21 at 1 p.m. for a behind-the-scenes view of the necessary care we provide for the bald eagle and eastern screech owl. See how Patoka staff must care for these birds of prey. Watch the staff as they change the birds' jesses (ankle straps) and trim their beaks and talons. Discover what it takes to keep these birds healthy and ready for programs. After this exclusive program hear the stories of these two birds and why they live at Patoka. There is a \$5/person fee. Pre-registration is required by calling the Patoka Lake Visitor Center at (812)685-2447. The entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$7 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164. Patoka Lake ([stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm)) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.



## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

With warm weather and plenty of rain, plant growth has been rapid lately. Lawnmowers are getting little down time. Of course, it seems the weeds grow faster than the desirable plants. With such lush growth and the regular parade of blooms in the garden, the landscape has been captivating.

Several of the large pots dotting my landscape remain empty. The pots provide accents in areas where holes exist and are necessary for the overall effect of the garden. However, filling them can be an expensive proposition.

I will buy some annuals for some pots, but to save money, I will look to houseplants and the landscape for filler. Done right, the pots will still pull off the accent role.

Among the houseplants are several tender perennials that are often grown as annuals. I have impatiens, saved from previous years and coleus that I have grown from cuttings taken last fall just before frost claimed the garden. Cuttings of coleus and impatiens root easily in water or in a moist growing medium. It may take a while to get the size of the finished plants at the garden centers, but the plants will fill in in a little while.

Ornamental sweet potato vines are also easy to reproduce from existing plants. Whether one saved the plant in the house over the winter or just dug up the tuber last fall, new plants will fill those empty pots. Cuttings from the plants will produce roots in a couple of days in water. If you saved the tuber, plant it in a loose soil and keep it moist. In a few days, you will see foliage emerging from the tuber. You may let them grow as such, or pull off the foliage and root it to form new plants.

Succulents are also a good source of replacement plants. Most succulents grow easily from cuttings. They are usually treated a bit differently. Succulent cuttings should be left to dry for a couple of days before putting them into a sandy soil mixture. Keep the medium moist, but not wet, and roots will come. New growth in succulents is less rapid

than in some other plants, but be patient and you will have plants for the empty pots. I like to use a variety of succulents and cacti in clay pots, perhaps adding some small bits of statuary and rocks.

Many tropical vines are grown as houseplants and also can be reproduced from cuttings. Tropical plants usually grow rapidly, so the resulting plants will fill the empty pots quickly.

Seeds are a natural source of new plants. If you had the forethought to start seeds inside, you will have plants ready for use in the pots. However, there is still time for seeds to produce plants if seeded directly into the pots. Since pots usually look best with combinations of plants, seeds may be planted around other plants, providing a changing look as they mature.

The landscape itself may supply plants for pots. I find seedlings of various plants growing in places I do not want them. Other plants are needing to be dug and divided. Some of these plants have been potted up and taken to plant exchanges, but I still have some in pots and many more still in the garden. Adding these plants to pots will give them a chance to mature over the summer and be ready to be put back into the landscape in the fall. Hostas and daylilies will actually overwinter right in the pots, if the pots are freeze-proof.

The produce department at the grocery store is another source of interesting plants that will do well in pots for the summer. Pineapple tops will grow into new plants. Seeds of oranges, lemons and other citrus fruits will produce beautiful foliage. Growing an avocado from seed is a fun and interesting experience.

Regardless of the source of plants, make sure the plants placed in any pot have similar requirements for sunlight and moisture. Putting plants that grow in the same conditions together in a pot will increase the chances for success and will result in great accent pots all summer.

## DNR employees honored with annual awards

Mike Bucheit of the DNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs was presented the Col. Richard Lieber Award, the agency's top civilian employee honor, during an awards ceremony Wednesday.

Bucheit is a maintenance and repair technician at Indiana Dunes State Park in Chesterton. He was recognized for his problem solving and craftsmanship, especially in diagnosing a recent problem with the park's wastewater treatment facility and for his role in building a bird watching tower at Indiana Dunes that DNR director Cameron Clark called a "masterpiece."

Indiana Conservation Officer Lance Labonte received the Division of Law Enforcement's Pitzer Award for 2013 as out-

### "Talk" to DNR family fishing expert on Facebook, June 6

Facebook followers of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources can "talk" online with wildlife information specialist Michelle Cain about family fishing on Friday, June 6, from 2 to 3 p.m. EDT, on the DNR's Facebook wall. Cain will discuss family fishing including choosing rods, reels, lures and bait for a successful outing. Tips will be useful for families fishing on Free Fishing Weekend, June 7-8. Participants are invited to join the conversation and ask questions.

Future topics, instructions on how to join a conversation on Facebook, and commenting guidelines are posted at [dnr.IN.gov/7315.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/7315.htm). To join a chat, go to the DNR's Facebook wall, [facebook.com/INdnr](http://facebook.com/INdnr), and click "like" (if you are not already a "friend"). You may begin typing questions during the time slot. The DNR experts will answer questions as time allows.

standing officer of the year. Labonte, who is assigned to Morgan County, is a canine handler, airboat operator and river rescue instructor. He was credited for thorough investigations of several hunting violations, three deaths and multiple all-terrain vehicle accidents. He also spent countless hours in 2013 evacuating residents from flooded homes and motorists from stranded cars.

The Pitzer Award is presented in memory of James D. Pitzer, an Indiana Conservation Officer who was killed in the line of duty in 1961. Labonte became eligible for the award after being named District 6 officer of the year by his peers in that district. Other district officers of the year were: Jon Cook (1), Justin Blake (2), David Schwanke (3), Billy Doss (4), Michael Gregg (5), Robert Doane (7), Dennis Talley (8), Zachary Walker (9) and Patrick Malia (10).

Other Law Enforcement award recipients were Jacob Carlile (Boating Enforcement Officer of the Year); Wilson Davis (Indiana Bowhunters Association Phil Ohmit Officer of the Year); Justin Blake (waterfowl enforcement officer the year); Michael Gregg (lifesaving award); Janet Kuntz, District 9 (civilian employee of the year); and Lt. William Browne (director's leadership award).

Bureau employee of the year awards were presented to Mark Basch of the Division of Water (Bureau of Resource Management); Gary Christopher of the Division of State Parks & Reservoirs (Bureau of Land Management); and Brandy Lewis (Bureau of Administrative Management).

Dan Jessup of the Division of Fish & Wildlife received the IDEA (Innovation, Distinction and Efficiency Award).



## Radius Indiana Defense and National Security Advisory Council announces strategic plan

The Radius Indiana Defense and National Security Advisory Council has announced a new strategic plan including the council's mission, goals, and division of key responsibilities.

The council is chaired by Don Schulte, Executive Director of Westgate@Crane Technology Park. Those serving on the council include Duane Embree from the Indiana Department of Defense Development; Dave Reece, former Technical Director at Crane; and Steve Gootee representing the Southern Indiana Defense Alliance. Rounding out the council is current NSWC Crane Director of Engagement, Brian Blackwell; Major General 'Clif' Tooley, Assistant Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard; and Norm Thomas, Deputy Director at Crane Army Ammunition Activity (CAAA). The council is comprised of three former technical directors at NSWC Crane.

The Radius Defense and National Security Advisory Council plan outlines five main objectives to help Radius Indiana integrate organizations and entities throughout the eight-county region. It will define, develop, support and leverage community support networks to promote and strengthen Indiana's defense industry locally, statewide, and nationally, most immediately focusing on a potential U.S. Department of Defense

Base Realignment and Closure; expand and attract opportunities within the defense and national security industries; promote and support innovation through commercialization of defense research, and dual use products and technologies; promote and support asset, capacity and land use assessments and studies; and leverage the defense and national security council member's networks to support the Radius Indiana mission.

"We've assembled a team of some of the most well-respected and accomplished individuals within Indiana's defense sector. These are some of the individuals who have helped gain national leadership in missions that are extremely relevant to our current world environment," said Becky Skillman, President/CEO of Radius Indiana. "This plan will help the council leverage its members cumulative decades of expertise to proactively develop and implement strategies it deems vital to promoting and growing the defense and national security industry in the Radius Indiana region."

The plan will ensure assets such as Westgate, I-69, and the growing collaboration of with key partners and entrepreneurs are perfectly positioned to encourage future investment, welcome new jobs and economic opportunities for the Radius Indiana region.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



### Property tax protection for homeowners

Many of you reading this today probably own a home, and if you don't, chances are, one day you might. Homeownership is a huge step in life that unfortunately does not come with an instruction manual; however, it does come with many added responsibilities, including paying property taxes.

Prior to 2002, property in the state of Indiana was reassessed every five to 10 years, potentially leaving taxpayers with a large change in their assessed home values between reassessments. Naturally, this often led to sudden increases in property tax bills.

In an effort to address this, in 2002, the state began valuing properties using mass appraisal techniques, in which one piece of property is looked at in conjunction with other properties in the area. For example, assessors consider factors such as a home's age, grade and condition. In the annual adjustment known as "trending," recent property sales data is used to determine if the value of properties in your area should change to match the market value found in comparable properties.

Unfortunately, this new system was far from perfect. In fact, it resulted in many taxpayers throughout the state having to appeal their property value assessments every year,

which became burdensome for property owners.

For example, if someone's house is originally assessed at \$100,000, and then, other houses in the area, with similar size and structure, are assessed at \$150,000, generally, the first home's assessment would be raised to \$150,000 as well. This could be done even if the actual value of the house did not change.

Typically, what happens next is that the first homeowner will appeal the property assessment in order to have it lowered or reassessed. Despite winning the appeal and even if their property assessment is lowered, they must go through the same process all over again the following year using the old property value as it was originally assessed.

It's not difficult to imagine why the homeowner may not be very pleased to have to pay a higher property tax rate based on the increased assessment value; especially in the many cases in which that new value is not the actual value.

In order to fix this bug, this session, we passed Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 266 to ensure that an assessment, which has gone through the appeal process, would be used as the basis for any future assessments. This should lower the need for multiple appeals and reduce costs for both the taxpayer and the county.

It also requires the burden of proof in any increase in the assessed value to be on the assessor. If the increase is over 5 percent, the homeowner may introduce evidence to prove the correct assessment. If neither the assessor nor the homeowner prove their case, the value reverts back to the assessment for the prior year.

I was pleased to support these clarifications and modifications which I believe they will create a much more efficient appeal process and benefit both local governments and taxpayers.

As a conservative, there are a limited number of things that I think the government should or needs to be involved in, but in those rare cases, we need to continually improve how government is operating to benefit Hoosier families. I believe that SEA 266 does just that, and I will continue to look for ways to make government operate as effectively and efficiently as possible.

If you can think of a situation in which you have been personally impacted and have an idea which could make our state government operate more efficiently, I hope that you will share it with me!

## Secretary of state releases Primary Election voter turnout report

This week, Secretary of State Connie Lawson announced that 13 percent or 617,156 of Indiana's 4.5 million registered voters cast a vote in the May 6 Primary Elections. Indiana saw more Hoosiers opt for early voting during the 2014 Primary Election. During the primary, 16 percent of voters who cast a ballot voted early, compared to 12 percent in 2012 and 11 percent in 2010 and 2008.

"I believe our actual voter turnout numbers may be higher than 13 percent," said Secretary Lawson. "We are currently in the process of updating our voter list, which will give us clear data on Indiana's real voter turnout numbers in future elections."

Indiana saw an increase in the number of counties moving to the cost-saving vote center model. During the primary election, 16 counties chose to use vote centers compared to 7 in the 2012 election cycle. As a state senator, Secretary Lawson authored legislation giving counties the option to establish vote centers, which has the potential

to significantly improve efficiency and reduce county election costs. Vote centers consolidate multiple precincts into a single location, allowing counties the opportunity to save on costs associated with hiring poll workers and purchasing voting machines and supplies. Vote center counties also had 13 percent of voters cast ballots in the Primary Election.

"As I traveled throughout Indiana on Election Day, I was impressed with how counties have deployed their vote center operation plans," said Secretary Lawson. "Voters showed a positive reaction to the change and appreciated the flexibility in choosing where to vote."

The complete 2014 Primary Election Turnout and Absentee Chart with voter statistics for each county can be viewed online at [www.in.gov/sos/elections/primary14/2014PrimaryTurnout.pdf](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/primary14/2014PrimaryTurnout.pdf). The report was compiled by the Election Division of the Secretary of State's office from voter data gathered in Indiana's 92 counties.



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## The Street Where You Live...

It's complicated

Stan was attending a faculty function when he struck up a conversation with another professor. Stan had spent his 35-year career doing research and outreach in economic and community development, helping communities, big and small, grow their economy and improve their quality of life. The other professor was a rocket scientist. As they shook hands and introduced themselves and their work, the engineer said with a broad smile, "What you do isn't rocket science, is it?" Just as Stan was about to take offense, the engineer added, "It's harder than rocket science."

As strange as it may sound, the rocket man was right. The things we try to do as a community – keep our streets safe, make sure our kids have the education they need to be successful, assure that everyone has a clear pathway to the middle class and beyond – are harder than blasting a rocket to the moon.

An economist from the 1950s, Kenneth Boulding, studied "systems" and identified nine of them within which everything happens. Rockets fit into Boulding's "clock-work" system, which includes machines, small simple ones as well as complicated ones. In this order of systems, this is actually way down at the bottom, where things are predictable, like the mechanisms of a clock.

Communities are right at the top of Boulding's list as a "social organizations" that include economies and communities. When we, as members of a community, set out to accomplish something together like grow our economy, reduce crime, raise our educational attainment levels, or tackle childhood obesity we face a set of challenges more daunting than building a rocket and sending it to Mars.

Bob Brown knows about this complexity. He calls them "messes." Bob lives in Flint, Michigan, a place that has more than its fair share of messes. Flint has suffered 50 years of challenges, leaving them with high rates of crime, unemployment, and poverty. Bob tells story after story of failed efforts to deal

with these messes, from top-down mandates from federal and state government that didn't make a dent, to well-meaning grassroots efforts that soon lost steam. Bob and his neighbors found that none of the traditional means of dealing with these complex messes worked. Year after year, decade after decade, the messes remain and they get even messier.

Lately, Bob and his fellow residents in Flint have been trying something new and it seems to be working. It's called "Strategic Doing." Many communities, large and small, urban and rural, have done strategic planning to work their way through their messes. Some have brought in high-priced consultants and others that have done it themselves. Many times, however, the result has been a nicely bound plan that gathers dust on a shelf. Even when proposed strategies on the pages of a plan are good ones, often the community charged with undertaking them don't know how to move forward.

The folks in Flint have found that DOING things strategically requires a new way of thinking, a new way of behaving, and a new way of getting things done. For instance, they are learning to think in terms of networks rather than hierarchies. Collaborative networks help to link and leverage the assets that are already present in their communities. They are also learning to practice civility, how to behave toward one another with trust and mutual respect. Finally, they are learning how to come up with strategic objectives and then take a progression of small steps toward those goals, recognizing they have to be agile, ready to bob, weave, and redirect as needed. It sounds simple, and it is really, but it's not easy. It takes practice.

Flint isn't the only community embracing these more agile models for getting things done. To bring this story back to where it started, civic leaders from the Cape Canaveral region of Florida, home to the Kennedy Space Center, also turned to Strategic Doing to help them with the mess

## Family reading activities SOAR 640 percent

Since the pre-school year began in September, Head Start families have been completing reading activities at home to earn entries into a drawing for a reading chair created by local artist, Bill Whorrall. Beverly McIntosh, Program Director of Martin County SOAR, explained, "After Bill donated the reading chair to SOAR, we presented it to the Head Start families during a workshop called Enjoying Books with your Child. We gave every family a sight word book and showed them how pre-reading skills develop in children ages 0-5. We also described how one lucky family could earn the reading chair for their home."

The families worked hard to earn entry slips for the reading chair drawing. Deb Terry, Family Case Manager at Martin County Head Start, revealed their efforts: "We had a total of - drum roll, please - 1,453 books and activities completed by the families during the 2013-2014 school year. This compares to 223 books and activities during the previous school year. Hats off to the families!!" Kelly Boyd won the drawing for the chair.

Every Head Start child received a reading chair pad to take home to make a special place where they can enjoy their books. "Many thanks to Teresa Harder who had the idea to give every child a pad and to everyone who worked so hard to make enough pads for all the children. They loved them!" McIntosh said. "The way the community came together to make these cushions was heartwarming, to put it mildly. We had enough pads for every child this year and

have a start on an inventory for next year. Thank you! And thank you, Bill Whorrall, for the beautiful chair."

Kip Trotter, treasurer of SOAR, visits the Head Start pre-school every week to read to the children. "Each week, we get out the reading chair, and I read to both classes. The joy of working with the kids is unsurpassed and watching them develop a love of reading is very rewarding," said Trotter of the experience. This is the second year that Trotter has read to the children every week.

The Head Start children and staff surprised Trotter when they honored him as Mr Kip, the Storyteller and showered him with gifts to thank him for reading to them.

Head Start provides a no-cost, comprehensive school readiness program to low income children. For more information or to enroll in Head Start or Early Head Start call 812-295-4700.

Martin County SOAR offers free and confidential tutoring in reading, writing, math, English, work and life skills, and HSE (formerly GED) prep. All who are interested in being tutored or becoming a tutor can call or text 812.709.1618 to learn more.

SOAR also conducts projects that promote family literacy: Enjoying Books with Your Child and reading chair/pads for preschoolers, Put Your Nose in a Book for first graders, The Dictionary Project for third graders, and The Thesaurus Project for fourth graders. These projects are made possible through the support of the Martin County Community Foundation.



-Photo provided  
Kip Trotter, with Martin County SOAR, is shown with the the winner of the reading chair, Kelly Boyd.



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In the photo above on the left, Bill Whorrall is shown signing the reading chair he made for the Head Start class. In the photo above on the right, Kip Trotter, a/k/a Mr. Kip the Storyteller, speaks to the class.



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Volunteers with Martin County SOAR and Head Start teachers are shown above handing out chair pads to the students.



-Photos provided  
Deb Terry, Family Case Manager of Martin County Head Start, is shown above with 1,453 entry slips for the reading chair drawing.

## Calendar of Events

### LUMC Bible School

All preschoolers through those done with 6th grade should make their way to Loogootee United Methodist Church June 23-27 for Vacation Bible School from 6-8:30 p.m. Participants will "travel" around the Sea of Galilee learning of Jesus' ministry. Call the church today at 295-3049 to get registered.

### Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next regularly scheduled talk to a lawyer telephone clinic is Thursday, June 5, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST. The general public are encouraged to call in and talk to a lawyer for free! Anyone can use the service, as long as the question involves a matter of Indiana law. To access the clinic, the telephone numbers are: 812-618-4845 and toll free 888-594-3449. This pro bono legal service is co-sponsored by the Evansville Bar Foundation, Indiana Bar Foundation and Volunteer Lawyer Program of SW Indiana, Inc.

### Shoals School Board meetings

The Shoals School Board will meet in special session Saturday, June 7 at 12:30 p.m. in the central administration office. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing concerning details of the proposed superintendent contract. They will also meet in special session on Saturday, June 14 at 9 a.m. The purpose of that meeting is to appoint a new superintendent and junior/senior high school principal. The meetings are open to the public.

### Shoals Alumni Banquet

The Shoals High School Alumni Banquet is Saturday, June 28 at the Shoals High School Gym. Doors open at 4 p.m. The dinner starts at 6 p.m. If you would like a reserved table, call Norma Baker at 812-388-6641.

### Baker Family Reunion

The descendants of Cesar and Mary Baker will be having the Baker Family Reunion on Sunday, June 8 at the Shoals Senior Citizen Center. Food will be served at noon. Bring a covered dish and your table service.

### Head Start preschool classes

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

### Boy Scouts

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

