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Shown above are the 2010 SummerFest Queen candidates. From left to right are Lauren Hendrickson, Bonnie Street, Tia Pennington, and 2009 SummerFest Queen Kelci Mann.

SummerFest to kick off Saturday with Queen Contest at high school

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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This year's Loogootee SummerFest will kick off on Saturday, June 12, with the Queen Contest in the high school auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Then on Thursday, June 17, DJ Dave and Linda will be on the main stage beginning at 5 p.m. along with craft booths and food stands along the main drag. Armband games will be on West Main Street from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the Beer Garden will be open from 5 p.m. to midnight.

A talent show will be held on the main stage from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the Corporate Challenge, where a representative from each corporate sponsor business with compete in minute-to-win-it games, will begin at 7 p.m. The winner of the Corporate Challenge will receive a traveling trophy and bragging rights for a year. Corporate sponsors for this year's SummerFest are German American, Springs Valley Bank and Trust, State Representative Mark Messmer, Knight of Columbus, Knight of Columbus Auxillary, Midwestern Engineers, and Loughmiller Machine, Tool, and Design.

Also Thursday night, 56 Coyote will perform on the main stage from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

On Friday, June 18, DJ Dave and Linda will again begin playing music on the main stage at 5 p.m. and the Beer Garden will be held from 5 p.m. to midnight. Armband

games will be available from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and balloon artists Donnie and Candy Swank will be showing their craft from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Amy Mathies Kavanaugh will be performing on the main stage from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Beasley Band will perform on the main stage from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Kicking off on Saturday, June 19, the 5K Run/Fun Walk will begin at the corner of West Main and West First Streets. The walk begins at 7:30 a.m. with the run starting at 8 a.m.

A golf tournament will be held at Lakeview Golf Course at 8 a.m., the 3-on-3 basketball tournament will start at 9 a.m., and the volleyball tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. An Ice Cream Social will begin in St. John's Lutheran parking lot at noon and sidewalk chalk contests for the kids will begin at 2 p.m. The craft booths, food stands, and armband games will be open along West Main Street from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. DJ Dave and Linda will play music on the main stage beginning at 2 p.m. and the Texas Hold'em Tournament will begin at 4 p.m.

A Corn Hole Tourney will start at 4 p.m. and the SummerFest Auction will be held on the main stage beginning at 6:30 p.m. CopperHead Creek will perform on the stage from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the Beer Garden will again be held from 2 p.m. until midnight.

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\$6,000 earmarked by commissioners sparks debate on council's role

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County Council member John Stoll had some questions about the council's role in approving money requests at their meeting Monday night, June 7. Stoll's question stemmed from the Martin County Commissioners approving \$6,000 from EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) funds to the Martin County Community Foundation at their last May 12 meeting. Commissioner Dan Gregory motioned to divide the \$6,000 among the three commissioners EDIT

"Now, if we are going to allow the commissioners to approve, write the check, and send it away before the council even knows about it then we are not doing something right."

-County councilman John Stoll

and John Winger in favor. The money was paid to the foundation shortly after without going before the county council which Auditor Nancy Steiner explained was because Kim Chattin with the Department of Local Government Finance told her was okay to do since a total of \$60,000 in EDIT money was already appropriated for the commissioners' use back at budget time. Steiner said that she learned Monday from Chattin that because the Martin County Community Foundation is not a part of the county's capital improvement plan than the commissioners did not have the authority to spend the EDIT money without prior approval from the council.

Steiner explained that during budgeting

the county council approved \$60,000 to go towards the commissioners' EDIT fund. \$40,000 was earmarked for LEDO (Local Economic Development Organization) and later \$9,400 was given to the Martin County Park Board. She said that she was under the impression that the remaining money, \$10,600, could be spent at the commissioners' discretion since it has already been approved by the county council. Only then did

she learn that any money given had to go towards organizations included in the county's capital improvement plan. She said that since the community foundation already had the money the council could go retroactive and approve it or the commissioners could take the \$6,000 out of one of their own line items in their budget.

Council member Stoll said that he didn't know anything about \$6,000 being given until he read about it in the paper and he didn't understand why money was given without prior approval from the council. He said he was told that the commissioners could spend the EDIT money anyway they wanted to and he didn't believe that.

Auditor Steiner said that this is what she was told by Chattin with the DLGF.

Council member Lonnie Hawkins said that he understood what Steiner was saying. He used the example of the highway department

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They hatched!

-Photo by Tony Dant

The bluebird eggs and their momma that have been featured in the last two weeks of the Martin County Journal have entered the world. These babies are located in a bluebird box on the property of Tony Dant of Martin County.

COUNCIL

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ment purchasing stone. He said that a certain amount is appropriated for stone and the highway department can use that money any time they want and only need to come back to the council if they use it all and need more. He said it's the same thing with the \$60,000 that was appropriated for the commissioners in the EDIT fund. He told Stoll that there is a remaining balance in the EDIT fund of \$145,909 that would have to be requested and approved by the county council prior to it being spent.

Hawkins said that the council put \$60,000 in the fund with the intent on covering the \$40,000 for LEDO and the \$9,400 for the park board. "We probably should have sharpened our pencil a little bit more," he said. "I assure you we will this time," said council member Larry Shaw.

Council member Stoll, still not convinced, said, "I'm saying that \$6,000 couldn't come out of that without being approved. Can you explain to me why the \$9,400 for the park had to be approved and the \$6,000 didn't have to be approved and it came out of the same fund, then I might go along with it?"

Council member Hawkins said "Then what you're saying is that we didn't even have to approve the \$9,400 if the commissioners were the ones to do it?"

"No, they could have if it would have been in the capital improvement plan, but that wasn't in the capital improvement plan either so it did need approval," said Steiner. "Anything that is not in the capital improvement plan whether there is excess money in there or not has to come before the council for approval," she added. She went on to say that if there is something in the capital improvement plan that the commissioner want to spend money on then they do not have to come before the council for approval.

"I don't think so," said Stoll.

"To delve a little deeper in this at one meeting I think Mr. Hawkins made the motion that we weren't going to give people money unless they showed up here and told us what they wanted," Stoll added.

"Ok, Tony Nonte was going to come tonight and so was Dan Gregory and then all this came up, like I said I didn't get this information until 3:30; they're not here because of me," said Steiner. She said she wasn't sure what would take place at the meeting and told them not to come. She said she would be happy to invite them back to the next meeting.

Hawkins said he liked the idea of having people show up at the meetings to request money. "But if we don't do it across the board . . ." he said before Council member Rich Summers finished for him saying "There's no sense in talking about it."

"Exactly," said Hawkins.

Hawkins went on to say that he was all for funding the community foundation if there is a way to do it because he thinks they have done a lot for the county.

"A \$6,000 pay back for the money they have given is a fairly reasonable expense," said Summers.

Stoll made a motion to table the discussion until next month. "And I'm not saying by tabling it that I wouldn't support it if they came to us with it as they should have, I just want to table it until it gets straightened out," he said.

Larry Shaw made the second to table it. The motion was rejected by a 4-3 vote with Warren Albright being the third in favor of tabling. Hawkins, Summers, Wininger, and Gee were opposed.

Wininger said that he was opposed to tabling it but added, "I see how it got this way but I'm like Larry I think next time around we're going to watch it very close." He went on to say that he was in favor of using some of the EDIT money to give to the highway department when they were desperate for funding instead of imposing a wheel tax. "We've got some, never a request," he said referring to the commissioners and the amount of EDIT money. Hawkins said that he also had made that request back in August.

"That's what I'm saying, why are we continuing this?" said Stoll. "In the first place, Dan Gregory is not the one applying for the money."

"In simple terms if we have to approve the \$6,000 coming out of the EDIT fund, why has the check already been sent to them," council member Shaw asked Auditor Steiner.

Steiner again explained that Kim Chattin with the DLGF told her that council approval was not needed. It was today she learned that because the foundation was not in the capital improvement plan it did need to be approved by the council. She said that if the council did not want to approve the money out of EDIT than the commissioners would just find the money somewhere else in their budget to cover the cost.

Hawkins said that the commissioners do the same thing with insurance every year. He said that when they come up short for insurance at the end of the year they just transfer money around in their own budget to cover it.

"But the part that I don't like is the fact that let's look at why the council is here in the first place. The commissioners were spending money that they didn't have or for things that shouldn't have been bought," said Stoll. He went on to say that the state then decided to set up the county councils to approve the spending of money. "Now, if we are going to allow the commissioners to approve, write the check, and send it away before the council even knows about it then we are not doing something right," he said. "The council might as well not be here in that case," he added.

"The commissioners spent it in this in-

stance thinking they had the money if I understand it," said Albright.

"Exactly," said Steiner. "And, thought that we were doing it the proper way," she added.

Stoll told Steiner that Kim Chattin with the DLGF didn't have the authority to override anything.

"She guides us," said Steiner.

"She guides us but she doesn't override the council," said Stoll.

"We're not asking anyone to override the council," said Steiner.

"We keep saying the commissioners approved it and they didn't," said Hawkins. "The only thing they did was sign the claim and that is very much in their power because they sign the claims every meeting," he said.

"It's a worthy, worthy cause that the commissioners believe in and whether you want to approve an additional appropriation or not, that's fine, we will pencil and it will come out of another fund," said Steiner.

Council member Shaw said he would have liked to hear from the foundation about what the money was to be used for. "I understand that they have done a great deal of service to the county, but that doesn't always justify government expenditures," he said. "\$6,000 is not a lot of money but is it going to be something that is expected from them and other organizations going forward?" he added. "Bottom line to me, because there is \$20,000 sitting in a line item in a budget doesn't necessarily mean that it has to be spent by the end of the year, so if it's supposed to have our approval then it should have our approval," he said. "But be clear, I have nothing against the community foundation, I think they're an excellent organization that does a lot for the county," he added.

After all the discussion the council unanimously voted to have the commissioners take the \$6,000 out of their own budget and have the money put back into the EDIT fund.

Council member Albright said he would like to add that the highway department did receive the timber money so he didn't think that they now needed any EDIT money.

"I don't think that's the case because they were about \$250,000 short just to get them back to what they did with no improvements," said Hawkins. He said that the improvements they were talking about was the 15 miles of paving and that was going to be about \$430,000.

Attention was then directed to Highway Superintendent Jim Williams who was in the audience. He said that he was there tonight to request \$17,269 just to cover the expense of the bridge inspection. He said that he had undershot the budget for the project and the inspection of Brook's Bridge was \$6,800 alone. He said the timber money didn't help at all. The council approved the additional appropriation.

The council tabled two requests from Clerk Julie Fithian because she did not attend the meeting and request in person. One was from the Cumulative Voting System Fund for \$18,000 for election equipment

and the other was from the Non-Reverting Voting Fund for \$17,100 for election equipment. Council member Hawkins said about in-person requests for additional money, "I'm willing to go to the wall with this if we make it a rule, but if it's good for one, it's good for all."

Council member Stoll said that the rule was made at a previous meeting and the council simply has to go by what they said.

"It's time to live by it then," said Council member Summers.

"I think it's just a courtesy in my opinion," said Hawkins.

In other business, council member Stoll also had asked at last month's meeting about Westgate property tax revenue estimates and abatements. Auditor Steiner told Stoll Monday night that the state, by statute, sets up those estimates and percentages and the county has nothing to do with it. She gave the council copies of Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1 which states the statute.

At the end of the meeting Auditor Steiner informed the council that she went through the county's auto insurance policy and found 20 vehicles that they didn't even own anymore, some going back to 2006. She said that by dropping them the county received a refund of \$6,747. She also questioned why the county was paying \$303 per month to have Republic Disposal empty the eight-yard dumpster at the jail once per week. She said she called Velpen and their price was \$139 per month. After discussion the council members told Steiner to contact the trash disposal companies in the county to get prices first. "I think we should keep Martin County money in Martin County if we can," said Albright.

Council member Wininger asked Steiner if she would look into the county's animal ordinance or leash law prior to next meeting.

Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



Molly is a Great Pyrenees, female. She is a very sweet dog that needs a good, loving home. She is around 7 years old and loves to go on walks. The Martin County Humane Society also has two very cute Lab/Golden Retriever pups The Humane Society in collecting items for their yard sale, so if you have any item to donate call Don at 296-0952 They will also be having a road block in Shoals on Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, please stop by and donate.

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SUMMERFEST



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In the SummerFest Junior Miss pageant the candidates shown above, from left to right standing, are Megan Lampert, Emma Walters, Jacy Fields, Lindsay Potts, Kaitlin Wagoner, Deanna Canell, Jordan Mann, Abby Barker, Hunter Taylor, and Tyra Fuhs. Sitting in front of the tree, from left to right, are Rian Smith, Brianna Williams, and Hunter Crays.



-Photo provided

In the SummerFest Little Miss pageant, the candidates shown above, from left to right, are Mallory Berry, Maura Gregory, Heather Harshaw, 2009 Little Miss Maelee Hawkins, Skylar Padgett, Erica Fellers, and Haley Erwin.



-Photo provided

In the SummerFest Tiny Tot pageant, the candidates shown above, from left to right, are MiKenna Jones, Olivia Dant, Jayleigh Harger, Shealyn Arthur, Hannah Harshaw, Tierlan Norris, Chantel Green, and 2009 Tiny Tot Tia Fuhs.

Obituaries

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. - Matthew 5:4

MARY L. WILDMAN

Mary L. Wildman died Thursday, June 3, 2010, at the home of her daughter in Louisville, Kentucky. A resident of Orleans, she was 85.

Mary was born on September 2, 1924, in Loogootee, to her parents, Frank and Martha Chandler Cannon.

She graduated from Montgomery High School. She worked for 23 years for the Orleans Community School Corporation at the elementary school as a teacher's assistant.

She was a member of the Orleans Church of Christ, the Orleans American Legion Auxiliary and was a volunteer for the American Heart Association.

She married William Wildman on January 4, 1947, and he preceded her in death, June 10, 1983. Mary worked hard with her husband on the family farm all of her life. She mowed and cared for her lawn faithfully. They were recognized as "Farm Family of the Year" in 1969.

She is survived by two sons and their wives, Ralph and Rachel Wildman, and Wayne and Toni Wildman, all of Orleans; two daughters and their husbands, Phyllis and Paul Spencer of Louisville, Kentucky, and Martha and Philip McBride of Orleans; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Along with her parents and husband; she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Cannon and George Cannon; and a sister, Frieda Owen.

A funeral was held Tuesday, June 15, at the Ochs-Tetrick Funeral Home in Orleans with Brother Michel Mahler officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery, in Orleans.

The family requests memorial contributions to the Orleans Church of Christ Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.ochstetrick.net.

PAT WILLIAMS

Pat Williams died at 6:39 p.m., Friday, June 4, 2010, at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Washington, he was 89.

He was born on June 4, 1921, in Daviess County, the son of John Leo and Beatrice (Carrico) Williams. His wife, Thelma (Walker) Williams, whom he married on August 20, 1949, preceded him in death.

He was member of All Saints Catholic Church in Cannelburg, and was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of the Jasper American Legion. He had been a school bus driver for Barr Township

schools, a farmer, factory worker, and most recently a security guard. He lived a rich full life and will influence generations. He will be greatly missed at the Viking Mart in Montgomery. He also loved burnt hot dogs and was an avid people person and hunter.

He is survived by one son, Ron Williams of Odon; four daughters, Patty Williams of Indianapolis, Deb Williams of Montgomery, Amy Toler of Crawfordsville, and Linda Williams of Lebanon; and four grandchildren.

His parents, two brothers and two sisters also preceded him in death.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, June 8, at Brocksmitth-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery. Burial was held in South Martin Cemetery in Martin County, with graveside rites conducted by the American Legion.

Memorial donations may be made to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

DANIEL J. "DANNY" DAILY

Daniel J. "Danny" Daily died at 3:36 p.m., Saturday, June 5, 2010, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, he was 47.

He was born September 16, 1962, in Indianapolis, the son of Robert J. and Betty L. (Strawn) Daily.

He was a 1980 graduate of Loogootee High School; he was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Gray of Loogootee; one sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Richard Hedrick of Loogootee; one niece, Kristi Hayden; one nephew, Jimmy Honeycutt; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert J. Daily.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, June 9, at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow at a later date. There was no visitation.

Brocksmitth Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmitthfuneralhomes.com.

Obituaries may be submitted via email to courtney@martincountyjournal.com or fax at 1-877-471-2907. Photos are recommended if available.



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Public RECORDS

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Tuesday, June 1

4:52 a.m. - An ambulance was requested on Love Cemetery Road. Martin Co. Ambulance and Loogootee Fire first responders responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:15 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist near Max Warren's Curve. Sergeant Pritchard responded.

8:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance outside of Shoals. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:10 a.m. - Received call about a stranded motorist on U.S. 231, about nine miles south of Loogootee. Deputy Nolan responded but was unable to locate the vehicle.

10:15 a.m. - Subject came on station to speak with an officer about a laser light shining in his window last night. Sergeant Pritchard spoke with the subject.

11:26 a.m. - A male caller requested a vehicle check. Deputy Nolan responded.

11:51 a.m. - Another male caller requested a vehicle check. Sergeant Pritchard was notified, but when he returned the call and also went to the residence, no one was present.

11:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:35 p.m. - Orange County requested a welfare check on a subject that did not show up at work today. Deputy Nolan checked on the subject.

1:16 p.m. - Received a request to check on a female hitchhiker on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Nolan and Chief Rayhill checked on the subject.

5:13 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check in Shoals. Marshall Eckert completed detail.

5:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial.

6:57 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial.

8:11 p.m. - A female caller requested an officer on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, for a female walking along the roadway with a limp. Corporal Fischer was advised.

8:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Subject was not transported and Loogootee Officer Akles responded.

11:09 p.m. - An ambulance was requested in Loogootee. Martin Co. Ambulance and Loogootee Fire first responders responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Wednesday, June 2

1:40 a.m. - A male caller reported being threatened. Major Burkhardt attempted to call the individual back but there was no answer. Burkhardt patrolled the area around the residence.

4:11 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism. It was reported that a road sign at River Road was missing and the Simmons Creek Road sign had been ran over.

1:29 p.m. - Martin Co. Ambulance advised they received a private call to Martin County Healthcare. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:30 p.m. - A male caller requested a vehicle check. Corporal Fischer completed the detail.

5:40 p.m. - A male caller reported a possible attempted theft at Daviess County Stone. Daviess County Sheriff's Dept. was notified.

6:07 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on U.S. 50. The information was given to Deputy Nolan.

6:24 p.m. - Marshall Eckert advised that there would be a controlled burn in Shoals around 7 p.m.

7:35 p.m. - Daviess Community Hospital advised of a dog bite victim from Martin

County.

9:21 p.m. - An ambulance was requested in Loogootee but was then advised to disregard.

11:03 p.m. - Major Burkhardt reported vandalism to road signs in the Lost River area, and also theft and arson. Burkhardt is the investigating officer.

Thursday, June 3

12:39 a.m. - Major Burkhardt checked a subject walking by the Jug Rock.

1:10 a.m. - A female caller in Shoals reported noise coming from her air conditioner that had been turned off. Marshall Eckert went to the residence but did not notice any signs of fire.

5:14 a.m. - Received a report of high water on U.S. 231, south of Whitfield. The State Highway Dept., the Indiana State Police, and radio stations were notified.

5:58 a.m. - A Martin County Civil Defense member assisted a stalled vehicle off of U.S. 231, in Daviess County.

6:10 a.m. - A female caller reported a large tree had fallen across Red School Road. The Martin County Highway Dept. was notified.

10:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in the Shoals area. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to University of Louisville Hospital by Air Evac.

10:45 a.m. - A female caller requested numbers for who to call in reference to a stray dog.

11:00 a.m. - Received a call from St. Martin's Church in Whitfield for a vehicle that has been parked on the property for an extended period of time.

11:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The Martin Co. Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Dept. first responders responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received a call about an erratic driver northbound on U.S. 231, north of Bramble. Greene County Sheriff's Dept. was notified.

11:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. Martin Co. Ambulance transported the patient to Bloomington Hospital.

Thursday, June 3

2:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call about a reckless semi eastbound from the 4-H grounds on U.S. 50. Deputy Keller was notified.

2:52 p.m. - A gas station reported a purse found at the air pump. Deputy Keller was advised and retrieved the property.

4:50 p.m. - A caller requested to speak with Major Burkhardt about a child in his custody. Major Burkhardt responded to speak with the caller.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check in Bramble. Deputy Greene responded but the subject was not at home. The detail was completed by Deputy Keller Friday morning.

5:10 p.m. - Deputy Keller responded to assist with a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

5:36 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver on U.S. 231, southbound from the Alfordville turnoff. Dubois County was advised.

6:40 p.m. - A request was received for an ambulance at the Big Splash Water Adventure Park. The information was given to Orange County.

9:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Haw Creek Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:07 p.m. - An ambulance was requested in Loogootee. Martin Co. Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Dept. first responders responded. No transport was necessary.

Friday, June 4

12:15 a.m. - An ambulance was requested in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a large Rottweiler on a porch on Grafton Lane. While Deputy Keller was on scene, he learned that the dog may be one that was stolen from a residence in Loogootee. The dog matched the description, so the dog was taken into the custody of the Martin County Human Society. The owner was contacted and he positively identified the dog. It was released back into the owner's custody.

8:14 a.m. - A caller advised of a man face-down in the roadway, with blood on his face. Martin Co. Ambulance, Shoals Fire first responders, Loogootee Officer Nolan, and Deputy Keller responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:05 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check. Deputy Keller responded.

12:20 p.m. - Received a call from Dubois County for a stranded motorcycle about five miles south of Loogootee on U.S. 231. Deputy Keller located the motorcycle approximately eight miles south of Loogootee and assisted the driver. Uebelhor's wrecker was contacted and the motorcycle and the driver were transported to Jasper.

3:05 p.m. - Daviess County called about a possible stranded motorist. Deputy Keller responded and was unable to locate the vehicle.

3:15 p.m. - A male caller reported a tree down on Low Gap Road. County highway was notified.

10:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

Saturday, June 5

3:00 a.m. - A male subject called in reference to problems with his teenage children.

4:54 a.m. - A disturbance was reported in Shoals. Deputy Greene and ISP Trooper Starr responded.

9:30 a.m. - A female caller reported trash on Simmons Creek Road. Community corrections were advised.

11:30 a.m. - Jasper State Police dispatched a speeding vehicle near Haysville.

4:11 p.m. - Chief Deputy Street checked a possible drunk driver.

5:48 p.m. - Martin County Civil Defense was contacted in reference to a tree that was about to fall on the roadway.

6:38 p.m. - Received a complaint of an intoxicated subject walking on S.R. 450, near Trinity Springs. ISP Trooper Sexton was advised.

7:37 p.m. - A female caller requested to speak to an officer about violation of a protective order. Deputy Greene was advised.

8:21 p.m. - An ambulance was requested in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

10:31 p.m. - A female caller in the Shoals area requested extra patrol. Deputy Greene was notified.

11:28 p.m. - A male caller advised he was assisting East Fork Water with a situation on Rusk Road and requested an officer to assist with traffic control. Deputy Greene was notified.

Sunday, June 6

2:13 a.m. - A male arrived on station to speak to an officer about harassing text messages. Deputy Greene was notified.

3:16 a.m. - Received a report of two horses out of the field. Owners of the horses were found and the horses were secured.

6:58 a.m. - A female arrived on station to speak with an officer about stolen medication. Deputy Keller was advised.

7:52 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department and Deputy Keller responded. A door was found unsecured and key holders were contacted to secure the building.

9:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:56 a.m. - Received a report from Jasper Memorial Hospital that a subject involved in a fight in Martin County had arrived in the emergency room.

11:45 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle to be unlocked. Deputy Keller was advised.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of a subject hitting the gas pump at RJ's Food Mart and leaving the scene. Deputy Keller was advised.

12:00 p.m. - Received a complaint of a subject riding a lawn mower after dark. Caller also reported vandalism.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of a canoe found floating down the river.

12:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Odon. The call was transferred to Daviess County.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Dept. was advised.

1:17 p.m. - Received a report of young people racing ATVs on Progress School Road. Deputy Keller was advised.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of a horse out on Killion Mill Road. Deputy Keller was advised.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on S.R. 550. Deputy Keller assisted.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

10:01 p.m. - A female caller from S.R. 450 reported someone on her property with either a gun or fireworks. Deputy Greene was notified.

10:22 p.m. - Deputy Greene assisted a stranded motorist in the Bramble area.

Real estate transfers

Paul M. O'Brien, Stephen J. O'Brien, and David K. O'Brien, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stephen J. O'Brien**, of Martin County, Indiana, 78 feet off the north side of Lot Number 12 in the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jewel M. Pridemore, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael E. Pridemore**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the west half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West in the town of Kecksville, now Burns City, Indiana. Also, part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West.

Peggy Sue Cutter, formerly known as Peggy Sue Amos, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dustin H. Staggs and Sarah L. Staggs**, of Martin County, Indiana a part of the south half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitchell-tree Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 34,366 square feet and/or 0.789 of an acre, more or less.

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Loogootee Police activity log

Tuesday, June 1

4:51 a.m. - First responders were requested on Love Cemetery Road, for a male having breathing problems.

1:00 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a local business in reference to a carbon monoxide check.

1:20 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department called to report a woman crawling in a ditch on US 231 South. Officers arrived and learned the lady was homeless, and that she was attempting to walk to Huntingburg.

7:58 p.m. - Caller reported four wheelers operating in shaded estates. Captain Akles was given the information.

11:08 p.m. - First responders were requested at Sunset Trailer Court in reference to a female with difficulty breathing.

Wednesday, June 2

6:09 p.m. - Caller on SW First Street reported that he was attacked by his neighbor's dog. Captain Akles arrived and spoke with both parties.

10:08 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on West Washington Street. Captain Akles spoke with parties involved.

Thursday, June 3

11:25 a.m. - First Responders were requested at Loogootee High School, in reference to a male that had fallen from a ladder.

5:05 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

5:11 p.m. - Justin Blake reported his cell phone had been stolen. Victim filled out a voluntary statement.

9:35 p.m. - Caller at Sunset Trailer Court advised she was being harassed by a male subject. Captain Akles spoke with the

caller.

10:05 p.m. - First Responders were requested at Sunset Trailer Court in reference to a female with difficulty breathing.

Friday, June 4

11:42 a.m. - Caller reported two pit bulls running loose on SW First Street. Officers were unable to locate the dogs.

10:50 p.m. - A Caller on Truelove Drive reported a neighbor had come into her trailer and battered her husband. Subjects did not want to press any charges.

Saturday, June 5

12:28 p.m. - Caller reported she was harassed by a male on SW Third Street.

6:54 p.m. - Caller reported her door had been kicked in, but nothing was stolen. It was later learned that this had stemmed from a domestic dispute earlier. Sgt Hennette completed a case report.

7:28 p.m. - Caller reported she had been bitten by a white dog on Sycamore Street. Sgt Hennette spoke with the owner of the dog.

8:20 p.m. - First Responders were requested at Sunset Trailer Court for a female with difficulty breathing.

Sunday, June 6

12:08 p.m. - Caller reported loud noise in Shaded Estates. Sgt Hennette checked the area.

1:16 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at Redwing Trailer Court. Sgt Hennette arrived and spoke with the parties involved.

2:34 p.m. - A female employee at Chuckles reported a drive-off; vehicle was possibly headed west on Hwy. 50. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was informed.

damage to the bumper, grill, and light. No injuries were reported. The estimated damage is \$2,500. The investigating officer was Deputy Greene.

Friday, June 4

4:15 p.m. - Rose Bauernfiend of Loogootee, was operating a 2010 Cadillac on North Line Street. Bauernfiend turned onto Williams Street and collided with a Chevrolet owned by Midwestern Engineers. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

Saturday, June 5

11:57 a.m. - 911 caller reports a motorcycle accident on Hickory Ridge Hill, near Friendship Methodist Church. Robert L. Edwards, 35, of Owensboro, Kentucky, stated that he was northbound, entering a curve, when his motorcycle hit some gravel on the edge of the roadway. The vehicle then slid out from under him and went off the east side of the roadway. Edwards sustained an abrasion to his right elbow and to his left hand. The investigating officer was Deputy Keller.

Martin County Court news

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

May 17

Richard W. Wagner, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CIVIL COURT NEW FILINGS

May 27

Jack Bridges vs. Shirley Bridges, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 28

BAC Home Loans Servicing vs. Amber Ross and unknown tenants, mortgage foreclosure.

Chase Home Finance, LLC vs. Martin County Board of Commissioners and Jacqueline Thomas, mortgage foreclosure.

Tina Crowell vs. Elvis Babcock, reciprocal support.

CIVIL COURT CASES DISMISSED

May 26

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Patricia Tharp, civil collection, dismissed.

May 28

Norton Healthcare, Inc. vs. John Morrison, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

June 1

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Gerald and Lana Kluesner, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Mary and Daniel Greenwood, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Anthony Tolbert, complaint.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

May 26 - June 2

Joseph Allen, Loogootee, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Dana Arvin, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Merrill Bateman, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Jeremy Blaker, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Amanda Boyd, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Melissa Byers, Loogootee, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Marilyn Clifton, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Daniel Combess, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Thomas Dripps, Galion, Ohio, speeding 50 in a 45, \$119.

Heath Fulk, Linton, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Ruth Gilbert, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Kara Goshen, Tell City, speeding 55 in a 40; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

James Hobbs, Shelbyville, Kentucky, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Shirley Holt, Shoals, disregarding automatic signal, \$124.

Jess Jenkins, Loogootee, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Eric Jones, Bloomington, speeding 65 in a 50, \$119.

Terry Jones, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Kaycee Keith, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Joshua Kellams, Shoals, child restraint violation-child less than 8, \$25.

Levi Kemp, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25; child restraint violation, child does not fit in child restraint-child less than 8, \$25.

Sherly Kieper, Vincennes, speeding 40 in a 25; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Emily Kiesling, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Michael Lamar, Williams, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Chadd Lents, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Christopher Logan, Evansville, speeding 70 in a 55, \$124.

David Long, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Joshua Medley, West Chester, Ohio, speeding 72 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$124.

Katie Milligan, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

William Pugh, Evansville, speeding 55 in a 40; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Miranda Rehl, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Katie Sanders, Shoals, child restraint violation-child less than 8, \$25.

Kenneth Smith Jr., Montgomery, child restraint violation-child less than 8, \$25.

William Stein, Evansville, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Kyle Tarr, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Roger Terry, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Crystal Trambaugh, Loogootee, no valid operator's license, \$119.

Jacob Wallisa, Loogootee, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Roger Welch, Washington, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Jared Welker, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Jeffrey Williams, Mitchell, seatbelt violation, \$25.

John Williams, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Charles Winchell, Santa Claus, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Jennifer Witt, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Robert Woodruff, Odon, seatbelt violation, \$25.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

May 28

Justin M. Randolph, of Loogootee and Jennifer M. Floyd, of Loogootee.

Martin County accident reports

Tuesday, June 2

3:39 p.m. - Jessica Howell, 37, of Shoals, was traveling eastbound on Tedrow Lane in a silver 2000 Ford Taurus. Donald R. Miller, 47, of Shoals, was traveling westbound in his black 1994 Chevrolet pickup. Miller stated that he saw the Howell vehicle go left of center and apply the brakes heavily, which caused the tires to lock up. Both vehicles hit head-on, in the westbound side of the roadway, resulting in significant damage to both vehicles. Howell sustained a possible broken leg, but Miller was not injured. The investigating officer was Deputy Nolan.

Tuesday, June 3

6:15 p.m. - Dustin Davis, 31, of Loogootee, was traveling north on U.S. 231, approximately one mile north of Loogootee, in a white 2005 Chevrolet. A deer entered the roadway from the west colliding with the front of the vehicle, causing

Jail bookings

Tuesday, June 1

8:44 p.m. - Alan Moorhead, 55, of Loogootee was brought in by Loogootee Police Officer Akles and charged with Public Intoxication.

Thursday, June 3

5:54 p.m. - Russell Pershing, 18, of El-nora, was brought in by Loogootee Police Officer Akles and charged with Burglary.

9:25 p.m. - Timothy Boyd, 43, of Shoals was brought in by Shoals Marshal Eckert and charged with Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated.

Saturday, June 5

9:05 p.m. - ISP Trooper Sexton arrived on station with Donna S. Childress, 46, of Loogootee was brought in by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with Forgery and Theft.

Sunday, June 6

9:20 p.m. - ISP Trooper Sexton arrived on station with Jeremi L. Jones, 28, of Loogootee was brought in by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia.

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Consolidation of three state police posts announced

On June 3, 2010, Indiana State Police Superintendent Paul Whitesell held a Command Meeting with department command personnel from across the state to announce the planned consolidations of state police posts. Along with the consolidations, several existing state police posts will have counties added to or removed from the present district boundaries. The changes announced today affect the internal operation of the state police and will have no impact on the services provided to the public.

Superintendent Whitesell announced at the command meeting that the consolidations will not result in involuntary job loss by any civilian or police personnel. All civilian personnel will have the opportunity to transfer to a position at other state police facilities. State police road troopers, detectives, and supervisory squad sergeants will continue serving within the counties they are presently assigned. The District and Assistant District Commanders of the consolidated posts will receive new assignments that will not result in loss of rank.

The posts being consolidated are:
 Terre Haute Post will consolidate with the Putnamville Post effective July 1, 2010.

Connersville Post will consolidate with the Pendleton Post effective September 1, 2010.

Redkey Post will consolidate into portions of the Fort Wayne, Pendleton and Peru Posts effective November 1, 2010.

The posts affected by the consolidations and that will have changes to their existing county boundaries are:

The Indianapolis Post will add Hendricks County from the present day Putnamville Post along with the addition of Hancock and Hamilton Counties from the present day Pendleton Post.

The Indianapolis Post will serve the seven counties of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion and Shelby.

The Putnamville Post will add the counties of Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vigo and Vermillion from the present day Terre Haute Post.

The Putnamville Post will serve the six counties of Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo.

The Peru Post will add Grant County from the present day Redkey Post.

The Peru Post will serve the seven counties of Cass, Fulton, Grant, Howard, Miami, Tipton, and Wabash.

The Bloomington Post will add Morgan

County from the present day Putnamville Post.

The Bloomington Post will serve the six counties of Brown, Greene, Lawrence, Monroe, Morgan, and Owen.

The Versailles Post will add Franklin County from the present day Connersville Post.

The Versailles Post will serve the ten counties of Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland.

The Fort Wayne Post will add Blackford County and Jay County from the present day Redkey Post.

The consolidated Fort Wayne Post will serve the 11 counties of Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Jay, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley.

The Pendleton Post will add Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne Counties.

The consolidated Pendleton Post will serve the counties of Fayette, Henry, Madison, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne.

The consolidations announced will also result in changes of some state police radio dispatch operations. As the date of the change nears, there will be future announcements to notify the public what number to call to reach the state police post that serves their particular county. As always, in the event of an emergency the best number to call is 911. Additionally state police personnel will be contacting county officials in the counties of the posts that are being consolidated to coordinate for a smooth transition.

In March of 2010 the Indiana State Police consolidated the operations of the former Seymour Post with the Versailles Post. At that time, it was addressed that the state police must be good stewards of the tax dollars entrusted and we are utilizing advancements in technology to provide the most efficient police services possible to the citizens of Indiana. Also noted at that time was the fact that the present post locations were based on geography and technological capabilities of the 1930's. While the geography remains the same, the technological advancements of police vehicle in-car computers allow for wireless transfer of traffic citations, crash reports, criminal case information and many other reports that previously required state police officers to drive to an office location to turn in paperwork.

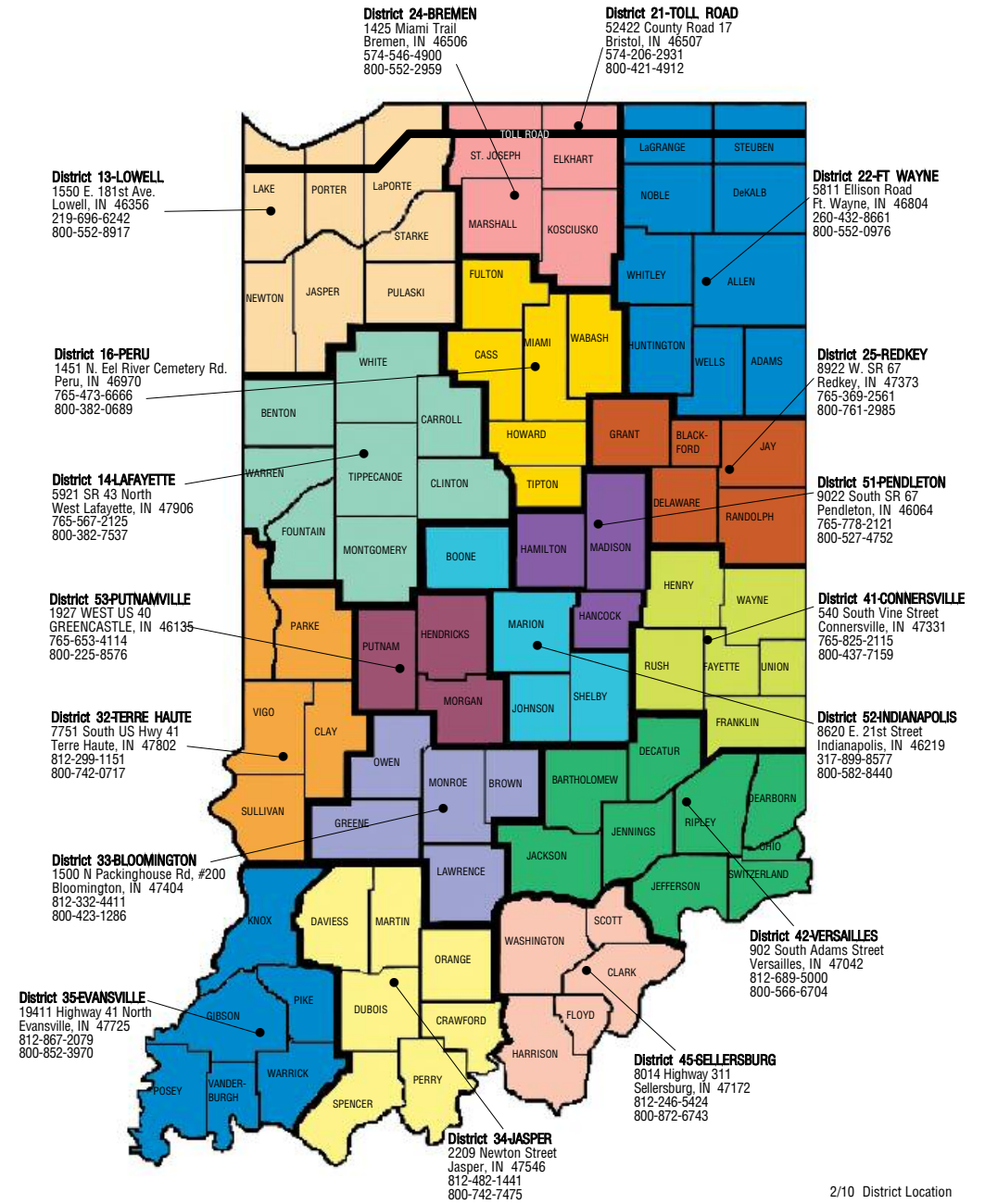
As for the possibility of future consolida-

tions – as was stated at the time of the Seymour/Versailles consolidation - such options remain open due to the continuous evolution of technological advances. It is a

standard part of their operation to regularly evaluate the best practices to ensure efficient, cost effective and quality delivery of law enforcement services.

ISP Districts as of May 1, 2010

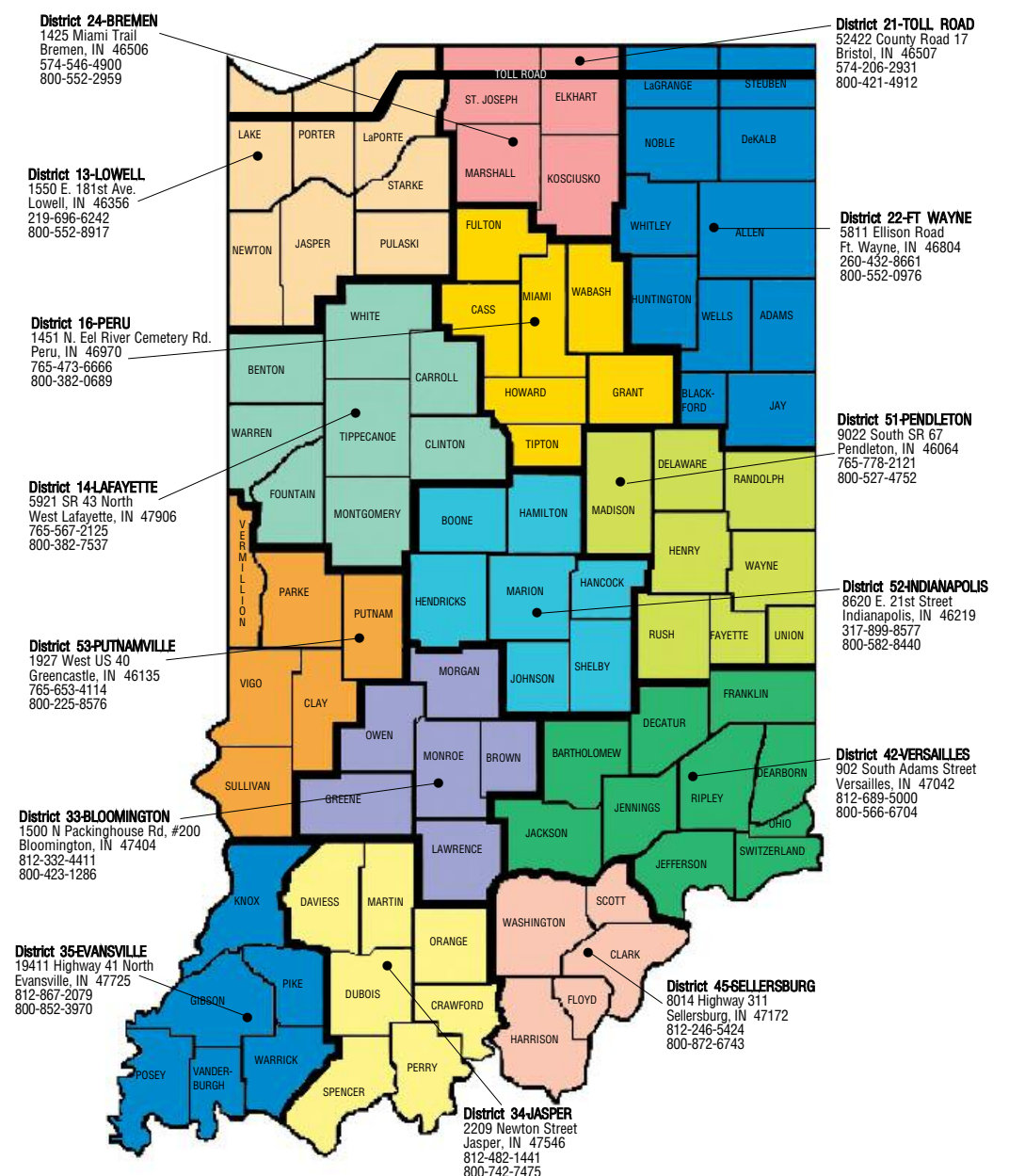
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Martin County **OUTDOORS**

Angler lands record striped bass in Parke County lake

During the 18 years Jonathan VanHook worked construction jobs in the Indianapolis area, he rarely found time to go fishing.

A job switch four years ago provided the leisure time he needed to make up for the missed opportunities, and it paid off last week when he caught a state-record striped bass at Cecil M. Harden Lake in Parke County.

VanHook, 39, hauled in the 39.08-pound lunker on May 25, snapping the previous record of 35.395 pounds caught in 1993 by Tony Campisano on the Ohio River.

"It was fun," said VanHook, who now works as a police officer in his hometown of Rockville. "It's the best fish I've caught so far. If I had to say on a scale of 1 to 10, it would be a 10."

Harden Lake is a 2,060-acre reservoir constructed on Big Raccoon Creek by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1950s. It is located at Raccoon State Recreation Area, which is managed by the DNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs.

The fish VanHook pulled out of Harden was 42.25 inches long with a girth of 30 inches.

He credits his friend Shay Vandivier, on whose boat he and another friend, Cory Hutchins, were fishing.

"Shay is the one who got me started on (striped bass)," VanHook said. "He's fished at Harden a long time and always caught 28 pounders. He took me there last year, but it was a little too windy and we really didn't get anything. This was the first time to get out this year."

The trio of anglers was trolling with planer boards and using bluegill for bait. Shortly after their first trolling pass at about 8:30 a.m., VanHook got the strike he'd been waiting on.

"It was kind of weird because we never catch anything in that spot," he said. "We got turned around and headed south, and all of a sudden (the line) started going, so I snatched up the pole. Everybody asked how long it took to land it, but I tell you, it was a blur. Shay said we were messing with it for 15 minutes."

VanHook said finding out how to enter the fish as a state record was easy, thanks in part to the new fishing regulations pamphlet the DNR put out this year.

"We got one of those, and it told how to go to the (DNR) website," he said. "Everybody was super helpful, and all the people from DNR were great."

DNR fisheries biologist Rhett Wisener said he's not surprised by the size of VanHook's striper even though since striped bass were first stocked at Harden in 1994 the typical fish collected in research surveys are much smaller.

"We've caught fish over there in the 20- to 25-pound range, but that, to be honest, is about the limits of our gear," Wisener said. "It's not uncommon at all to see 30- to 35-inch fish, which is in the vicinity of 15



-Photo provided
Jonathan VanHook stands in his boat holding his record 39.08-pound striped bass he caught in Cecil M. Harden Lake in Parke County.

pounds. "There are fish in there much larger than that, but they're difficult to catch in the gear we're using. I've told some people we've still not seen the full potential at Harden. Maybe the limit is 39 or 40 pounds, but it could be bigger than that. We just don't know. It's surprising us each year how it continues to produce big fish, particularly this year."

VanHook is eager to find out if there's a bigger one out there than the one he hooked. "I want to catch his brother," he said.

State Road 545 to close in Dubois County

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is announcing that it will be closing State Road 545 (S.R. 545) between State Road 56 (S.R. 56) and State Road 164 (S.R. 164). The closure will take place for a pipe to be replaced 0.65 miles south of S.R. 56.

Contractor's crews will close the road at approximately 7 a.m. on Monday, June 14, and will remain closed through approximately 6 p.m., on Friday, June 18. The road will be closed to through traffic; however, local traffic will have access to the point of closure. The official detour will re-route motorists using S.R. 56, U.S. 231 and S.R. 164.

The work schedule is subject to change in the event of inclement weather. INDOT reminds motorists to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through a construction zone.

Specialists say tomato disease has reached Indiana's southern border

BY STEVE LEER
Purdue University News Service

Hoosiers who grow tomatoes in backyard gardens and in commercial operations are urged to inspect plants for signs of a disease caused by a fungus-like organism that could enter southern Indiana, said Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service specialists.

Late blight of tomato has been found in Boone County, Kentucky, which borders Dearborn, Ohio and Switzerland counties in southeast Indiana, as well as in the Lexington, Kentucky-area counties of Fayette and Clark. The airborne disease damaged tomato plants in at least 30 Indiana counties one year ago.

Educators in Purdue Extension county offices are on the lookout for symptoms of late blight in tomatoes already planted and seedlings being sold at retail outlets, said Jim Mintert, assistant director of Purdue Extension for agriculture and natural resources. Educators can assist tomato growers by examining plants and helping them submit samples of suspected infected plants to Purdue's Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory (P&PDL) for testing, he said.

A list of county offices is available at http://www.ag.purdue.edu/extension/Pages/Counties_alpha.aspx

Late blight attacks a tomato plant's leaves and stems. Infected plants develop brown lesions with whitish borders and sometimes discolored fruit.

The disease thrives in cool, moist conditions, said Dan Egel, Extension plant pathologist at Southwest-Purdue Agricultural Center. Late blight spores travel on storm systems, much like Asian soybean rust, he said.

"Spores can be blown to distances of up to 40 miles," Egel said. "They can move from garden to garden or from garden to commercial field. The microor-

ganism that causes late blight is related to algae and produces a spore that is able to swim in the water on a tomato leaf."

Once a plant is infected it takes about a week before symptoms appear to the naked eye, Egel said. By that time plant damage is already occurring, he said.

"Specialized fungicides are the best option for commercial tomato producers to avoid serious crop losses," Egel said. "If you're across the river from Boone County, Kentucky, it's probably a good idea to start spraying your plants with some of these products."

For more information, visit the P&PDL late blight of tomato page at <http://www.ppdl.purdue.edu/PPDL/late-blight.html> or download Purdue Extension publication "Late Blight of Tomato and Potato" at <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/BP/BP-80-W.pdf>

Instructions for sending plant samples to P&PDL for testing can be found online (<http://www.ppdl.purdue.edu/PPDL/physical.html>), although tomato growers are encouraged to submit samples through county Extension offices.

Indiana's 2009 late blight outbreak was the state's first bout with the disease since 1998. It is believed the disease entered the state on seedlings sold at retail businesses and later planted in home gardens, and then was spread to commercial tomato fields.

The amount of damage caused by late blight to Indiana's 2009 tomato crop is unknown.

According to the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service, the state's fresh market tomato value fell nearly \$4 million in 2009 from 2008, to \$9.6 million. Indiana's processed tomato market value rose by \$11.4 million in 2009, to \$36.31 million.

Indiana's commercial tomato production totaled 10,600 acres in 2009, up 15 percent from the previous year.

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KRISTA KING and CAMERON TRUELOVE

Krista King and Cam Truelove to exchange vows this weekend in Odon

Claude and Kathy King, of Burns City, wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Krista Suzanne King, to Cameron Scott Truelove, son of Shawn and Debbie Truelove of Loogootee.

grandson of the late Jack and Wanda Sumner, of Loogootee, and the late Opal Tucker of, Crystal, Indiana.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Loogootee High School as well as a 2009 graduate of the University of Southern Indiana with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and a minor in reading. She is the granddaughter of Mary and the late Bill Strange, of Burns City, and the late Hobart and Edith King, of Huron.

The couple will exchange vows at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, at the Odon Christian Church. A reception will follow at the Montgomery Ruritan Club. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The future bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Loogootee High School, as well as a 2002 graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology and a computer endorsement. He is the

Baker reunion Sunday

Descendants of Ceasar and Mary Baker will have their reunion on Sunday, June 13, at noon. The reunion will be at the Christian Resource Center next to the Shoals Christian Church. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. Drinks and table service will be provided. They hope to see everyone there.



Ribbon cutting

-Photo provided

Helping Hands of Martin County and Denny's Transportation held a ribbon cutting Saturday, June 5, at their location at 612 SW Second Street in Loogootee. They offer in-home care as well as transportation around Loogootee and Shoals for non-emergency reasons. They are in the process of receiving non-profit status. Shown from left to right are Steve Gonzales, Bobbi Souerdike, Linda Denny, Jesse Denny (owner), Charles Tharp, Ted Gebhart, and Susie Diamond.



Honored

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Rhonda Wallisa was presented a certificate by Rose Ann Halter after 15 years of employment at Red Door, a division of Four Rivers Resource Services. According to her colleagues, she has become a valued and liked employee due to her work ethic and pleasant personality. She currently works in the Adult Services Program that empowers individuals with disabilities to learn life skills into becoming valued members of the community. A special congratulation to Rhonda Wallisa for her contribution to Red Door and the individuals it serves.

Calendar of Events

Loogootee Alumni Banquet

The Loogootee Schools Alumni Banquet will be held at St. John Community Center on July 24, 2010. Classes of 1960 and 1985 will be honored. Make reservations by July 1, by mailing \$20 to Loogootee Schools Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee 47553. There will be no tickets available for purchase at the door.

Fire station open house

There will be an open house for Martin County's new fire station on Saturday, June 12, at 3 p.m. The new fire station is located at the 4-H fairgrounds. The public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

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

Recovery support group

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

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New Beginnings Church Weekly Message

By Shirley Canell –Pastor's wife

The sermon this past Sunday was based off Jude 17-20. Being strong in the Lord. Are you growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ?

God is calling each of us to be great ministers of the gospel. Sometimes it seems everything else is more important in our lives than God and having a passion for living for God.

Coming to church on Sunday is not the end of your relationship with God; it is the heart of it. We need to have commitment to our relationship with Him. That is very lacking in our world today, most people have trouble coming to church, let alone trying to serve the Lord in some way. We are soft, safe, secure we fear the enemy, the evil one and the world.

We dare not do anything for fear we will lose some sleep, cash, or reputation. When our commitment is lacking and our faith faltering, we need to have a true revival in our hearts.

To be strong in the Lord you have to re-

member the Word. How do we know how God wants us to act, what He wants us to do, and how he wants to bless us if we don't remember the Word? The words spoken by the prophets are inspired by the Holy Spirit and are the very word of God. Memorizing God's word is hard work and you may be busy with other things, but there are so many blessings to be gained by reading the scripture, mediating on scripture, and by memorizing scripture. Scripture is powerful, protective, and from God. When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness he came against the temptation the devil with scripture, "it is written".

To be strong in the Lord, you have to know the truth. We are to be aware of false prophets, false teachings. Ask questions, to know the truth is being told, ask the question, "Where is that in Scripture?" Even in the apostles day they were having problems with apostates coming in to the church misleading people for a variety of reasons - money, power, selfishness, pride, etc. In

scripture, in Matthew 7, it says to beware of false prophets, you will know them by their fruits, every good tree bears good fruit but the bad tree bears bad fruit." Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter."

When I first started the "FAITH" visitation study this scripture stuck in my head. I kept searching my own heart and asking myself - am I truly living my life and being faithful to God? I kept thinking if I am not, then the Lord won't hear me. This scripture had a huge effect on me.

Jesus sums it up pretty much here, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Here it is He is telling us if you love me, keep my commandments because not all who say Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven. So, be true, be faithful, and be filled with Jesus Christ.

Keeping yourself in the Love of God means that you have a responsibility to be

obedient and faithful. We have a responsibility to live out the love of God in our life.

Will you be the one that makes a difference? Will you be totally committed to the Lord Jesus Christ? Jeremiah 24:15, "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

This past Sunday was our monthly pitch-in dinner. We had a lot of great food. God put it on my heart this week that we needed to do more than feed each other. When finished with the meal, we fixed up plates for a needy family we were made aware of. I pray they enjoyed the dinner that the Lord provided for them and pray they will come to know Him as their personal savior.

If you need help with anything, have questions about scripture, call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

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Local SPORTS

Almost tourney time for Loogootee Little League



-Photo provided by Tammy Ziegler

Ethan Ziegler watches the action as he awaits his turn at bat. Ethan, son of Jason and Tammy Ziegler, plays for the Astros, coached by Mike Seals. They played the Oakland Athletics, coached by Larry Hunt, Monday night, June 7. The A's won 19 to 17.



-Photo provided by Tammy Ziegler

Reed Ziegler, son of Jason and Tammy Ziegler, swings hard for his team, the Orioles, coached by Bob Bell, during Loogootee Little League action Monday night. White Sox Catcher Brandon Lindsey, son of Cindy Lagle and Kevin Lindsey, stretches for the catch. The White Sox are coached by Rob Blackwell and they defeated the Orioles 10-9.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Brittany Woody, at bat, waits on the pitch from Jodi Seals during Loogootee Little League Softball action Tuesday night, June 8. Mya Hedrick stands at the shortstop position with Megan Street guarding the third base runner Sydney Davis.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Sydney Davis brings the bat around to the low pitch and Kendall Riley awaits the catch.

Loogootee Golf finishes 9th at sectional

The Loogootee golf team traveled to Jasper's Municipal Golf Course Friday June 4 to participate in the 2010 IHSAA Golf Sectional. After a long season full of ups and downs, Loogootee finished their 2010 season with a 9th place finish in the sectional.

During the regular season, the golfers are allowed to roll the ball in order to achieve a better lie. That wasn't the case in Jasper, as they were required to play the ball down, which meant the ball couldn't be moved. Adding to this restriction, was playing one of the harder courses that team has played all year.

The Jasper Municipal Course is a course that can be set up in either a forgiving fashion or a more demanding one, dependant on the pin locations. Friday, the course was not as forgiving, but our golfers still pushed their way through the course.

As a team, Loogootee finished with a

377, bringing them into the clubhouse in 9th position. Clinton Burch finished with a 91, Ben Hogan shot a 92, Joel Stoll brought in a 95, Stephen Bradley with a 99, and Tyler Booker rounded out the scoring with a 128.

Coach Hennette was proud of the team's effort. Coaches Wagoner and Hennette would like to congratulate the team on their season and hard work.

Coach Wagoner stated "This team is a relatively young team. Provided all the players return next year, we aren't going to be losing anyone since we don't have any seniors this year. I think we have seen that these guys are capable of shooting some great scores. All five of them have shown some tremendous improvement, and I think we will see good things from them again next year. We have a great group of guys and they have shown their potential and drive to do better and better."

FATHER'S DAY

Wild Game Dinner

at Dover Hill Christian Union Church

Saturday, June 19

at 6:30 p.m.

Dan Voorhees with the Fishers of Men-Indiana will be the guest speaker. Meat will be provided.

Please bring a covered dish or dessert.

For fun and bragging rights, bring your favorite mounted trophy (fish, deer, turkey, etc.) to show off.

Please RSVP by calling 812-388-6832 & leave a message.

The public is invited to attend.

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Our GOVERNMENT

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



Workforce Re-Entry

A great opportunity for soon-to-be-displaced workers will be repeated next weekend, after attracting more than 300 people earlier this spring.

A consortium of area colleges and community organizations has teamed up with Whirlpool and Local 808 to host another Skills Summit at Ivy Tech.

This free summit is from 9 a.m. to noon, next Saturday, June 12. It's available to anyone who is, or soon will be, displaced from their job.

The job market is changing, and the skills of Hoosiers need to keep adapting. The Summit will focus on the skills needed in our economy today.

According to the University of Southern Indiana, local colleges and universities will provide information on more than 100 available certificates, degrees, and specialized offerings.

Representatives of the United Way of Southwestern Indiana will be on hand to discuss community resources. Counselors and career services personnel will also be available for consultations.

Displaced workers who have successfully transitioned into new careers will share their

personal stories, and area employers will even be on hand to talk about skills they require when hiring new employees. This event will be a great opportunity for anyone who is currently job hunting.

Job hunters should also take advantage of www.indianacareerconnect.com, which is the most comprehensive source of Indiana job openings. Job searchers can upload a resume to the website. The site also has resources for teachers, veterans, youth, and seniors.

I'm continuing to work on efforts with local business leaders, economic development agencies, and Crane outreach personnel to help draw companies and new jobs to southwest Indiana.

Do you know of an upcoming job fair, business opening, or even a consolidation or closing? How is your job hunt going?

I'd love to hear your perspective on the economy as it continues to wobble to its feet, or even get your ideas on how the state can continue to encourage businesses to hire.

Feel free to send me feedback in the form of an email at h63@in.gov with the words "Messmer Report" in the subject line, or give my office a call directly at 317-232-9793 or toll-free at 1-800-382-9841.

Revenues meet target for May, total YTD revenues remain down

Indiana budget officials reported last week that May revenue collections were within \$1.1 million of the most recent forecast for May and exceeded collections for the same period last year. However, revenue remained far below the revenue forecast used to build the budget passed by lawmakers last June.

Last December, in response to lagging revenues caused by the national recession, the state's Revenue Forecast Committee lowered the biennial revenue forecast by \$1.835 billion. While it is encouraging that actual collections are now tracking with estimates, the measurement that matters most - actual revenue versus revenue forecasted when the budget was passed - remains a concern. Total collections in May were \$83 million below the budgeted amount, continuing a year-long trend.

Through 11 months of the current fiscal year, revenue collections are \$1.032 billion, or 9 percent, below the original forecast used to build the budget. Collections have been below the budget forecast for 10 of the first 11 months of the fiscal year, with the average monthly miss nearing \$100 million.

According to the agency's monthly revenue report, total May tax collections were

\$982 million, 1 percent above total collections for the same period last year, but 8 percent below the original budget forecast. Sales tax and individual income tax collections for the month totaled \$494 million and \$386 million respectively. Both were an improvement over last May, but year-to-date collections in these categories remain well below 2009 numbers.

Because Senate Republicans insisted on protecting reserves in the budget last year, Indiana's fiscal crunch isn't as bad as many other states. Still, with the slow economy continuing to plague revenue figures, total shortfalls have already consumed more than half of the state's \$1.3 billion in reserves and are on pace to completely consume them by the end of the budget cycle.

Much has already been done to reduce state spending and find efficiencies in order to protect Hoosier taxpayers and keep Indiana in the black. Governor Mitch Daniels has ordered more than \$800 million in state spending reductions, including a 10 percent across-the-board budget cut at state agencies this fiscal year and an additional 5 percent reduction next year.

State leaders must continue this frugal ap-

Blanton urges cooperation with census officials

State Rep. Sandy Blanton (D-Orleans) said the door-to-door phase of the 2010 U.S. Census count is underway in Indiana and that Hoosiers should offer their cooperation with census officials.

"The Census data is the determining factor for funding for numerous projects and institutions that affect our daily lives," said Blanton. "Funding for economic development projects, job training centers, schools, hospitals, fire stations, public libraries, senior centers, and emergency services as well as bridges, tunnels and other public works projects are dependent upon the number of citizens who live in a given area. Those figures are determined by the Census."

"In addition, corporations use the data to determine where to build factories, grocery stores, pharmacies, and various other businesses," continued Blanton. "Our communities' strength is in their numbers. Take a few minutes and make sure you are counted. It is important for our cities, our counties, our state, and, most importantly, our families."

Blanton said the mail-in phase of the Census was successful with 78 percent of Hoosiers returning their census forms, which is an improvement on the state's 76 percent rate in the 2000 Census. This year Indiana and Iowa were tied for the third highest return rate in the country.

Blanton said many of the townships in the state have had a good return rate. However, others have had fewer than 70 percent of their residents return the forms. The door-to-door phase of the census count, which continues through July 10, will concentrate heavily in those areas.

"If a census taker visits your home, be sure to ask to see his or her identification badge," suggested Blanton. "All census workers must carry official government badges with their names clearly printed. Census takers will never request to enter your home and will ask only the questions that appear on the 2010 Census questionnaire. If you are not home when the census taker visits, he or she will leave a contact number, so you can schedule a convenient time to complete the form."

"Be assured that your privacy will be protected, because the census taker who collects your information has sworn a lifetime oath of nondisclosure," added Blanton. "The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or imprisonment of up to five years."

Also, by law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including the IRS, the FBI, the CIA, or any other government agency. I encourage maximum participation with the census officials."

Digital archives provide online access to Indiana Civil War Soldiers Database

Historians, researchers, and others interested in Indiana's Civil War history can now search for specific individuals who served during the conflict through the new Indiana Civil War Soldiers Database available at <http://www.indianadigitalarchives.org/>. The database contains over 213,000 individual records compiled by volunteers and staff from the Indiana State Archives and the Friends of the Indiana State Archives.

Compilation of the Indiana Civil War Soldiers Database began in 1913 when the Indiana General Assembly appropriated \$4,700 for a comprehensive index detailing the service of Indiana Civil War soldiers. The Indiana Digital Archives has now published the information online. Each record contains information about a soldier's age, muster in and out dates, and location, company, regiment, and any additional available notes. These notes may include ranks, transfers, desertion information, punishment, mortality status, and cavalry or battery unit.

"The Civil War Soldiers Database adds a tremendous new resource to the Indiana Digital Archives, providing historical resources never before available to Hoosiers and the world," said Jim Corridan, State Archivist and Director of the Indiana Commission on Public Records. "The Indiana Digital Archives simplifies the process of searching the State Archives' holdings by enabling researchers to instantly access records from their own home, saving them time and money."

The Civil War Soldiers Database, like all records in the Indiana Digital Archives, has several search features designed to enhance the customer's experience.

The People Search feature allows patrons to enter a surname and search through over two million records in 20 different collections in just seconds.

More targeted research can be performed by choosing one of several variables and data limiters available through the "De-

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The Indiana Digital Archives was released in November, 2009 as an online platform connecting researchers to millions of digitally indexed records of collections housed within both the Indiana State Archives and other governmental units. The Digital Archives simplifies the process of searching the Archives' holdings by providing online listings of commonly sought-after materials such as death, prison, military, and naturalization records. In addition to common records, the Digital Archives houses several more specific record series containing rare indices like slave registers, a growing collection of orphanages, Department of Correction prisoner records, Indiana School for the Deaf admission registers, the Social Security death index, Marion County wills, and Indiana Lands records. A complete list of collections available within the Indiana Digital Archives is available at <http://www.indianadigitalarchives.org/Collections.aspx>.

Remember to visit IndianaDigitalArchives.org often as its online platform is continually updated with new indices and resources.

Please contact an Indiana State Archives collection specialist at (317) 591-5222 or arc@icpr.in.gov for research assistance if you experience difficulty locating specific items or for additional information on records found within the Digital Archives. Once a record is located online patrons can request copies through email.

The Indiana Digital Archives is operated by the State Archives Division of the Indiana Commission on Public Records. The result of a cooperative partnership made possible by a grant from the Library of Congress and administered by the Washington State Archives, the Digital Archives has more than 2.5 million searchable records online.

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Founded by Carl Stotz in 1939 as a three-team league in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Little League Baseball encourages local volunteers to organize and operate Little League programs that are annual chartered through Little League International. Each league can structure itself to best serve the children in the area in which the league operates. Several specific divisions of Little League baseball and softball are available to children ages 5 to 18. The organization holds a congressional charter under Title 36 of the United States Code.[1]

The organization's administrative office is located in South Williamsport. The first Little League Baseball World Series was played in Williamsport in 1947. The Little League International Complex hosts the annual Little League Baseball World Series at Howard J. Lamade Stadium and Little League Volunteer Stadium, and is also the site of the Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum, which provides a history of Little League Baseball and Softball through interactive exhibits for children.

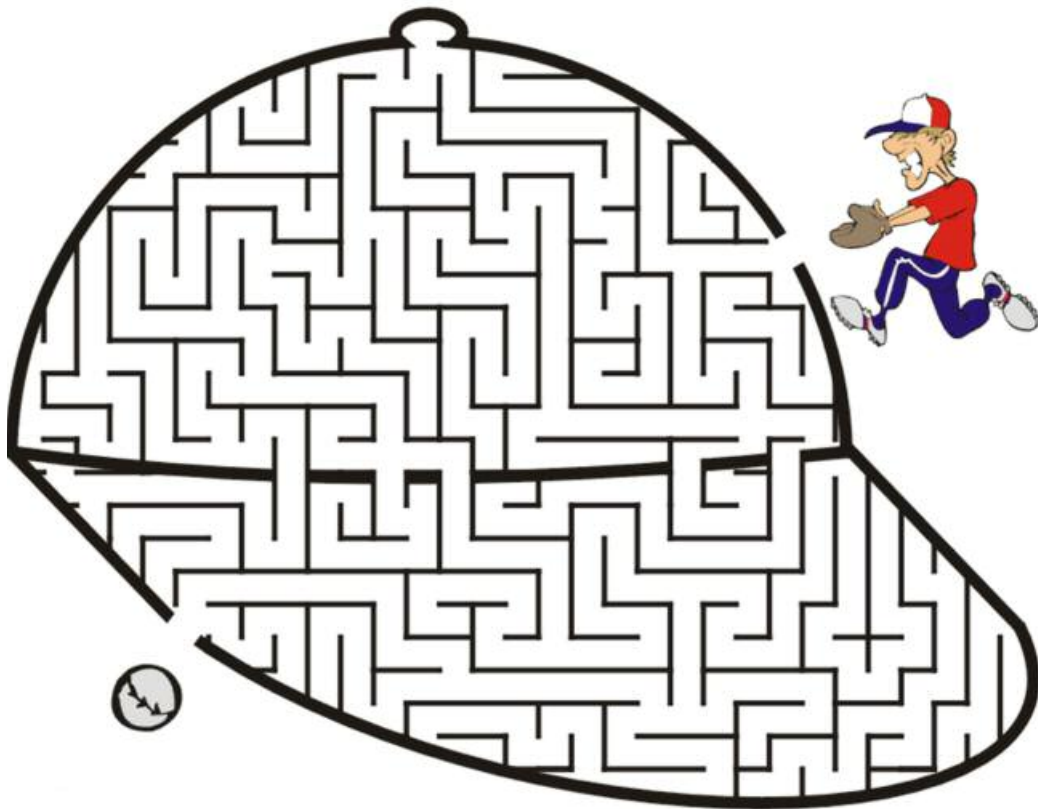
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