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## Area schools compared in ISTEP scores

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The Indiana Department of Education has released the Spring 2011 ISTEP+ scores for all state schools. Below is a comparison of Loogootee, Shoals, Barr-Reeve, and North Daviess Schools.

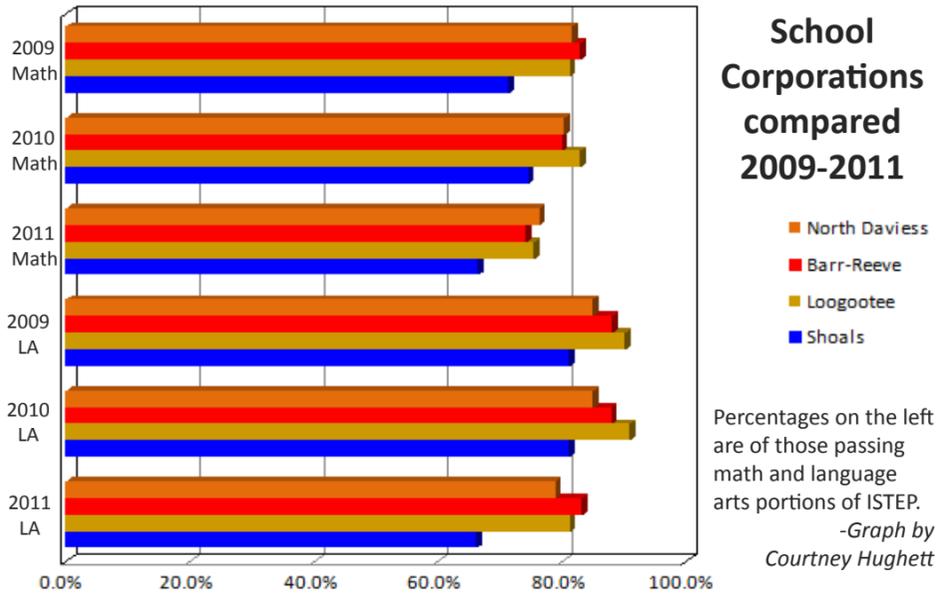
### Loogootee School Corporation

Loogootee Schools saw a slight decrease in the passing percentage overall in all three tested subjects. In math, 90.3 percent of all students tested passed, down from 90.9 percent in 2010. In language arts, 81.3 percent passed down from 83.1 percent the year before.

For third graders, of the 75 tested 62 passed the Language Arts and Math portions - 90.5 percent of females and 78.8 percent of the males. 17 students received pass plus, which is in the range of the highest score possible, in language arts and 27 in math. Third graders were not tested in social studies or science.

80 fourth graders were tested in Loogootee with 64 students passing both the math and language arts portions - 90.9 percent of girls and 72.3 percent of boys. Five students received a pass plus in language arts and 24 in math. Of the 80 students tested in science, 69 passed and 19 received a pass plus. Fourth graders were not tested in social studies.

Of the 65 fifth graders at Loogootee Intermediate tested in math and language arts, 53 passed - 82.1 percent female and 78.4 percent male. 15 students received a pass plus in language arts and 25 in math. 52 of the 65



School Corporations compared 2009-2011

North Daviess  
Barr-Reeve  
Loogootee  
Shoals

Percentages on the left are of those passing math and language arts portions of ISTEP.

-Graph by Courtney Hughett

fifth graders passed the social studies portion of the test - 22 received a pass plus grade. Fifth graders did not take the science portion of the ISTEP+.

For sixth graders, 71 were tested in math and language arts and 54 passed - 83.9 percent of girls and 70 percent of boys. 17 students received pass plus in language arts and 22 in math. 73 sixth graders were tested in science and 51 passed - 80.6 percent of the girls and 61.9 percent of the boys. 16 received a pass plus grade. Sixth graders were not tested in social studies.

80 seventh graders were tested in math and language arts with 61 passing - 74.4 percent

girls and 78 percent boys. 12 students received a pass plus grade in language arts and 22 in math. 81 students took the social studies portion of the ISTEP+ and 75 received a passing total - 90 percent were girls and 95.1 percent were boys. Also, 38 students received a pass plus. Seventh graders did not take the science portion.

In eighth grade, 78 students took the math and language arts portion of the ISTEP+ with 60 passing - 73.5 percent girls and 79.5 percent boys. Six students received pass plus on the language arts portion and 18 in math. Eighth graders did not take the science or social studies tests.

Shoals Community Schools

Shoals Community Schools saw a very slight increase in their students math scores from 2010 to 2011, going from 81.2 percent to 81.3 percent overall. In language arts, the corporation as a whole saw a decline from 74.6 percent passing in 2010 to 71.4 percent passing in 2011.

In third grade at Shoals, 47 students took the math and language arts portion of the ISTEP with 36 passing - 70 percent of the girls and 81.5 percent of the boys. Eight students received a pass plus in language arts and 16 did in math. Third graders were not tested in social studies or science.

44 fourth graders were tested in math and language arts with 33 passing - 72.7 percent of the girls and 63.6 percent of the boys. Three students received a pass plus score in language arts and 12 in math. 45 students took the science portion of the test with 34 passing - 77.3 percent girls and 73.9 percent boys. 15 students received a pass plus score. Fourth graders did not take the social studies portion of the test.

For fifth grade, 37 students took the language arts and math portions of the ISTEP with 27 passing - 66.7 percent of the females and 78.9 percent of the males. Two students received a pass plus score on the language arts portion and eight in the math. 24 of the 37 fifth graders passed the social studies part of the test with five receiving a pass plus score.

47 sixth graders took the math and language arts tests with 29 passing - 65 percent of the girls and 59.3 percent of the boys.

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## Shoals School Board approves staff for approaching year

Minutes provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, corporation secretary

The Shoals School Board went over regular business at their meeting Thursday night, July 14. Board member Christy Farhar was unable to attend.

Tony Cundiff, board president, opened the floor for nominations of officers. Bill Shobe made a motion recommending the officers stay the same as they are currently seated as follows: Glen Anthony Cundiff, President; Mary Lou Billings, Vice President; C. Denise Garrett, Secretary; A. Christy Farhar, Member; and William J. Shobe, Member. All were in favor.

The board agreed to leave the date and time of school board meetings the same as they currently are. Regular school board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. with executive sessions at 4:30 p.m.

The board approved a maternity leave request from Jill Holt. They also approved hiring Bryson Abel as substitute teacher during Holt's maternity leave during the 2011-12 school year.

Weston Knisley was hired as a one-on-one instructional assistant for the 2011-12 school year pending enrollment confirmation of the student requiring assistance.

Amanda Turpin was approved as half-time pre-school teacher and pre-school bus monitor for the 2011-12 school year.

Greg Hampton was approved to return to work with the summer work crew beginning August 1, 2011.

Ronald Albright was approved to be listed as an additional driver of school bus route #9 for the 2011-12 through 2014-15 contract years.

The board approved the following sponsors for the 2011-12 school year:

Summer Band, Joel Weitkamp  
Choral Director, Joel Weitkamp  
Yearbook, Ann Schneider  
Newspaper, Ann Schneider  
High School Academic Coach, Tina Rue  
Jr. High Academic Coach, Regina Latham

Fall and Spring Play, Ann Schneider  
Senior Beta Sponsor, Ken Macy  
Jr. High Beta Sponsor, Ken Macy  
Sr. Class Sponsor, Jeff Gee  
Sr. Class Sponsors, Teri Kerr and Larry Sherfick

Jr. Class Sponsors, April Sutton, Ken Macy, and Tom Elliott

Student Council Sponsor, Larry Sherfick  
The board approved the following people to serve as Substitute/ECA school bus drivers during the 2011-12 school year: Mark Franklin, Melvin Albright, Scott Fishback, Kathy Collins, Norman Beasley, Randy Winger, Drexel Turpin, Lois Payne, and Andy Burkhardt.

Dr. Nonte notified the board that bus driver payroll dates would be scheduled on alternating weeks of the other staff members. The first bus driver pay date of the 2011-12 school year is scheduled for August 26, 2011 with the second pay date two

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## Ann Schneider hired at LHS leaving Shoals after two years

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Ann Schneider was hired at the Loogootee School Board meeting Tuesday night, July 19 to replace Kevin Smith as high school English teacher. Ms. Schneider has been a teacher at Shoals High School for the past two years and Superintendent Larry Weitkamp explained that she came highly recommended by Loogootee teacher Anne Oser. High School Principal John Mullen also noted that she "came highly qualified from the Shoals administration." Weitkamp explained that Ms. Schneider is an IU graduate with a minor in Art History. The board also voted to give her the duty of yearbook sponsor and splitting junior high spell bowl with Sarah Trambaugh.

The board accepted the resignation of grade school teacher Bryan Fountain who has been with the school corporation for five years. Weitkamp told the board that Mr. Fountain's position has been posted for applications but he explained that no one will be hired until after registration to see if the numbers warrant replacing that teaching position. Registration dates will be August 3 and 4 and Weitkamp asked permission to fill the position after that date if needed.

The board approved Mary Ann Winger to serve as assistant volleyball

coach and Kelci Mann for seventh grade volleyball coach. Also approved as volleyball volunteers were Doug Denson, Phil Goodpaster, Denny Wagoner, Leslie VanHoy, Shelly Lengacher, and Ann Ackerman.

The school received one bid to provide bread from Sara Lee with increases on all the products. Superintendent Weitkamp recommended that the board accept the bid with the provision that the local grocers be contacted for a possible arrangement for providing bread at a lower price. Weitkamp said that one bid was received from Prairie Farms for milk and it was the same situation with an increase in price. The board agreed to add a provision that milk prices would be checked locally as well.

The board voted to keep the price of lunch for students the same as last year but to allow Mr. Weitkamp to revisit the issue in December to see if an increase may be needed. Board member Larry Craney asked Weitkamp about the status of the automated lunch payment system that was to be implemented this year. Weitkamp replied that he hasn't spoken to Mr. Tippers recently about it but was told during their last discussion that it should be up and running this school year. Information will be handed out at registration.

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# ISTEP

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Seven students received a pass plus score in language arts and four in math. Of the 47 sixth graders who took the science part of the ISTEP 23 passed – 55 percent of the girls and 44.4 percent of the boys. Two students received a pass plus grade in science. Sixth graders did not take the social studies test.

In seventh grade, 47 students took the language arts and math parts of the ISTEP and 28 passed – 70 percent of the girls and 51.9 percent of the boys. Five students received a pass plus score on the language arts portion and nine in the math. 28 of the 47 students received a passing score in the social studies portion – 60 percent of the girls and 59.3 percent of the boys. Eight received a pass plus score. Seventh graders did not take the science portion of the test.

47 eighth graders at Shoals took the math and language arts portions of the test with 31 passing – 79.2 percent of the girls and 52.2 percent of the boys. Seven students received a pass plus score in language arts and eight in math. Eighth graders did not take the social studies or science portions of the test.

## Barr-Reeve Community Schools

Barr-Reeve Community Schools had a very small increase in their students' overall test scores in math, going from 88 percent passing in 2010 to 88.2 percent passing in 2011. Also increased was the language arts' scores, going from 80 percent in 2010 to 83 percent passing in 2011.

For Barr-Reeve third graders, 60 took the math and language arts portions of the ISTEP and 50 passed – 70.8 percent of the girls and 91.7 percent of the boys. Five students received a pass plus score on the language arts portion and 26 in the math.

66 fourth graders took the language arts and math portions and 56 passed – 87.1 percent of the girls and 82.9 percent of the boys. 13 students received a pass plus score in language arts and 16 in math. 61 of the 66 fourth graders who took the science portion of the test passed – 87.1 percent of the girls and 97.1 percent of the boys. 22 students received a pass plus score in science.

In fifth grade, 48 students took the math and language arts tests and 44 passed – 95.5 percent of the girls and 88.5 percent of the

## Commissioners discuss bi-monthly business

*Minutes provided by Auditor Nancy Steiner*

The Martin County Commissioners met Wednesday, July 13.

Angie Steiner and Marilyn McCullough presented a wellness event for the employees and families on the county's health insurance program. It will be a two-hour event with the date to be determined. Services provided will be glucose reading by a RN, blood pressure reading by a RN, BMI, depression screening and refreshments. The cost is \$350 which Thompson Insurance Agency will provide. Judge Ellis offered two private consultation rooms if needed.

Highway Superintendent Williams presented his two-week work schedule. The slide on Windom Road will be partially reimbursed by INDOT instead of FEMA. Three mowers and the graders are being used daily. He presented an example of the employee evaluation form that was requested. His department will be aiding the Town of Shoals on a culvert on West River Road.

County Attorney Lett reported the contract with Knox County EMS has been signed and is in force.

The commissioners voted to appoint Alan Burch to the Martin County Board of Health replacing Richard Burch for the remainder of 2011 and to reappoint Mike Ringwald to the South Central Region 8 Workforce Board for a two-year term.

Requests for the 2012 budget were received from SIDC and the 4-H Board. It was decided to put \$8,500 to the 4-H Board and \$6,000 to the 4-H Maintenance and \$3,500 for SIDC. The final amount will be determined by the county council.

boys. 14 students received a pass plus score in language arts and 31 in math. 44 of the 48 students who took the social studies portion of the test passed – 86.4 percent of the girls and 96.2 percent of the boys. 22 students received a pass plus score in social studies.

64 students in sixth grade at Barr-Reeve took the math and language arts portions of the ISTEP with 45 passing – 86.2 percent of the girls and 57.1 percent of the boys. 11 students received a pass plus grade in language arts and 24 in math. Of the 64 students who took the science portion of the test, 43 passed – 75.9 percent of the girls and 60 percent of the boys. 14 students received a pass plus score.

In seventh grade 53 students took the language arts and math portions of the test with 39 passing – 61.9 percent of the girls and 65.6 percent of the boys. Nine students received a pass plus score in language arts and 19 in math. 41 students of the 53 in seventh grade that took the social studies portion of the ISTEP passed – 61.9 percent of the girls and 87.5 percent of the boys. 13 students received a pass plus grade.

57 students in eighth grade took the math and language arts portions of the ISTEP with 43 passing – 81.3 percent of the girls and 64 percent of the boys. Eight students received a pass plus score in language arts and 13 in math.

## North Daviess Community Schools

North Daviess Community Schools overall had little change in their students' overall test scores from 2010 to 2011. In 2010, the overall percentage of those passing math was 85.1 percent. In 2011, that decreased to 85 percent. For language arts, the overall passing percentage in 2010 was 80.4 percent and that increased in 2011 to 81.6 percent.

In third grade at North Daviess, 91 students took the math and language arts portions of the ISTEP test with 72 passing – 75.5 percent of the girls and 83.3 percent of the boys. 14 students received a pass plus score in language arts and 23 in math.

In fourth grade, 84 students took the language arts and math portions of the test with 75 passing – 83.7 percent of the girls and 85.4 percent of the boys. 18 students received a pass plus score in language arts and 23 in math. 71 students of the 84 who took the science portion of the ISTEP passed – 88.4 percent of the girls and 41.5 percent of the boys. 28 students received a pass plus score.

86 fifth graders at North Daviess took the math and language arts portions of the ISTEP with 70 passing – 82.2 percent of the girls and 80.5 percent of the boys. 21 students received a pass plus score in language arts and 34 in math. 67 of the 86 fifth graders

passed the social studies portion of the test – 68.9 percent of the girls and 87.8 percent of the boys. 28 students received a pass plus score in social studies.

In sixth grade, 77 students took the math and language arts tests on the ISTEP with 55 passing – 81.1 percent of the girls and 62.5 percent of the boys. 21 students received a pass plus score in language arts and 14 in math. 80 students took the science portion of the test with 50 passing – 70.3 percent of the girls and 55.8 percent of the boys. 16 students received a pass plus score in science.

75 seventh graders at North Daviess took

# SHOALS

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weeks later, etc. No board action was required.

The board approved the adoption of elementary health textbooks from Children's Health Market Publishing Company.

The board approved the following textbook rental fees for the 2011-12 school year. The elementary textbook rental fees were as follows: kindergarten, \$108.99; grade 1, \$178.41; grade 2, \$164.62; grade 3, \$141.00; grade 4, \$108.67; grade 5, \$109.72; and grade 6, \$117.72.

The junior/senior high school textbook rental fees will vary depending on each student's individual schedule.

Dr. Nonte notified the board that one bid was received from Prairie Farms Dairy Inc. for milk products for the 2011-12 school year as follows: gallon 2% white, 3.5439; half-pint 2%, .2783; half pint 1%, .2645; half pint chocolate 1%, .2776; half pint skim, .2554; half pint strawberry skim, .2736; half pint vanilla skim, .2736; half pint 100% orange juice, .2762; half pint chocolate skim, .2783; 5# sour cream, 9.1245; one ounce sour cream (100ct.), 14.0900; 5# cottage cheese, 8.9045; 6 ounce yogurts, .4500; 4 ounce 100% juices, .1831; four ounce cottage cheese, .4600; and half pint Lactaid nonfat, .4865. The board approved the bid.

The board also approved the Milk Escalator/De-Escalator Pricing Clause to accompany the milk bid from Prairie Farms Dairy Inc.

Dr. Nonte provided the board with a copy of Series 1000 and 2000 of the Board Policy Handbook including edits made by the board during work sessions held previously. He The board gave formal approval of Series 1000 and 2000. Dr. Nonte asked each board member to take a copy of Series 3000 home and review it for discussion at the

the math and language arts portions of the ISTEP with 56 passing – 93.8 percent of the girls and 60.5 percent of the boys. 26 students received a pass plus score in language arts and 27 in math. 53 of the 75 students who took the social studies portion of the test passed – 78.1 percent of the girls and 65.1 percent of the boys. 28 students received a pass plus score.

In eighth grade, 88 students took the math and language arts portions of the ISTEP with 57 passing – 73.3 percent of the girls and 55.8 percent of the boys. Five students received a pass plus score in language arts and 16 in math.

next meeting.

Dr. Nonte provided the board with a copy of the elementary reading plan which was adopted and submitted to the state as required. The reading plan included 90 minutes of reading time daily for students in all grade levels. Dr. Nonte also provided the board with a list of elementary classroom assignments for the 2011-12 school year.

Dr. Nonte asked Chris Stevens, Assistant Jr. Sr. High School Principal, to provide the board with details concerning our recently completed HEA 1419 Compliance Plan. Mr. Stevens explained that the HEA 1419 Compliance Plan was a three-year, state-required plan which addresses student behavior issues and discipline procedures. The plan is intended to help enhance communications between parents and school officials and increase parent involvement to help more effectively implement positive behavioral interventions.

The next meeting of the Shoals School Board will be a regular session on August 11 at 5 p.m.

# SCHNEIDER

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Condolences were offered to staff members who lost loved ones including Lacy Wade for the loss of her grandmother, Sandra Hovis for the passing of her aunt, and Theresa Nolley for the loss of her aunt. Also, congratulations were offered to Tiffany Lingenfelter for the birth of a baby boy, Holden.

The board approved two students to take a field trip out of state to Chicago with the Twin Rivers Health Careers and the volleyball team to take an overnight trip to Lafayette on August 26.

Board member Tim Bradley was not present at the meeting.

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**WANDA PAYNE**

Wanda J. Payne died at 10 p.m. Friday, July 8 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.

She was born December 20, 1938, in Washington; the daughter of Joseph A. and Helen (Terrell) Payne.

She is survived by one brother, Gary Payne of Paducah, Kentucky.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph A. and Helen (Terrell) Payne.

The body of Wanda Payne was cremated and there was a graveside service conducted at Saturday, July 16 at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals. There was no visitation. Arrangements were made through Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

**DOUGLAS BUTLER**

Douglas Francis Butler passed away at 6:08 p.m. Monday, July 11, 2011 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Washington, he was 56.

He was born July 21, 1954, in Washington; the son of Francis "Frank" and Rose Ann (Lannan) Butler. He was a 1972 graduate of Washington High School. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he had worked for many years as an electronic warfare systems specialist.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Scott Alan and Christine Butler of

Indianapolis; mother and stepfather, Rose Ann and Frank Arney Sr. of Washington; two grandsons, Brett Lauman and Brayden Butler, both of Indianapolis; three sisters, Diana Engelbrecht of Chandler, Sharon Emmons of Loogootee, and Mary Combs of Olney, Illinois; one brother, Jeffery Butler of Lakewood, California; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father and one sister, Susan Ann Butler.

A memorial service was held at Saturday, July 16 at Ed Lee Mortuary, with Yvonne Evans officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery, with military graveside rites by the Washington American Legion and V.F.W.

Memorial donations may be given to the National Kidney Foundation, 850 N. Meridian St., Suite 203, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

**FREDDIE BELL**

Freddie Bell died Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 69.

He was born July 3, 1942, in Paducah, Kentucky; the son of Rex and Dulcie (Burns) Bell. He was a member of Loogootee United Methodist Church and was a U.S. Army veteran. He married Janice (Hosking) Bell on June 3, 1967 and she survives. He retired from Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane and had also worked

at the Martin County Recycling Center.

He is also survived by one daughter, Rhonda Parker of Loogootee; two sons, Randy and Ryan Bell, both of Loogootee; two brothers, David and Ricky Bell, both of Paducah; three sisters, Ann Lou Crotzer, Mary Ruth Langston and Renita Boone, all of Paducah; and six grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Rex Bell Jr. and Charles Bell.

The funeral was held Saturday, July 16 at Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial was in Goodwill Cemetery.

Preferred memorial donations are to Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry. Arrangements were made through Brocksmith Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com).

**WILBUR KELSO**

Wilbur L. Kelso died at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at Specialty Select Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Washington, he was 85.

He was born September 20, 1925, in Daviess County; the son of Roland and Elva Kelso who both preceded him in death on October 28, 1949. He married Betty Zane Inman, and they were married for 58 years until her death February 21, 2008. He was a graduate of Alfordsville High School. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific theatre. He retired from Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane in 1982. After retirement from Crane he worked at Eagle View Golf Club until his death. He was a gifted natural athlete, excelling at baseball in high school and independent leagues. He was a state champion in horseshoe pitching. Later in life he took up golf and became proficient at that as well, recording six holes-in-one, including four in a two-week span of time. He was an avid supporter of the Cincinnati Reds and the Barr-Reeve Vikings.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Rosie Kelso and Ed and Terri Kelso, all of Washington; one sister, Mary Lou Ray and her husband Larry Ray of Washington; three grandchildren, Kurt Kelso of Austin, Texas, and Keith Kelso and Kathleen Baumert of Washington; two step-grandchildren, Michael Breeden of Washington and Nicholas Breeden of Odon; three great-granddaughters, Zoe and Kinsey Kelso of Austin, and Anniston Kelso of Loogootee.

The funeral was held Saturday, July 16 at Poindexter-Hall and McClure Funeral Home, Washington Chapel. Burial was in Alfordsville Cemetery, with military graveside rites by the American Legion and V.F.W.

**MAGGIE LENGACHER**

Maggie Lengacher passed away Monday, July 11, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne. A resident of New Haven, she was 91.

She was born on August 13, 1919 in New Haven; the daughter of Amos and Emma Delegrange.

She is survived by her sons, Jonas (Rosemary) Lengacher of New Haven, Joseph (Dena) Lengacher of Loogootee, and Amos (Martha) Lengacher of New Haven; daughters, Marie Steury and Lucy (Ron) Smith of New Haven; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Joseph L. Lengacher Sr.; son-in-law, David Steury; and grandchild, Menno Schwartz.

A service was held Thursday, July 14 at the Lengacher residence in New Haven with Bishop Victor Graber officiating. Burial was in Milan Center Cemetery in New Haven. Arrangements were handled by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

**PHILIP O'CONNOR**

Philip Stephen O'Connor, 61, died Thursday, July 14, 2011 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, he was 61.

He was born May 14, 1950, in Washington; the son of Ernest J. and Rose Mary (Smith) O'Connor. A 1968 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School, he went on to be a journeyman carpenter, graduating from Construction College in Daytona Beach, Florida, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in construction and architecture. He worked for 27 years constructing churches, banks, and hotels in Florida. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and School in Daytona Beach.

He is survived by his mother, Rose Mary O'Connor of Loogootee; one daughter, Shawna O'Connor of Brattenburg, Vermont; two sons, Philip Stephen Wagler of Chicago, Illinois, and Cory O'Connor of Daytona Beach; four brothers, Austin, George, Richard and Charles O'Connor, all of Loogootee; one sister, Carolyn Brett of Dover Hill; two grandchildren, Jareth Trent O'Connor and Elizabeth Faye Sullivan Wagler. Also surviving is Eileen Murphy of Daytona Beach, the mother of Cory O'Connor and the late Megan Rose O'Connor.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ernest O'Connor, and one daughter, Megan Rose O'Connor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Barr Township in Daviess County. Visitation is from 9 a.m. until the hour of service at Brocksmith Funeral Home. The Sons of the Legion will pay their respects at 9:30 a.m. at funeral home.

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

**HERMAN TEDROW**

Herman Tedrow died at 9:45 p.m. Saturday, July 16, 2011 at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Shoals, he was 91.

He was one of twelve children, born November 1, 1919; son of the late Enoch and Dora Tedrow. He was a WWII Marine Veteran, employed 30 years at International Harvester of Indianapolis, and faithfully attended Poplar Grove Wesleyan Church. He was married 51 years to Zella Maxine Davis, and she preceded him in death in 1998.

He is survived by children, Ray Tedrow, Bruce Tedrow, Carolyn Kirby and Dorothy Wilson all of Indianapolis, Zella Hatcher of Louisiana, Phyllis Davis of Pennsylvania, and Earl Tedrow of Shoals; 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, July 21 at 1 p.m. at Poplar Grove Wesleyan Church. Burial will follow in Poplar Grove Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held today, Wednesday, July 20 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals and one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Online condolences can be made at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).



-Photo provided

Shown above, from left to right, are Martha Greene, Martin County Volunteer Recruiter; Jan Smith, RSVP Volunteer Center Board President; and Kim Herbertz, RSVP Volunteer Center Executive Director.

## Retired and Senior Volunteer Program opens satellite office in Martin County

On July 12, an informational meeting was held at the Loogootee United Methodist Church to officially open the RSVP Volunteer Center Martin County Office. RSVP stands for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, a national organization that places persons 55 and better in volunteer opportunities to benefit their communities. RSVP has been active in Daviess County for 29 years and it was decided recently to branch out into Martin County.

The satellite office at LUMC will be open on Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be manned by Martha Greene of Loogootee and other volunteers. RSVP volunteers work with existing non-profit agencies to fill needs.

Those in attendance were: Bonnie Dye, Rama Dye, Linda Bennett, Larry Bennett, Evelyn Hilbert, LeAnn Petit, Kecia Taylor, Beth Lett, Jason Jones, Judy Treffinger, Diane White, Rachel Doyle, Jean Stuckey, Anna Stanton, Sue Harshaw, Helen Pielemeier, Hazel Pielemeier, Shirley Zehr, Sarah Spalding, Kay Hedrick, Judy Yarnell, Rosie Winger, Elaine Renoire, Stevie Horton, Martha Greene, Jan Smith, and Lisa Coquillard.

If you are interested in volunteering, or if you are an agency that needs volunteers, please contact Kim Herbertz, RSVP Executive Director, at (877)522-8125 or (812)254-1996. RSVP can be found on the web at [www.rsvpvolunteercenter.org](http://www.rsvpvolunteercenter.org).



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# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

## Tuesday, July 12

2:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Abel Hill Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:16 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee.

6:52 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm south of Loogootee off of U.S. 231.

6:59 p.m. - Received a report that lightning had struck a transformer near the caller's residence in Loogootee, and is on fire.

7:04 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Spout Springs Road just outside of Shoals.

7:29 p.m. - Received a report of a large tree trunk in the roadway on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

10:29 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol from a resident in Loogootee.

## Wednesday, July 13

4:05 a.m. - Received a call regarding telephone harassment.

5:33 a.m. - Received a report of an attempted theft in Loogootee.

7:18 a.m. - Received a report of a strong odor of gas on U.S. 231, just south of the Alfordsville turnoff.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident at the entrance to the Martin State Forest on U.S. 50.

11:10 a.m. - Received a call regarding harassment.

4:11 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject in Shoals.

6:39 p.m. - Received a call regarding a broken window.

8:18 p.m. - Received a call regarding a domestic situation that may require an officer's assistance at a later time.

8:26 p.m. - Received a report of harassment by solicitors in Loogootee.

9:28 p.m. - A female caller in Loogootee advised of harassment.

9:39 p.m. - Received a report of a strong odor of ammonia.

10:04 p.m. - Received a report of theft of jewelry.

10:06 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, just north of Farlen.

11:29 p.m. - Received a report of a car

fire on Hart Road, near S.R. 550.

## Thursday, July 14

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of a possible attempted overdose in Loogootee.

6:33 p.m. - Received a report of large rock on the side of U.S. 50, just east of the Martin State Forest.

8:35 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals.

11:43 p.m. - Received a report of stolen medication.

11:56 p.m. - A male caller from Crane Village reported battery by an intoxicated female at his residence.

## Friday, July 15

12:19 a.m. - Received a call from a neighbor to the earlier complainant, advising that the intoxicated female is now at his residence, knocking at his door.

12:50 a.m. - A female caller advised of an altercation between her son and his father.

2:02 a.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Shoals for a suspicious subject in the area.

8:43 a.m. - Received a call regarding a deer accident on U.S. 231 near West Boggs Park.

1:13 p.m. - Received a report of violation of a protective order.

## Real estate transfers

**Rama Dye, Jr., and Bonnie J. Dye**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Teresa M. Nolley**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 54 in Keck's Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Darrell Swartzentruber and Mary Lou Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James M. Kain and Michelle Kain**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 0.646 acres, more or less.

**Roy N. Byrer and Mary C. Byrer**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian D. Byrer, Theresa R. Smith, and Brenda E. Roush**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 4 in Houghton's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**William F. Verkamp and Donna S. Verkamp**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Leidgen Properties, LLC**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21 and part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, all lying in Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 154.72 acres, more or less.

**Carl E. Wiscover**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stewart E. Blake and Mary Ellen Blake**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 21 and a portion of Lot Number 22, in Risacher's Second Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

## Jail bookings

### Tuesday, July 12

5:45 p.m. - Jonathan Moffitt, 39, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

### Friday, July 15

2:05 a.m. - Christina Bullard, 31, of Crane Village, was arrested and charged with battery.

### Sunday, July 17

5:30 p.m. - Juanito Angel-Apolinar, 46, of Fishers, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

8:00 p.m. - John Truelove, 43, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

### Monday, July 18

11:15 p.m. - Brandon Smith, 27, of Loogootee, was arrested on the charges of operating while intoxicated. He was booked in and a bond set at \$7,500.

3:25 p.m. - Received a call regarding a possible attempted theft in progress.

4:04 p.m. - Received a call regarding a distracted driver on U.S. 231, just south of Loogootee.

7:19 p.m. - Received a call regarding an unrestrained child in a pick up.

10:15 p.m. - Received a call regarding a custody dispute.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, just entering Martin County.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding truck on Friends Creek Road.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist just east of the Martin State Forest.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, just east of Shoals.

## Saturday, July 16

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound on U.S. 50 from Loogootee.

3:16 p.m. - A female caller reported a domestic disturbance that occurred last night and requested assistance in retrieving personal property.

3:54 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver entering the west side of Shoals on U.S. 50.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, southbound headed into Loogootee.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver headed west on U.S. 50 into Shoals.

## Sunday, July 17

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231 near Whitfield.

12:40 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50 near the National Gypsum.

3:05 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near a business in Loogootee.

4:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:22 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. The call was transferred to Loogootee Police Department.

5:36 p.m. - Received a call regarding an unauthorized vehicle control.

7:15 p.m. - A female caller advised she had been involved in a domestic dispute Friday night and she was requesting assistance retrieving personal property.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, westbound from the state highway garage.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a subject lying in the roadway in Shoals.

8:05 p.m. - Received a call regarding suspicious subjects in Shoals, stopping at houses and attempting to sell cleaning products.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report that a car drove into a fence on U.S. 150. The vehicle was not located.

## Monday, July 18

12:08 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

8:56 a.m. - Male subject came on station to report that he had something stolen.

10:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting that a semi was blocking US Hwy 150 near Butler Bridge Road.

10:56 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic on a residence on US Hwy 231.

1:15 p.m. - Female came on station to report that she had something stolen.

1:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute north of Trinity Springs.

2:00 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy to respond to a residence in Shoals. Caller advised that this is in reference to drug paraphernalia.

11:05 p.m. - Deputy Greene assisted G&M towing with property removal at the 4-H fairgrounds.

## Tuesday, July 19

12:05 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals for a male having an allergic reaction. Martin County Ambulance responded to and did not transport.

2:35 a.m. - Received a call reporting that several cars were broken in at Martin County Healthcare.

4:42 a.m. - Received a call from CSX reporting that the arms were malfunctioning at the crossings in Shoals.

7:09 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee for a female that's unresponsive. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Received several report of mailboxes that were vandalized the previous night. The roads were the incidents occurred were Dover Hill Road, West River Road, Brickyard Road, and Tedrow Lane.

10:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance for a male with stomach problems in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:23 a.m. - Received a call from a female requesting to speak to an officer in reference to trespassing.

2:05 p.m. - Received a call from a male requesting to speak to an officer in reference to a marital dispute.

## Martin County accident reports

### Wednesday, July 13

2:00 a.m. - Amanda Petit, 33, of Loogootee, advised that she had struck a deer on U.S. 231 at Whitfield with her white 2011 Toyota. The investigating officer was Major T.A. Burkhardt.

9:30 a.m. - James D. Holt, 23, of Shoals, was traveling east on U.S. 50, east of Isaac Road in a silver 1986 Chevy. He lost control of the vehicle and went left of center and ran off the roadway and struck the guardrail before coming to rest. Mr. Holt was pulling a trailer with another vehicle on it. There was no damage to the trailer and vehicle. The pickup had damage to the front right wheel and fender, and there was damage to the guardrail. The investigating officer was Chief Deputy Tony Dant.

### Sunday, July 17

10:12 p.m. - Alan Baumeister, 47, of Washington, was northbound on U.S. 231 near Webb Road, when a deer entered the roadway and was struck with the passenger front side of his silver 1998 Dodge. There was damage to the hood, front bumper, fender, and headlight areas. The investigating officer was Deputy Joshua Greene.

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# Loogootee Police Department log

**Saturday, July 9**

10:45 p.m. - Male caller advised there were kids blocking the parking lot at the high school and being rude. Sgt. Norris went to the location but was unable to locate anyone.

10:51 p.m. - Male caller reported that some kids were being loud and setting off fireworks in the street at Red Wing Trailer Court. Sgt. Norris went to the area was unable to locate anyone or fireworks.

**Sunday, July 10**

8:58 a.m. - Melissa Dobson reported that she had a CD player stolen out of her vehicle while parked at Country Place Apartments. Capt. Akles did a report on it.

9:50 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested first responders at South Wind Manor for a male choking. Loogootee First Responders were paged out and went to the location.

11:30 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested first responders on Brooks Bridge Road for a 91-year-old female with trouble breathing. First responder were paged out.

11:12 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested assistance from a Loogootee officer to go to an accident deer on U.S. 231 and Mt. Pleasant Road. Their officers were busy with a domestic in Dover Hill. Sgt. Norris went to the location and took all the information.

**Monday, July 11**

8:28 a.m. - Received a call from an employee at the American Legion to report they had been broken into. Investigating officer was Jeremy Branham.

2:20 p.m. - Arin Ginley, of Bloomfield, came on station to report that she was behind a semi near the junction of U.S. 231 south and U.S. 50 and something came off the semi and hit her windshield. Officer Jeremy Branham took the report.

3:28 p.m. - Received a call from a female stating that they were having problems with her step-daughter and they ask her to leave but she refused. They wanted an officer to come to the residence and remove her. Officer Jeremy Branham went to the location and escorted the subject off the property.

4:12 p.m. - Female on South Oak Street reported her van had been broken into. Nothing was taken; she just wanted to report it.

4:36 p.m. - Female caller reported that her blazer had been broken into on Ackerman Drive. Some CDs were taken. Sgt. Norris spoke with the caller and did a report.

5:48 p.m. - Male caller reported his vehicle had been broken into on Mulberry Street; the only thing missing was a cord to his Garmin. Did not want a report just wanted it noted.

10:01 p.m. - Female caller reported that someone had taken \$115 dollars from her purse. Sgt. Norris located the two boys that she thought had taken it but was unable to locate any money on them.

**Tuesday, July 12**

3:20 a.m. - Received a call from a female at Chuckles requesting an officer regarding two subjects fighting. Sgt. Norris went to the location and talked with them. No one wanted to press charges. Sgt. Norris advised the subjects to stay away from each other.

7:14 a.m. - Received a call of a domestic at 206 East Broadway, Officer Branham responded and took statements.

12:20 p.m. - Derek Sims reported his vehicle had been broken into at 606 SW 2nd Street. Item missing from the car was a GPS (TOM-TOM). Officer Branham took the report.

7:03 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested Loogootee Fire Department at 308 SE First Street for a tree limb that had fallen on a power line and was sparking.

**Wednesday, July 13**

5:21 a.m. - Female caller reported someone messing around her car on SW 2nd Street. Nothing was missing. Sgt. Norris

went to the area.

10:19 a.m. - Female caller reported that the dog that had bitten her daughter was in her yard again it had a broken chain on it and she tried to catch it but was unable to. Sgt. Hennette went to the address on Riley Street but the dog had left the area.

11:17 a.m. - Female called in at 404 East Main Street that her residence had been broken into. Sgt. Hennette went to the location.

3:30 p.m. - Received a call of a fire alarm going off at the Martin County Nursing Center. Loogootee Fire was dispatched, everything checked ok.

7:26 p.m. - CPS request assistance in serving some papers. Officer Greene assisted them.

8:13 p.m. - Female caller reported she was being harassed. Officer Greene made contact with the people and they advised they were leaving the area.

9:40 p.m. - Female caller advised she was receiving threatening phone calls. Officer Greene talked with her.

11:25 p.m. - Received a call of a vehicle on fire near Isaac Saw Mill and Hart Road. Loogootee Fire Department was sent to the scene.

**Thursday, July 14**

8:17 p.m. - Received a call from a female at 505 North JFK Avenue that her car had been broken into and she had 15 CDs taken. Gave Sgt. Hennette the information.

9:05 a.m. - Female called in that she had a no trespassing sign and metal post stolen from her property on Lincoln Avenue. Gave Sgt. Hennette the information.

10:50 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested an officer and first responders at 502 S. Kentucky Avenue for lifting assistance.

2:56 p.m. - Isaac Jones reported vandalism to his truck while it was parked at the O'Reilly's parking lot. Someone had flattened two of his tires. Sgt. Hennette took the report.

3:12 p.m. - Received a call from an alarm company of an alarm going off at a local business. Sgt. Hennette was given the information everything checked ok.

4:11 p.m. - Female caller reported a civil dispute at Mufflers Menders. Capt. Akles took the complaint.

6:18 p.m. - Female called in a civil dispute at the Shady Estates Trailer Park. Officer Greene took the complaint.

10:24 pm. - Received a call from a male at 504 North Line Street regarding medication that was stolen. Officer Greene took the complaint.

**Friday, July 15**

1:22 p.m. - Received a report of a male subject in a purple van sitting at Blake's car wash. They could not get a response from him. Officer Greene went to the area the man was asleep and he checked ok.

8:12 a.m. - Caller stated her daughter was out of control and requested an officer. Captain Akles responded.

6:45 p.m. - Caller advised an intoxicated female came to her residence then drove off. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

6:47 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised of a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

**Saturday, July 16**

9:05 a.m. - Female caller stated she was being harassed by another female.

9:07 a.m. - Captain Akles assisted with a funeral detail.

9:21 a.m. - Female reported a reckless driver on US 50 heading towards Shoals. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

9:43 a.m. - An employee at Marathon reported a cat had been struck by a vehicle.

10:03 a.m. - William Hunsinger, of Loogootee, reported vandalism to his vehicle.

11:15 a.m. - Caller reported smoke in the Cedar Street area. Captain Akles responded to the area.

1:30 p.m. - Jamie VanMeter, of Loogootee, reported damage to his vehicle.

Statement forms were completed.

4:05 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 50. Officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

6:54 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a reckless driver on US 231.

8:10 p.m. - Female caller requested a welfare check on her children. Sgt. Norris went to the location and everything checked out okay.

10:28 p.m. - Male caller wanted to speak with an officer regarding a theft.

**Sunday, July 17**

12:16 a.m. - DCSD reported a 911 hang up just outside of the city limits. Sgt. Norris responded.

12:17 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless

driver on US 231. Driver turned towards Daviess County and they were notified.

3:05 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a suspicious vehicle on Popular Street. Sgt. Norris went to the area and everything checked okay.

4:48 a.m. - An employee at McDonalds reported they were receiving harassing phone calls at the business.

11:24 a.m. - Ryan Bell, of Loogootee, reported his wife had struck a pole. Captain Akles arrived and a report was not needed.

11:25 a.m. - Female caller on South Kentucky Avenue requested an officer for her out-of-control daughter. Officers responded to the location.

6:06 p.m. - Mike Tompkins, of Loogootee, reported items taken from his vehicle.

## Police agencies turn up the heat on drunk drivers through July

Drivers can expect to see more police on Indiana roadways in the next few weeks, as various law enforcement agencies across the state increase their impaired driving patrols through the end of the month.

Through high-visibility enforcement activities such as saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints, police hope to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on Indiana roadways this summer.

According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), July is one of the most deadly months for Hoosier motorists. There were more than 15,000 collisions that oc-

curred on Indiana roadways in the month of July last year. While Indiana has seen a decrease in the number of alcohol-related crashes over the past five years, nearly 5,000 of the collisions that occurred in 2010 involved an alcohol-impaired driver.

Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) indicates that impaired driving crashes occur most often during the warmer months of the year when roadway travel tends to increase.

For more information about impaired driving activities in your community, contact your local law enforcement agency.

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## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

### Mark Messmer



Indiana Sportsmen's Caucus weekend retreat

Knowing that there is an abundant interest in sport hunting and fishing in Indiana, a group of legislators this year created the first ever Indiana Sportsmen's Caucus. Myself and several other state legislators meet throughout the year and discuss and remain informed on many issues that impact Hoosier sportsmen, as well as related legislative issues.

The Indiana Sportsmen's Caucus was created to support a nationwide effort to work

on issues impacting hunters, anglers and trappers. We will work together to focus on ways to protect and expand sporting opportunities for all Hoosiers.

In an effort to meet with fellow sportsmen and stay on top of the issues impacting them, we are hosting the first-ever September retreat, which we hope to make an annual event. The event, being held the weekend of September 10 and 11 in French Lick will give legislators and Hoosiers who enjoy sporting activities the opportunity to communicate and learn from one another.

The event registration includes a one-night stay at French Lick, a two-hour shooting course at Sugar Creek Sporting Clays and Hunting Preserve, dinner Saturday and continental breakfast on Sunday. The cost of registration is \$300. Registration fees will be used to fund the weekend's activities. A fundraising auction featuring sporting equipment will be conducted Saturday night to support caucus efforts, including future events that will help facilitate communication between Hoosiers and lawmakers.

I am looking forward to the event and to meeting fellow Hoosiers that enjoy sporting activities. If you would like more information, or to register for the retreat please contact Matt Doerr, Sen. Steele's Legislative Assistant by phone at 1-800-382-9467 or by email at [mdoerr@iga.in.gov](mailto:mdoerr@iga.in.gov). You may also contact my office at 317-232-9671 or [H63@in.gov](mailto:H63@in.gov).

## Hume reappointed to Criminal Code Evaluation Commission

Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne), upon recommendation by Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville), has reappointed State Senator Lindel Hume (D-Princeton) to serve on the Criminal Code Evaluation Commission and Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee in addition to several other legislative interim committees and commissions.

As a continuing member of the Criminal Code Evaluation Commission, Hume has participated in a comprehensive review of Indiana's criminal code and sentencing policies. Last summer, the commission partnered with the Pew Center on the States and the Council of State Governments' Justice Center to study how Indiana's recidivism rate could be reduced and how to manage the growth of the state's prison population.

"I had hoped that the sentencing reform passed in 2011 could have been more far-reaching in light of the study conducted last year," said Hume. "So, I look forward to continuing our work find the most effective actions we can take to address Indiana's rising prison population and recidivism rate."

According to the Pew Center on the states, Indiana's prison population has increased by 5.3% - more than any other state from 2008 to 2009, despite the first decline in nearly 40 years in state prison populations nationwide.

Additionally, Hume has been appointed as a member of the newly-formed Council on Evansville State Hospitals. Created within House Enrolled Act 1001, the council is charged with overseeing facilities including the Evansville State Hospital, which has served persons with severe mental illness since 1890. The hospital serves as an intermediate care facility and maintains certification as a Psychiatric Medicaid/Medicare Hospital.

During the interim Hume will also serve on the Water Resources Study Committee, Natural Resources Study Committee, Public Highway Private Enterprise Review Board, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. He has also been re-appointed to serve on the Pension Management Oversight Commission, Military Base Planning Council, and Administrative Rules Oversight Committee.

The General Assembly annually convenes interim study committees and permanent commissions to conduct in-depth research and analysis of issues affecting the state. Recommendations from these committees are often the basis for future legislation. More information about committee topics, schedules and agendas is available online at [www.in.gov/legislative/interim](http://www.in.gov/legislative/interim).

For more information on Sen. Hume, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

## Zoeller will fight permanent injunction on immigration case

Yesterday, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced that his office will continue to defend Indiana's new immigration law in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana and he will oppose the plaintiffs' attempt to obtain a permanent injunction. The court had entered a preliminary injunction June 24, temporarily blocking enforcement of two provisions of Senate Enrolled Act 590, the state's new immigration law. With the appeal-filing deadline approaching this week, Zoeller has decided not to appeal Judge Sarah Evans Barker's preliminary ruling to the federal appeals court in Chicago - a process called interlocutory appeal.

"Although our office would have adequate resources to appeal the preliminary injunction to the U.S. 7th Circuit, for strategic reasons we will instead push forward in U.S. District Court and vigorously oppose a permanent injunction. Hoosiers' frustration with the federal government's inability to enact and enforce immigration policies prompted the Legislature to respond to this issue - and I remain committed to defending legislative enactments against outside challenges," Zoeller said.

On February 9, as Senate Bill 590 was being debated by the Legislature, Zoeller joined other civic leaders in signing on to a different proposal, the Indiana Compact, a statement of benchmark principles for reform of immigration policy. Meanwhile, Senate Bill 590 was modified during the session after various concerns were raised, and the Legislature passed it April 29 and the Governor signed it into law May 10. As the lawyer for state government, the Attorney General must defend state laws from all legal challenges, such as that filed by ACLU against two provisions of SEA 590 on May 25.

Other provisions of the new law not challenged in the lawsuit took effect July 1. The court has not yet set a hearing date on the permanent injunction motion.

Zoeller spoke of his appeal decision on the immigration legal challenge and his support of the Indiana Compact at a panel discussion today in Washington D.C. Zoeller

was invited by the group ImmigrationWorkUSA to participate in a panel on federalism - the system by which state governments and the federal government each check and balance the other's legal authority. Zoeller discussed the role of federalism, reiterating the points he made in a recent newspaper op-ed piece he authored that was published July 4 and is found at this link: [http://www.nwitimes.com/news/opinion/guest-commentary/article\\_64e77272-537d-5e35-8ef9-7827cd9436e5.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/opinion/guest-commentary/article_64e77272-537d-5e35-8ef9-7827cd9436e5.html)

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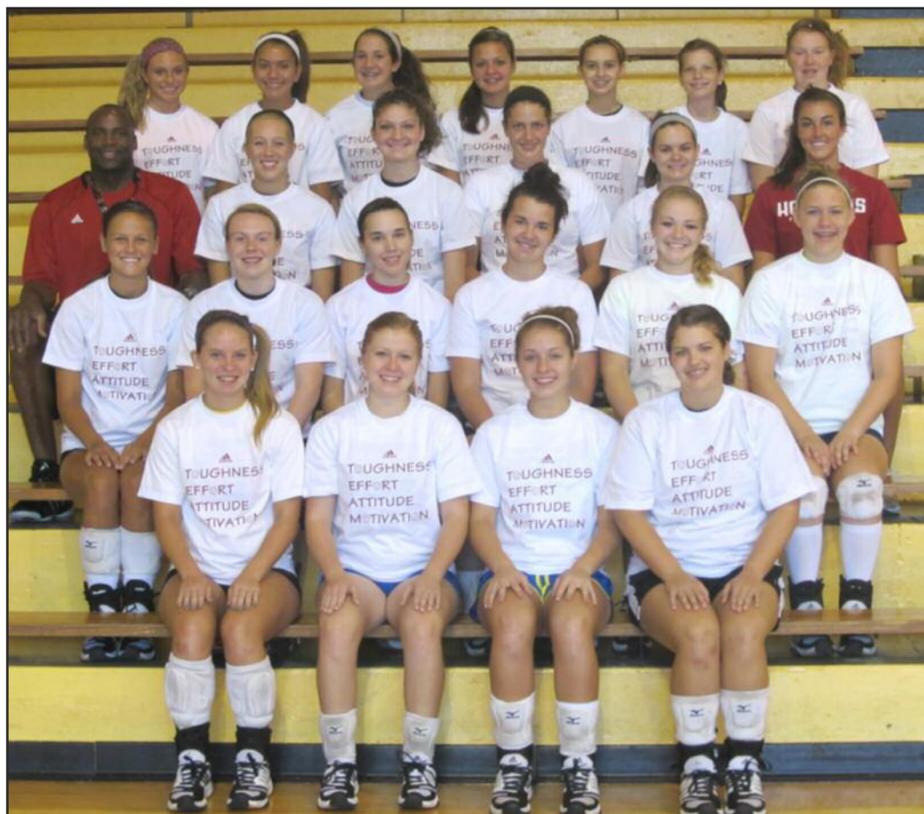
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## LHS Volleyball Camp

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On June 27 through June 29 the Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball team participated in a summer team camp hosted in Loogootee, but ran by David Jack, member of the Jamaican National Men's Volleyball team from 1985 – 1998 and assistant to the IU volleyball program. Jack's assistant for the camp was former Lady Lion standout and Indiana University Volleyball team alum Taylor Wittmer. Shown above in the front row from left to right are Mariah Weisheit, Addison Dant, Hannah LaMar, and Brooke Nonte. In the second row are Abby Ackerman, Demi Richardson, Ashley Bullock, Remington Wagler, Taylor Hayes, and Kelsy Seals. In the third row are David Jack, Shayla Brewer, Christina Ziegler, Michala Beasley, Aspen Crim, and Taylor Wittmer. In the back row are Lauren Bowling, Waylee Wagoner, Malorie Weisheit, Addyson Aiman, Kailye Robbins, Ashley Lindauer, and Chassidy Bridges.



## Elite All-Star Challenge

-Photo by Margo Tucker

Loogootee High School Baseball Head Coach Roger Bailey and senior left fielder Matt Tucker were invited to participate in the Indiana Elite 2011 North vs. South All Star Challenge held July 16 at Caston High School in Fulton. Coach Bailey and Matt were part of the Class 1A South team consisting of All Conference players from across Indiana winning the game 8-2. Coach Bailey and the Loogootee baseball team won the 2011 Class 1A regional and will return next season minus three seniors. Matt will be attending ISU in the fall majoring in Mechanical Engineering Technology. Congrats to Coach Bailey and Matt Tucker for another big win representing Loogootee High School's tradition of academics and athletics.

## Classes and programs at the Martin County Learning Center

Ivy Tech Classes - Microsoft Excel 2007: Level 2 will be offered at the Martin County Learning Center on Thursdays, August 11 to September 1, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pre-requisite is knowledge of the topics covered in MS Excel 2007: Level 1. Learn how to design and format more effective worksheets on your way to becoming Microsoft Excel certified.

Digital Camera Basics is designed to help you practice using your camera, connect it to the computer, and transfer your photos for editing and printing. Learn about digital camera controls and settings, resolution for pictures, etc. Each participant will bring a camera with the manual and connection cords to each class. This course will be offered on Tuesdays, September 27 through October 11, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information on Ivy Tech classes and to register, contact the Workforce & Economic Development office at 812-330-6044 or the website: [www.ivytech.edu/bloomington/cll](http://www.ivytech.edu/bloomington/cll).

A Matter of Balance Class - Do you have concerns about falling? Would you like to improve your flexibility, balance, and strength? Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Generations will be hosting an eight-week program at the learning center on Thursday nights from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., July 21 through September 8. The program is FREE and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Kim Fields at 812-296-0788 or Sandy Carpenter at 812-381-0441.

NEW! Resume and Cover Letter Basics

This is a basic course designed to help applicants with their resume and cover letter for the private sector or government contractor positions. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on August 11 and the cost is \$25. This course is being offered by Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting. Applicants need to pre-register no later than the Friday before the scheduled class date. Contact Kathy at the learning center to pre-register.



USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder) - The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the federal government's official website and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an online resume training session and will provide applicants with information and advice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshop will be held on August 9 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Call the learning center to sign up.

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

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

Contact - Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email [kkerr8@ivytech.edu](mailto:kkerr8@ivytech.edu)  
Office Hours - Monday through Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Loogootee 8U Tourney Champs!

-Photo by Renee Street

Shown above are the winners of the 8U Petersburg All-Star Tournament from the Loogootee Little League. In the front row, from left to right, are Tommy Jones, Wyatt Street, Dax Bailey, Jalen Mullen, Jalen Wildman, and Luke Nonte. In the second row, from left to right, are Jordan Wildman, Jayden Leatherman, Jace Walton, Bryant Eckerle, Austin Brittain, and Seth Blackwell. In the back row, from left to right, are Terry Street, Eric Brittain, Manager Jeremy Wildman, and Adam Walton.

# 4-H Livestock Auction nets \$19,530 this year

The 2011 4-H Livestock Auction was held on Tuesday, July 12 and 73 animals were sold. The top livestock buyer this year was Farm Bureau Inc. with \$2,050.

The Grand Champion Heifer, shown by Emily Gillick, was purchased by Springs Valley Bank & Trust for a straight dollar bid of \$500.

The Grand Champion Rabbit, shown by Danielle Abel, was purchased by Lou Ray's and Hart Farms & Sons for a straight dollar bid of \$225.

The Grand Champion Barrow, shown by Katie Sims, was purchased by the Area 1 Protection, LLC for a straight dollar bid of \$700.

The Grand Champion Chicken, shown by Audra Deckard, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$225 by Farm Bureau, Insurance.

The Grand Champion Gilt, shown by Max Blackwell was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$575 by Dr. Kerr & Memorial Hospital.

The Grand Champion Steer, shown by Cole Gillick, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$475 by Mattingly Feed Store.

The Grand Champion Market Lamb, shown by Taylor George was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$475 by Greenwell Hardware.

The Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether, shown by Justin Hellums, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$250 by Martin County EMS.

The Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Heifer, shown by Justin Sanders was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$450 by Old National Bank.

The Reserve Grand Champion Steer, shown by Brandon Ivey, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$450 by Lynne Ellis.

The Reserve Grand Champion Barrow, shown by Nathaniel Hart, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$400 by German American Bank.

The Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Ewe, shown by Elizabeth Sander, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$250 by Farm Bureau, Inc.

Boberg Crop Insurance Service purchased a Reserve Grand Champion Turkey from Phillip Troutman, for a straight dollar bid of \$300.

The Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether, shown by Matthew Bruner, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$275 by Lynne Ellis.

Area 1 Protection, LLC purchased a Champion Shorthorn Steer from Kylie Sims for \$375.

Jones Oil Company purchased a barrow from Allyson Arvin, 10-year 4-H member, for \$325.00.

Pizza & More purchased a gilt from Mitch Green, a 10-year 4-H member for \$325.

Regal Mills purchased a Champion Chicken from Corbin Henninger for \$200.

Regal Mills purchased a Reserve Champion Cross Steer from Ethan Wade for \$450.

Mattingly Feed Store purchased a Champion Hereford Heifer from Justin Clark for \$350.

Propane Direct purchased a Champion Cross Heifer shown by Ryan Hawkins for \$400.

German American Bank and Brocksmith Funeral Home purchased a Champion Simmental Heifer from Kylie Raney for \$350.

REMC and Springs Valley Bank & Trust purchased a Reserve Champion Hereford Heifer shown by Hunter Jones for \$375.00.

Martin County EMS purchased a rabbit shown by Kayla Abel for \$200.

Farm Bureau, Inc. purchased a cross heifer shown by Emily Wade for \$475.

RTC Communications purchased a barrow shown by Breanna Hollaway for \$400.

Toy's Auto Parts purchased a gilt shown by Kendall Berry for \$275.

Regal Mills purchased a rabbit shown by Kiersten Wood for \$400.

RTC Communications purchased a rabbit shown by Lindsey Lukens for \$175.

Area 1 Protection, LLC purchased a gilt shown by Jordan Berry for \$275.

White River Co-Op purchased a wether shown by Sarah Richer for \$275.

A gilt shown by Audrey Sanders was purchased by Farm Bureau Inc. for a straight dollar bid of \$200.

German American Bank and Brocksmith Funeral Home purchased a barrow shown by Ben Blackwell for \$200.

Martin County EMS purchased a chicken shown by Jocelyn Davis-Berger for \$150.

A barrow shown by Wade Burris was purchased by Jones Oil Company for \$475.

Farm Bureau, Inc. purchased a barrow shown by Adalyn Arvin, for a straight dollar bid of \$225.

Farm Bureau Insurance purchased a barrow shown by Mallory Berry for \$200.

Farm Bureau, Inc. purchased a wether shown by Tyler Simmons for \$150.

REMC purchased a rabbit shown by Jarrett Arvin, for a straight dollar bid of \$150.

A chicken shown by MKaden Gregory was purchased by Greenwell Hardware for \$150.

Area 1 Protection, LLC purchased a steer shown by Caleb Dant, for a straight dollar bid of \$200.

A barrow shown by Tyler George was purchased by RTC Communications for \$200.

Lynne Ellis purchased a rabbit shown by Grant Carrico for \$125.

Boberg Crop Insurance Service and Wright-Stemle purchased a ewe shown by Megan Hawkins, for a straight dollar bid of \$375.

Regal Mills purchased a cross heifer shown by Addison Dant for \$200.

Greenwell Hardware purchased a chicken shown by Luke Gregory for \$125.

A rabbit shown by Marcus Lukens was purchased by Dr. Kerr and Memorial Hospital for \$100.

A barrow shown by Collin Dant, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$100 by Farm Bureau, Inc.

A barrow shown by Becca Hollaway was purchased by RTC Communications for \$200.

Greenwell Hardware and Mattingly Feed Store purchased a barrow shown by Jake Blackwell for \$150.

Propane Direct purchased a heifer from Katlyn Sanders for a straight dollar bid of \$150.

A wether shown by Kenadi Rumble was purchased by REMC for \$150.

Farm Bureau, Inc. purchased a barrow shown by Tyler Jones, for a straight dollar bid of \$150.

A chicken, shown by Zetta Gore, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$100 by RTC Communications.

A doe goat, shown by Brandon Lindsey was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$175 by Wright-Stemle.

A cross heifer, shown by Travis Craney was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$200 by Mattingly Feed Store.

A gilt shown by Mayson Riley was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$150 by White River Co-Op.

A barrow, shown by Sam Bruner, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$225 by Lynne Ellis.

A barrow shown by Tyler Williams, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$325, by White River Co-Op.

A chicken, shown by Maura Gregory, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$100 by Farm Bureau, Inc.

German American Bank purchased a rabbit from Alyssa Hernandez, for a straight dollar bid of \$100.

A chicken, shown by Corbyn Sipes, was purchased for a straight dollar bid of \$100 by RTC Communications.

Hopf Equipment purchased a cross steer from Michael Hawkins for \$350.

Mark Messmer purchased a rabbit from Nick Sander for \$100.

Area 1 Protection, LLC purchased a rabbit from Elly Wagler for \$200.

White River Co-Op purchased a ewe

from Melanie Hawkins for \$375.

Mark Messmer purchased a cross heifer from Ben Lindsey for \$300.

Mattingly Feed Store and Greenwell Hardware purchased a barrow shown by Cody Hert for \$300.

Farm Bureau Inc. purchased a duck shown by Ruby Chestnut for \$100.

Jolene McAtee purchased a rabbit shown by Trent Arvin for \$100.

Mark Messmer purchased a turkey shown by Victoria Chestnut for \$100.

A doe goat, shown by Dylan Dant was purchased by Regal Mills for a straight dollar bid of \$350.

Farm Bureau Inc. purchased a chicken shown by Julie Dorsey for \$300.

Clean Pen Awards this year were sponsored by: Beef-Mike and Ellen Dant, Swine-John and Terri Lindsey family, Rabbit-Bob Dages family, Joe and Erin Bate-man family and Eric and Jamie Abel family,

## Fair open class exhibit results

### Baking

Cakes-Carla Hoffmann, Blue & Sweepstakes, Louise Parsons, Red

Cookies-Louise Parsons, Blue, Jamie Abel, White, Carla Hoffmann, Red, Other participants: Eldean Sherfick, Eric Abel and Bryan Adams

Quick Loaf, 4 Muffins or Biscuits-Louise Parsons, Blue, Karen Mann, Red, Eldean Sherfick, White, Other participants: Bryan Adams

Fruit Pies-Carla Hoffmann, Red, Bryan Adams, Blue

Candy-Louise Parsons, Blue, Bryan Adams, Red, Eldean Sherfick, White

### Canning

Pickled Beets-Diana Dages, Red

Pickled Cucumber-Diana Dages, Blue

Pickled Relish-Diana Dages, Blue & Sweepstakes

Jellies-Single Jar-Karen Mann, Blue, Linda Sherfick, Red

### Fine Arts

Painting-Animal-Tyler Walton, Blue & Sweepstakes

Painting-Sea/Landscape-Tyler Walton, Blue

Painting-Other-Tyler Walton, Blue

Drawing-Animal-Evelyn Hilbert, Blue, Zetta Gore, Red

Drawing-Sea/Landscape-Evelyn Hilbert, Blue

Drawing-Other-Evelyn Hilbert, Blue

Children's Art-Zetta Gore, Blue

Flowers

Marigold-Jamie Abel, Blue

Zinnia-Jamie Abel, Blue

Gladioli-Hazel Gregory, Blue

Other-Suzanne Brown, Blue

Potted Plants-Foliage-Karen Mann, Blue & Sweepstakes, Duane Mann, Red

Blooming-Eldean Sherfick, Blue, Karen Mann, Red, Duane Mann, White

Arrangements-Fresh (No Purchased Flowers)-Margie Pielemeier, Blue

Wildflowers-Mac Kalb, Blue

Kitchen Arrangement (No Artificial Flowers) - Margie Pielemeier, Red, Kristi Ausbrooks, Blue

Handicrafts

Any Holiday (Handmade Decorations) - Steve Hickman, Blue, Evelyn Hilbert, Red

Needlepoint (Plastic) - Evelyn Hilbert, Blue

Paint-by-Number- Steve Hickman, Blue

Miscellaneous-Mary Ledgerwood, Red, Laura Jean Gilbert, Blue & Sweepstakes, Evelyn Hilbert, White

Horticulture

Peppers-Duane Mann, Blue, Karen Mann, Red

Other-Sam Ausbrooks, Blue & Sweepstakes

Needlework

Afghans (knitted or Crocheted) - Louise Parsons, Blue, Laura Jean Gilbert, Red

Crochet (Other) - Ron Gilbert, Blue, Margie Pielemeier, Red, Laura Jean Gilbert, White, Other participant, Evelyn Hilbert

Knitting-Linda Ellis, Blue, Louise Parsons, Red, Evelyn Hilbert, White

Poultry & Goat-Rocky Top Farm, Sheep-Paul and Dana George. Winners of the Clean Pen Awards were: Sheep-Jordan Berry, Beef-Kenadi Rumble, Swine-Katie Sims, Poultry-Corbyn Sipes, Goat-Kenadi Rumble, and Rabbit-Corbin Henninger.

Rate of Gain winners were: Sheep-Elizabeth Sander, sponsored by Joe and Erin Bateman; Beef-Brandon Ivey, sponsored by Lingenfelter Farms; Swine-Megan Hawkins, sponsored by Joe and Erin Bateman; and Goat-Kenadi Rumble, sponsored by Brady and Tiffany Lingenfelter.

Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor was Mitch Green.

Supreme Showman-1st Place-Mitch Green, 2nd Place-Kylie Sims, 3rd Place-Brandon Ivey, 4th Place-Matthew Bruner, 5th Place-Megan Hawkins, and 6th Place-Katie Sims.

The Grand Total spent at this year's auction was \$19,350.00.

Embroidery & Cross Stitch-Linda Stonge, Blue & Sweepstakes, Suzanne Brown, Red

Other- Evelyn Hilbert, White, Linda Stonge, Red, Margie Pielemeier, Blue

Photography

Nature-Black & White- Carla Hoffmann, Blue

Nature-Color-Carla Hoffmann, Red, Judy Treffinger, Blue

Flowers-Black & White-Carla Hoffmann, Blue

Flowers-Color-Carla Hoffmann, Blue

Portraits-Black & White-Carla Hoffmann, Blue

Portraits-Color-Carla Hoffmann, Blue

Collage Collection of Pictures-Carla Hoffmann, Blue

Animals-Black & White-Carla Hoffmann, Blue

Animals-Color-Carla Hoffmann, Blue

Structures-Black & White-Carla Hoffmann, Blue

Structures-Color-Carla Hoffmann, Blue

Digital Photography

Nature-Color-Audrey Robinson, Blue, Cyndy McAtee, Red, Dave Treffinger, White, Other participants: Dan Gregory, Barb Gregory, Jamie Abel, Pat Daugherty, Judy Treffinger, Mike Bird and Tammy Gore

Nature-Black & White-Judy Treffinger, Blue, Cyndy McAtee, Red, Mike Bird, White, Other participant: Pat Daugherty

Flowers-Black & White-Judy Treffinger, Blue, Cyndy McAtee, Red, Mike Bird, White, Other participant: Pat Daugherty

Flowers-Color-Judy Treffinger, Blue, Mike Bird, Blue, Cyndy McAtee, White, Other participants: Jamie Abel and Pat Daugherty

Portraits-Black & White-Judy Treffinger, Blue, Cyndy McAtee, Red, Pat Daugherty, White, Other participant: Mike Bird

Portraits-Color-Judy Treffinger, Blue, Mike Bird, Red, Dave Treffinger, White, Other participants: Jill Ziegler, Cyndy McAtee and Pat Daugherty

Collage-Collection of Pictures-Judy Treffinger, Blue & Sweepstakes, Laura Jean Gilbert, Red, Cyndy McAtee, White, Other participants: Dan Gregory, Pat Daugherty, Dave Treffinger and Mike Bird

Animals-Black & White-Cyndy McAtee, Blue, Judy Treffinger, Red, Pat Daugherty, White

Animals-Color-Kristi Ausbrooks, Blue, Pat Daugherty, Red, Judy Treffinger, White, Other participants: Dan Gregory, Jamie Abel, Cyndy McAtee, Dave Treffinger and Tammy Gore

Structures-Black & White-Judy Treffinger, Blue, Cyndy McAtee, Red, Pat Daugherty, White

Structures-Color-Cyndy McAtee, Blue, Judy Treffinger, Red, Jamie Abel, White, Other participants: Dan Gregory and Pat Daugherty

Quilts

Hand quilted-pieced-Suzanne Brown, (See 'OPEN CLASS' on page nine)

# 2011 Martin County Fair Baby Show results

## 0-12 MONTHS

**Happiest Baby 0-4 months:** 1st Place-Bode Graber, son of Melvin and Sherry Graber of Shoals

**Prettiest Girl 0-4 months:** 1st Place-Mkenna Gregory, daughter of Monty and Brooke Gregory of Loogootee; 2nd Place-Bristol Bruner, daughter of Rebecca Bruner of Shoals; 3rd Place-Natalie Rinker, daughter of Jessica and Scott Rinker of Shoals

**Prettiest Boy 0-4 months:** 1st Place-Lucas Boyd, son of Samantha and Justin Boyd of Loogootee; 2nd Place-Bode Graber, son of Melvin and Sherry Graber of Shoals

**Prettiest Eyes Girl 0-6 months:** 1st Place-Hailey Thomas, daughter of Eric and Kristi Thomas of Loogootee; 2nd Place-Tatum McNally, daughter of Cassie Payne and James McNally of Loogootee; 3rd Place-Chevelle Bleemel, daughter of Jodi Leinenbach of Loogootee

**Prettiest Eyes Boy 0-6 months:** 1st Place-Bentlee Ray Rosemeyer, son of Marisa and Joe Rosemeyer of Odon; 2nd Place-Brogan Fawks, son of Tessa Fawks of Washington

**Best Dressed Boy 0-6 months:** 1st Place-Lucas Boyd, son of Samantha and Justin Boyd of Loogootee

**Best Dressed Girl 0-6 months:** 1st Place-Natalie Rinker, daughter of Scott and Jessica Rinker of Shoals; 2nd Place-Sophie Schnarr, daughter of Nick and Brooklyn Schnarr of Jasper

**Happiest Baby 5-8 months:** 1st Place-Isabella Haines, daughter of Natasha Haines of Shoals; 2nd Place-Sophie Schnarr, daughter of Nick and Brooklyn Schnarr of Jasper; 3rd Place-Bentley Smith, son of Jeremy and Sarah Smith of Shoals

**Prettiest Girl 5-8 months:** 1st Place-Chevelle Bleemel, daughter of Jodi Leinenbach of Loogootee; 2nd Place-Jaitlyn Dorsey, daughter of Brian and Amanda Dorsey of Loogootee; 3rd Place-Hailey Thomas, daughter of Eric and Kristi Thomas of Loogootee

**Prettiest Boy 5-8 months:** 1st Place-Bentlee Ray Rosemeyer, son of Joe and Marisa Rosemeyer of Odon; 2nd Place-Bentley Smith, son of Jeremy and Sarah Smith of Shoals; 3rd Place-Brogan Fawks, son of Tessa Fawks of Washington

**Prettiest Eyes Girl 7-12 months:** 1st Place-Brailyn Lyford, daughter of Matt and Rikki Lyford of Washington; 2nd Place-Isabella Haines, daughter of Natasha Haines of Shoals; 3rd Place-Aubry Drew Yoder, daughter of Jazmyn and Jennifer Yoder of Loogootee

**Prettiest Eyes Boy 7-12 months:** 1st Place-Coen Ryder Trambaugh, son of Bryan and Amy Trambaugh of Loogootee

**Happiest Baby 9-12 months:** 1st Place-Alexis Hopkins, daughter of Andy Hopkins and Audrey Rasico of Loogootee; 2nd Place-Brody Crook, son of Josh Crook and Ashley Owen of Shoals; 3rd Place-Kandyn Lents, son of Shane Lents and Brittany Lents of Shoals

**Best Dressed Girl 7-12 months:** 1st Place-Jaitlyn Dorsey, daughter of Brian and Amanda Dorsey of Loogootee

**Prettiest Girl 9-12 months:** 1st Place-Brailyn Lyford, daughter of Matt and Rikki Lyford of Washington; 2nd Place-Alexis Hopkins, daughter of Andy Hopkins and Audrey Rasico of Loogootee; 3rd Place-Phoebe Jones, daughter of Sarha Jones of Loogootee

**Prettiest Boy 9-12 months:** Kandyn Lents, son of Shane Lents and Brittany Lents of Shoals; 2nd Place-Brody Crook, son of Josh Crook and Ashley Owen of Shoals

**Youngest Baby:** Natalie Rinker, daughter of Scott and Jessica Rinker of Shoals

## 13-24 MONTHS

**Happiest Baby 13-16 months:** 1st Place-Joel Hedrick, son of Jason and Kim Hedrick of Cannelburg; 2nd Place-Anna Sward, daughter of Matt and Chastity Sward of Loogootee; 3rd Place-Garrison Graber, son of Coy and Julie Graber of Loogootee

**Prettiest Girl 13-16 months:** 1st Place-Aliya Likens, daughter of Ellery and Shawna Likens of Spencer; 2nd Place-Kyra Ann Shaw, daughter of Chad and Kellie Shaw of Loogootee; 3rd Place-Kiersten Chamness,



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**Baby shown winners in the front row, from left to right, are Prettiest Boy 0-4 months 1st Place and Best Dressed Boy 0-6 months 1st -Lucas Boyd, son of Samantha and Justin Boyd of Loogootee; Prettiest Girl 0-4 months 1st Place-Mkenna Gregory, daughter of Monty and Brooke Gregory of Loogootee; Happiest Baby 0-4 months 1st Place-Bode Graber, son of Melvin and Sherry Graber of Shoals; Prettiest Eyes Girl 0-6 months 1st Place-Hailey Thomas, daughter of Eric and Kristi Thomas of Loogootee; Happiest Baby 5-8 months 1st Place-Isabella Haines, daughter of Natasha Haines of Shoals; Prettiest Eyes Boy 0-6 months 1st Place and Prettiest Boy 5-8 months 1st Place -Bentlee Ray Rosemeyer, son of Marisa and Joe Rosemeyer of Odon; Prettiest Girl 5-8 months 1st Place-Chevelle Bleemel, daughter of Jodi Leinenbach of Loogootee. In the back row are Prettiest Eyes Girl 7-12 months 1st Place and Prettiest Girl 9-12 months 1st Place -Brailyn Lyford, daughter of Matt and Rikki Lyford of Washington; Best Dressed Girl 7-12 months 1st Place-Jaitlyn Dorsey, daughter of Brian and Amanda Dorsey of Loogootee; Happiest Baby 9-12 months 1st Place-Alexis Hopkins, daughter of Andy Hopkins and Audrey Rasico of Loogootee; Best Dressed Girl 0-6 months 1st Place and Youngest Baby-Natalie Rinker, daughter of Scott and Jessica Rinker of Shoals; Prettiest Eyes Boy 7-12 months 1st Place-Coen Ryder Trambaugh, son of Bryan and Amy Trambaugh of Loogootee; and Prettiest Boy 9-12 months: Kandyn Lents, son of Shane Lents and Brittany Lents of Shoals.**



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**Fair baby show winners in the 13-24 months category are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Prettiest Eyes Boy 13-18 months 2nd Place-Mosby Jones, son of Matt and Megan Jones of Loogootee; Prettiest Eyes Girl 19-24 months 1st Place-Peyton Harger, daughter of Cameron Ray of Loogootee; Happiest Baby 13-16 months 1st Place-Joel Hedrick, son of Jason and Kim Hedrick of Cannelburg; Prettiest Eyes Boy 19-24 months 1st Place-Elijah Krodel, son of Shelby Krodel of Washington, Best Dressed Boy 13-18 months 1st Place-Garrison Graber, son of Coy and Julie Graber of Loogootee; Best Dressed Girl 13-18 months:1st Place and Prettiest Girl 17-20 months 1st Place -Vanity Linville, daughter of Justin and Tiffany Linville of Shoals; Prettiest Eyes Boy 19-24 months 2nd Place-Trevor French, son of Tracy and Karla French of Shoals. In the back row are Prettiest Girl 13-16 months 1st Place-Aliya Likens, daughter of Ellery and Shawna Likens of Spencer; Prettiest Eyes Boy 13-18 months 1st Place and Happiest Baby 17-20 months -Alex Tharp, son of Adam Gibson and Natasha Tharp of Shoals; Miss Martin County Erin Wittmer; Happiest Baby 13-16 months 2nd Place-Anna Sward, daughter of Matt and Chastity Sward of Loogootee; Best Dressed Girl 19-24 months 1st Place and Prettiest Girl 21-24 months 1st Place -Scarlett Wintergerst, daughter of Adam and Annie Wintergerst of Loogootee; and Prettiest Boy 17-20 months 1st Place-Henry Hoffman, son of Nathan and Katie Hoffman of Shoals.**

daughter of Megan Merkle of Ferdinand

**Prettiest Eyes Boy 13-18 months:** 1st Place-Alex Tharp, son of Adam Gibson and Natasha Tharp of Shoals; 2nd Place-Mosby Jones, son of Matt and Megan Jones of Loogootee

**Best Dressed Girl 13-18 months:** 1st Place-Vanity Linville, daughter of Justin and Tiffany Linville of Shoals; 2nd Place-Kyra Ann Shaw, daughter of Chad and Kellie Shaw of Loogootee; 3rd Place-Aliya Likens, daughter of Ellery and Shawna Likens of Spencer

**Best Dressed Boy 13-18 months:** 1st Place-Garrison Graber, son of Coy and Julie Graber of Loogootee; 2nd Place-Xavier Hopkins, son of Joshua Hopkins and Ashlen Goldsberry of Shoals

**Happiest Baby 17-20 months:** 1st Place-Alex Tharp, son of Adam Gibson and Natasha Tharp of Shoals; 2nd Place-Ashia Boger, daughter of Jordan Boger and Chasity Krodel of Shoals; 3rd Place-Abigail Dunn,

daughter of Rebecca Harmon of Shoals

**Prettiest Girl 17-20 months:** 1st Place-Vanity Linville, daughter of Justin and Tiffany Linville of Shoals; 2nd Place-Abigail Dunn, daughter of Rebecca Harmon of Shoals, 3rd Place-Abrianna Edmondson, daughter of Clifford and Mary Edmondson of Loogootee

**Prettiest Boy 17-20 months:** 1st Place-Henry Hoffman, son of Nathan and Katie Hoffman of Shoals

**Prettiest Eyes Girl 19-24 months:** 1st Place-Peyton Harger, daughter of Cameron Ray of Loogootee

**Prettiest Eyes Boy 19-24 months:** 1st Place-Elijah Krodel, son of Shelby Krodel of Washington; 2nd Place-Trevor French, son of Tracy and Karla French of Shoals; 3rd Place-Henry Hoffman, son of Nathan and Katie Hoffman of Shoals

**Best Dressed Girl 19-24 months:** 1st Place-Scarlett Wintergerst, daughter of Adam and Annie Wintergerst of Loogootee; 2nd Place-Peyton Harger, daughter of Cameron Ray of

Loogootee; 3rd Place-Madalyn Breeding, daughter of Heather Breeding of Jasper

**Prettiest Girl 21-24 months:** 1st Place-Scarlett Wintergerst, daughter of Adam and Annie Wintergerst of Loogootee; 2nd Place-Madalyn Breeding, daughter of Heather Breeding of Jasper

## OPEN CLASS

(Continued from page eight)

- Blue Machine Quilted-Pieced-Alma Henson, Blue
- Machine Quilted-Appliqued-Suzanne Brown, Blue
- Machine Quilted-Embroidered-Linda Stonge, Blue
- Cooperative Quilt- Linda Stonge, Blue & Sweepstakes, Pamela Byron, Red
- Other Quilted Items-Machine quilted-Alma Henson, Blue
- Top Exhibitor: Carla Hoffmann

# Results of fair tractor contests released

## Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



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Winners of the 4-H Fair Senior Lawn Tractor event are shown above. From left to right are Miss Martin County 1st Runner-Up Tia Pennington, Tyler George, Waylon Matthews, Katlyn Sanders, Travis Craney, and Miss Martin County 2nd Runner-Up Brittany Eckerle.

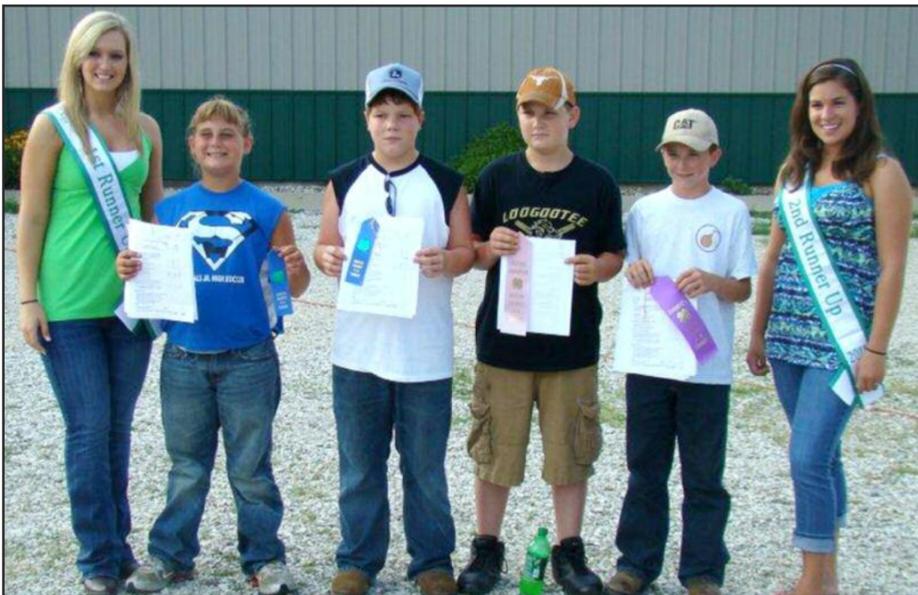


The Martin County Humane Society has six cute, little puppies for adoption. They are lab mix, four female, and two male. If you are interested in one of these puppies, call Don at 812-296-0952. The humane society is collecting items for their yard sale, if you have some nice items that you would like to donate call Don and someone will pick them up. If you would like to donate to the building fund, you can send your donation to: Martin County Humane Society P.O. Box 537, Shoals, IN 47581.



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Martin County 4-H Fair Senior Ag Tractor winners, from left to right, are Tyler George, Travis Craney, and Katlyn Sanders.



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Shown above are the winners of the Junior Lawn Tractor and Junior Ag Tractor competitions at this year's fair. Both events had identical results. From left to right are Miss Martin County 1st Runner-Up Tia Pennington, Taylor George, Dalton Higdon, Brett Robinson, Rueben Ritchey and Miss Martin County 2nd Runner-Up Brittany Eckerle.

## “Walnut Grove II – Prelude to the Muster” commemorates bicentennial of fateful meeting at Grouseland

Grouseland, presidential home and territorial governor’s mansion of William Henry Harrison in Vincennes will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the second council between Shawnee leader, Tecumseh, and then-governor and future president, Harrison, on Saturday, July 23. “Walnut Grove II – Prelude to the Muster” is a family-oriented living history experience that will highlight the vital role that Harrison, Tecumseh and Vincennes played in the lead up to the Battle of Tippecanoe and ultimately the War of 1812, “America’s second war of independence.”

The event will kick-off at 10 a.m. with the opening of the “Council at the Grove” historical encampment on the grounds of the Vincennes State Historic Sites. Re-enactors will provide period food tastings, storytelling and other demonstrations of life in 1811 Indiana. The encampment and tours of the Harrison Mansion, “Grouseland,” will be offered until 5 p.m.

The highlight of the event will begin with an All-American Picnic at noon, followed immediately by a brief ceremony to unveil the new state historical marker in the Walnut Grove, site of the fateful meetings. The featured speaker for the event will be Hon. Hugo C. Songer, retired judge from Dubois County, and author of The Buffalo Trace to Tippecanoe.

The event is free and open to the public, but tickets for \$10 per person include the picnic lunch, a tour of the Harrison Mansion and samples of the period food demonstrations. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling (812) 882-2096. Discounted prices are available for groups of three or more. Grouseland is located at 1st and Scott Streets in Vincennes, just south of the university campus.

Walnut Grove is a commemorative historical park that was dedicated in 2010, to commemorate the first meeting between Tecumseh and Harrison. The two leaders met a second time in July 1811, as the drum beat of the impending war grew louder and tensions rose on the frontier. In September, Harrison mustered an army of 1000 volunteers, many of whose descendants still live in Knox County, and fought the Battle of Tippecanoe, on November 7, 1811. These events mark an important sequence that led to the War of 1812 and serve as defining moments in the westward expansion of the United States.

Daniel Sarell, Executive Director of Grouseland Foundation, states, “Vincennes as the Indiana territorial capital, and particularly Governor Harrison, played a key role in shaping the Midwest as we know it. There are lessons – both challenging and laudable

– to be drawn from the political and cultural clashes that were occurring on the western frontier of the United States in 1811. Our goal as an historical community is to help visitors step back in time, so that we can all reflect on the challenges and opportunities that we face today.”

Grouseland Foundation has launched a new “heritage education outreach” called “First Families.” The program is designed to raise awareness of the diverse cultural heritage of Vincennes and Knox County from the territorial period before 1816. Many current residents of Knox County descend from these early pioneers, French-Creole voyageurs, and veterans of Harrison’s Tippecanoe campaign.

Sarell continues, “We are seeking old family stories that might still survive from the French colonial and American territorial period, before Indiana achieved statehood in 1816. A freelance journalist and author, who is also a ‘First Families’ descendant, will be on hand to conduct interviews at the July 23 event for a future magazine article on Vincennes’ heritage. We are asking that residents come forward now and give us some sense of the stories they have, and we hope these stories can be shared throughout the day and preserved in print.”

Sarell explains, “First Families is designed to identify those who descend from pre-statehood Vincennes and the surrounding areas. It will provide the community a tangible forum by which they can be recognized and learn more about how our heritage continues to shape who we are today, and who we may yet become. We hope to instill a greater awareness of Vincennes’ culture, so that we can reclaim a more profound sense of why Vincennes and Knox County are special places, worthy of preservation, study and economic investment.”

Sarell adds, “Grouseland is a natural ‘home’ for reflecting on how our nation came to be, with all of its complexity. There is much to celebrate about our history, but embracing an honest assessment of what really took place is just as important. We hope that families can bring their children, who will have such a great time that they won’t realize how much they are really learning. That’s our goal: to make history personal and relevant for current and future generations. In order to do that, we have to make history come alive, and ‘Walnut Grove II’ aims to animate our past.”

“Walnut Grove II – Prelude to the Muster” is presented by Grouseland Foundation in partnership with Vincennes University, Vincennes State Historic Sites and the George Rogers Clark National Historic Park.

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# New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL  
Pastor's wife

Are you a thermometer or a thermostat?  
Philippians 4: 4-9

Are you a thermometer or a thermostat? A thermometer doesn't change anything around it. It just registers the temperature. It is always going up and down. But a thermostat regulates the surroundings and changes them when they need to be changed. Do you lack the power to change things or do they change you? Our world is full of things that cause anxiety and our God has a remedy for it. The secret to being a thermostat is not to be pulled in different directions in your heart and mind. It is regulating your heart and mind as seen in this passage. It is right praying, right thinking and right living. The word of God says to rejoice in all circumstances.

What is it that will change our inner workings so that our spirit will be the gentle spirit that we are to show to all men?

The right kind of prayer that is going to powerfully change the temperature of the situation is what Paul tells us here. Be anx-

ious for nothing.... True prayer is first prayer. When we find ourselves anxious about something our first action ought to be to get alone with God and worship Him. Adoration is what is needed. We must see the greatness and majesty of God.

Is praying going to change the fact that you don't have enough money? It may, God is a great provider; the important fact is it is going to change your attitude about it. If we trust God and realize by prayer He is big enough to solve our problems. When we adore Him first the focus changes, you are no longer just a thermometer, it's hot it's hot it's hot. Paul counsels us to take everything to God in prayer. Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. We are prone to pray about the big things in life and forget about the so-called little things until they grow and become big things. Talking to God about everything that concerns us and Him is the first step toward being a thermostat.

Psalms 1:1, "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!" Stop putting

yourself in the place where you are surrounded by negativity, wicked people, sinners, scoffers, ridiculers; bitter people. But focus your attention on whatever is pure, lovely and of good report, think on these things, dwell on these things, guard your hearts and minds with Christ Jesus.

You choose to be positive or negative. Don't believe you can't change the way you think or do things, you can. Quit dwelling on bad things, dwell on the good, it will change the way you think and you will change the temperature of your life.

Right praying and right thinking should result in right living. And will result in peace. Right living is a necessary condition for experiencing the peace of God. In verse 9, Paul combines four things that will make the peace of God in your heart and life. They are the things you have learned, the things you have received, the things you have heard, and the things you have seen in Him.

It is one thing to learn a truth but quite another to receive it inwardly and make it part of our inner person. It's one thing to receive the word of God, the truth of the

Gospel; it is another thing to put it into practice. It's one thing to hear the word but never let it change their lives and receive the blessing of God.

Right living will make the peace of God in your heart so strong that you will overcome the negative talk and negative actions.

This Friday at 6 p.m. starts out New York Adventure VBS until 8:30 p.m. We will continue our VBS at Boggs Lake at 10 a.m. Saturday morning until 3 p.m. We are doing grades 1st thru 6th. Bring towels and swimsuits for swimming after the lessons. A New York style lunch will be served. Call Pastor Ernie 709-0258 or Shirley 709-2525 if you have any questions.

The US Ministry is still in need of donations for our back-to-school distribution on August 13th. Donations can be dropped off at Printing Express in Loogootee or at Wabash Valley Transportation in Shoals. Call Shirley if you have any questions.

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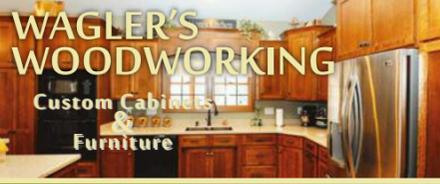
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## Giving back

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Shoals Boy Scout Troop 495 delivered Meals on Wheels meals to Shoals residents on July 13. Participants shown above are Harold Bleemel, Linda Sherfick, Austin Hembree, Dylan Hembree, Caleb Belcher, Zach Bleemel, Christian Belcher, Mike Schlaegel, Becky Schlaegel, and Elisha Schlaegel. The troop would like to thank the American Legion for the use of their kitchen.

## SOAR looking for tutors for adult literacy program

The adult literacy program, Martin County SOAR, will be having training for new tutors September 12 and 15 (Monday and Thursday) from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The location will be the learning center, at the fairgrounds.

Previous classes have been four nights, but the class work has been compressed to two, to make it easier to fit into busy schedules. There will be a snack break in the middle to encourage everyone to get to know their fellow tutors.

It takes no prior training to be a tutor. Your willingness to reach out to someone who for one reason or another did not learn to read is the only requirement. Students come from a variety of backgrounds and are carefully placed with tutors they can work with successfully. If you attended training in the past and would like a refresher, this is an opportunity for that, too.

SOAR stands for Success and Opportunity at Reading. Please register for the training by calling Vernita Williams at 295-2418. Registration deadline is August 30.

## Prostate Cancer Screening - July 29

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center offers an annual community Prostate Cancer Screening for men age 50 and over or for those with a high risk for prostate cancer.

A lipid profile will also be available during the screening. The drawing of blood takes only a few minutes, and no appointment or pre-registration is necessary.

The cost of the PSA screening is \$20, and the cost of the lipid profile is \$10. A take-home colon cancer detection kit is available for \$8.

A 12-hour fast prior to your appointment time is required for the lipid profile testing.

The screening will take place at Memorial Southside Office, 1100 West 12th Avenue, Jasper on Friday, July 29 between 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Results will be mailed to participants.

For more information, please visit Memorial Hospital's website at: www.mhhcc.org and click on "Classes & Events," or call the Community Relations department at 812-481-2399.

## Calendar of Events

### Attention LHS Class of 1991 graduates

The Loogootee High School Class of 1991 20-Year Reunion will be held August 27 at Lark Ranch. The reunion begins at 6 p.m. The band will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight and finger food will be provided. Cost will be \$25 per person or \$40 per couple due by August 13. Please email Francis Ross if you have any questions and to find out where to send your money at iuhoo99@gmail.com.

### Recycling Center hours

The Martin County Recycling Center encourages you to come in before noon any time the rest of the summer if there are heat warnings issued. To protect the health of the center's employees, the recycling center will close as early as noon on days of high heat indices. They thank you for your patience and understanding.

### Shoals Adult Booster Club meeting

The Shoals Adult Booster Club will meet on Thursday July 28 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals School Cafeteria. Officers for the coming year will be elected. The club will also be discussing the membership drive and fundraisers and urge everyone who has a child in Shoals Athletics or who supports school sports programs to attend.

### VFW Post 9395 collecting can tabs

Loogootee VFW Post 9395 is collecting the pull tabs from all aluminum cans to benefit The Wounded Warriors Project. Miller Brewing Co. will donate ten cents for each tab up to one million dollars. The local post is asking for everyone to contribute to this project through September. Tabs may be dropped off at the post daily after 3 p.m. or Saturday after 1 p.m.

### Humane society meetings

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

### Youth football meetings

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

### Recovery support group

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

### Martin County ABATE meetings

The Martin County Chapter of ABATE of Indiana will meet Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. in Loogootee Family Restaurant.

### 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 for the district are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

### Tourism meetings

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~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

**'The \$14 trillion national debt is enormous'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

\$14,500,000,000 and counting— That's a lot of money. That's OUR national debt. That amounts to \$46,519 for every man, woman and child who is a legal citizen of the United States of America or \$129,784 for every taxpayer. Are we citizens or taxpayers? Did we vote to accumulate this debt? Unfortunately we did, by voting for politicians that, through laws that they passed and by their "governing" accumulated this massive debt. This is not a Democrat or a Republican issue. It is a Conservative versus Liberal issue. The federal government has gone FAR beyond its "enumerated" powers as defined by the United States Constitution. The 10th Amendment of the Constitution reads as follows: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." The enumerated powers granted to the federal

government basically revolved around three areas: national defense, protecting the rights of U. S. citizens and interstate commerce. Look at where we are today. It is difficult to identify an area of our lives in which the federal government is not involved- through taxation, regulation or litigation.

The \$14 trillion national debt is enormous- really, we mortals cannot even imagine that amount of money. I think that I remember reading that if you stacked \$100 bills eight-feet high on a 100-yard football field, it would require about 14 football fields to contain that amount of money.

While the enormous debt is of great concern, more importantly, I am frightened by how that money is being spent. I believe that it is being spent to BUY VOTES - with our own tax money. It is being spent to make each of us totally dependent upon the federal government. That means that we are being bought. It makes it more likely that we will vote for the political party that is doing the spending. I believe that a conservative is a person that believes in living up to the literal meaning of the United States Constitution, as it is written. I am a Conservative.

We can learn more about the Constitution by attending a class on the Constitution being held at the Martin County Community Learning Center at 7 p.m. on August 2, 2011. The class lasts about 1½ hours. The cost is \$30.

If we do not understand our Constitution, how can we know if our representatives are acting within its written words. Its words define the federal government's limitations and the checks and balances that make our precious freedoms possible.

We must think before we vote.

Dennis Jones  
Shoals, Indiana



My Point of **VIEW**

By Courtney Hughett  
Owner/Publisher, MCJ

The average person my age (33 years old) doesn't spend a whole lot of time thinking about the federal government or what they are doing. Most of us are so busy just trying to get by financially, raise our kids, keep our homes in a somewhat tidy semblance, grocery shop, run our kids here and there, keep our marriages on track, and just well, live. I'm sure most of us notice that a dollar doesn't go as far as it used to and many, such as my family, just survive paycheck to paycheck. Debt stacks up quickly and Josh and I do not have a single credit card, auto loan, or owe payments on anything except our house. We buy our cars with cash and drive them till the wheels fall off.

Our biggest problem is medical bills. We have gone uninsured a few times during our marriage and of course, those were the times a few in the family were hospitalized. Josh had appendicitis and Alex was taken to the ER for dehydration. Plus, even with insurance (\$80 per week that we pay) we had some big ones with our portion and deductibles – Josh had a heart attack, Wyatt was in the hospital for almost a week with severe pneumonia, and I had surgery on my rotator cuff. The sad part is that without medical insurance we had to pay the full over-priced amount, not the discounted amount we would have received by just carrying insurance. And, the hospital refused our hardship application and the request for a discounted price. Not to mention, bills came in from every single doctor that came in the hospital room or even peeked in, every day there was a new one. We owe literally thousands and thousands of dollars. We were denied qualification to any federally-funded or state-funded insurance plan through those non-insured times when we really needed it.

Then, I got one of those forwarded mass emails the other day from my aunt talking about Social Security – something for which I have paid into dearly since I started working at the age of 12. The biggest chunk taken out of my weekly paychecks over those years was for Social Security and I probably won't even get it when I am of retirement age. The only thing that keeps me

okay with it is that I helped my grandparents get it but they paid into it too. It really is just all very confusing to me.

If the government wants to help people so much, why don't they fix what really needs fixed? Josh and I have struggled almost our entire adult life and like I said, we are not out buying lavish things that we don't need. I have needed a new washing machine for months and would love to have the air-conditioners in both our vehicles fixed. Both my boys need braces, which is not covered under our insurance, and school is getting ready to start back up which means shoes, clothes, books, etc. But with gas this high, my husband has to get back and forth to work first.

I know this is a rant but sometimes it gets so frustrating watching the way things are done and handled. There have been many times over the years that my husband or I would reach our wits end and comment that we were going to quit our jobs and go on the welfare because we'd make more money . . . obviously, we have never and will never do that, but we have seen perfectly healthy acquaintances our own age who do. I have told you about this before, but for those of you who are new to the Journal, I'm going to tell it again. When Josh had his heart attack age the age of 32 (two years ago), he was off work for awhile. Since this was a very, very unexpected blow to our family we had a hard time during those months just buying groceries. One night I had \$10 to my name (literally) and went to Buehler's to get something for dinner. After buying whatever little I could gather, I got in line behind a young couple with a baby. I remember standing there thinking that they must be throwing a party because I had never seen so much junk food. There were cases of soda, bags of chips, cookies, steaks, etc. I was tired from working all day and stressed and the reason I watched them was because I was annoyed that I had to wait in line behind them with one lane open. Anyway, after the cashier gave them the total they pulled out their food stamp card. Why isn't there a rule with food stamps that you must buy nutritious food? This is just one example that stands out in my mind, but I have seen this happen too many times to count.

I have known so many people who work the system and/or cheat to get government benefits. Most are not shy about admitting it. What they don't understand is that someone is paying for their dishonesty – it's not free money. All that fraud has a trickle down affect on the rest of us and it's just not right.

I was told recently by someone that they work with illegal immigrants who purchased social security numbers when coming to the U.S. They get paid under the fake name and actually even get a tax refund each year to the tune of \$5,000. No one is the wiser apparently and these workers send the money they make back to their home country where their families are.

Imagine if the government would really crack down on fraud? Not just say they were going to but actually did it? With the amount of people I know who have at some point in time cheated the system, I can only imagine what that is like country-wide. It's almost become the norm and seems to only continue to get worse. Eventually, there won't be any benefits at all - and some families out there actually need it.

Have an opinion? I'd love to hear it. Email courtney@martincountyjournal.com. This column is open to guest writers. Email me if interested.

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