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Getting to know ISP Trooper Lents

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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When you think about a police officer what comes to mind? How well do you know your local and/or state policemen? This week, the Martin County Journal is helping you get to know Indiana State Police Trooper Jarrod Lents.

Thirty-year-old Jarrod is originally from Loogootee – having lived in the city until he was six years old and attending kinder-

garten and first grade. When his parents divorced, he and his mom moved to L a w r e n c e

County. He went to elementary school and junior high at Oolitic and graduated in 1999 from Bedford North Lawrence High School.

After high school, Jarrod went to Indiana State University graduating in 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology.

As a child, he travelled back to Loo-gootee every other weekend for visits with his dad and grandparents and spent weekends in the city during college. "A lot of people think I actually went to school in Martin County," he said. He did eventually move back in 2006.

Jarrod has been married since 2010. His wife Jennifer is the manager of a finance

company. The couple has a two-year-old son. Jarrod is a member of St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield.

Jarrod said he first knew he wanted to be a cop when he was very young. "I used to watch the old 1960's Dragnet television show on Nick at Nite. It was not a show for children but I loved it," he said. "Every time I saw that big LAPD badge on the screen during the theme song, I knew what I wanted to do." Jarrod said he was very impatient to get done with school so he

would work to becoming a police officer. He applied to the state police when he was 21 years old but was de-

nied the job.

-ISP Trooper Jarrod Lents

"Every time I get in a rut or frustrated

with the job, I think about the officers

who have been killed in the line of duty

and I realize how fortunate I have it."

At the age of 23, during his last year of college, he applied again and was accepted. He started academy training in May of 2004, two weeks after graduating from college.

After graduating from the academy in October of 2004 and appointed a state trooper, he was assigned to the Lafayette Post and patrolled Montgomery and Fountain counties.

In July of 2006, his transfer to the Jasper Post was accepted and he moved back to Martin County. He now patrols Martin and (See 'LENTS' continued on page two)



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Indiana State Police Trooper Jarrod Lents stands in front of his cruiser before heading out to protect Martin County roads. Lents shares the duty of mainly covering Martin County with Trooper Steve Sexton for the ISP.

Martin County schools set registration dates

LOOGOOTEE SCHOOLS

Enrollment for all students at Loogootee Schools (grades K-12) will be held on Wednesday, August 3 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday, August 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Kindergarten students who pre-registered last spring will need to pay book rental fees at registration. To enroll in kindergarten, the child must be five years of age by August 1,

2010. All new students must bring a birth certificate and immunization record at the time of enrollment, and any records or report cards from

previous schools if available. There is no separate registration day for new students at Loogootee Elementary. New students in grades 5-12 should call 295-3254 ext. 495 to schedule an appointment and stop by the high school office from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. to pick up a new student packet.

Please be prepared to pay textbook fees at the time of registration. If you are unable to pay the fees you may apply for textbook assistance at the time of registration.

The first day of class for Loogootee students is Monday, August 15.

Textbook rental fees for the 2011-12 school year are as follows:

Kindergarten - \$117.75

First Grade - \$123.83 Second Grade - \$97.40 Third Grade - \$91.90

Fourth Grade - \$114.90 Fifth Grade - \$111.43 Sixth Grade - \$110.94

If you have questions concerning registration, you may call the high school office at 812-295-3254.

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Shoals School Corporation will hold registration on Monday, August 8 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

and Tuesday, August 9 from noon to 7 p.m. for all grades.

These registration dates include new students as well as former

students.

The first day of school for Shoals students

is Friday, August 12.

The textbook rental fees are as follows:

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Grade 1 - \$178.41

Grade 2 - \$164.62

Grade 3 - \$141.00

Grade 4 - \$108.67 Grade 5 - \$109.72

Grade 6 - \$117.72

Watch for next week's Journal and full back-to-school details for Loogootee and Shoals including calendars and supply lists. Back-to-school shot clinics at the health department are listed on page two.

County back in top five for lowest unemployment in state

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Martin County is in a four-way tie with Warrick, Switzerland, and Floyd for 89th place of the 92 Indiana counties for the lowest unemployment in the state for June. Martin County's rate rose just slightly from 6.4 percent in May to 6.5 percent in June. The county had 5,519 residents in the workforce for June with 359 unemployed. A month earlier, in May, there were 5,428 residents in the job market with 350 unemployed. In June of 2010 the county's unemployment rate was 7.1 percent with 5,334 residents in the workforce and 380 without jobs.

Daviess County fell out of the top spot for the first time in many months for the lowest jobless rate in the state. They dropped to 91st place going from 5.4 percent in May to 5.8 percent in June. In June, there were 14,888 residents in the workforce with 14,019 with jobs. For May, there were 14,845 residents in the job market and 803 without jobs. In June of 2010, Daviess County's unemployment was 6.6 percent with 15,071 residents in the workforce and 990 unemployed.

Dubois County took a hold of the 92nd place in the state dropping from 5.6 percent in May to 5.5 percent in June. Dubois had 21,701 residents in the job market in June with 1,202 without jobs. In May, there were 21,467 residents in the workforce and 1,193 unemployed. The county's jobless rate in June of 2010 was 7.5 percent with 22,341 residents in the workforce and 1,665 unem-

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For the third month in a row, Orange County's rate stayed at 9.2 percent tied with Marshall and Dekalb counties. The county moved down in the ranking from 27th place in May to 28th place in June. Orange County had 10,308 residents in the workforce in June with 951 unemployed. In May, there were 10,260 residents in the job market and 947 without jobs. In June of 2010 the county's jobless rate was 11.1 percent with 10,029 residents in the workforce and 1,115 unemployed.

The counties with the lowest unemployment in the state rankings for June went to Dubois with 5.5 percent, Daviess with 5.8 percent, Hamilton with 6.1 percent, Martin, Warrick, Floyd, and Switzerland tied with 6.5 percent; and Harrison with 6.6 percent.

The counties with the highest unemployment in the state rankings for June went to Fayette with 12.1 percent, Scott with 10.8 percent, Henry with 10.6 percent, Wayne with 10.5 percent, and Starke with 10.3 percent.

Indiana's preliminary seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate is 8.3 percent for June. The U.S. rate rose to 9.2 percent this month. Indiana continues to be significantly below the national average and that of all neighboring states for the fifth month in a row. Private sector employment decreased by 6,200 in June.

"This month, the nation and most of our neighboring states saw an increase in the unemployment rate," said Mark W. Everson, (See 'UNEMPLOYMENT' on page two)

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Daviess counties, primarily during the night shift.

Jarrod said there was really no one who inspired him to become a police officer but he has had officers inspired him since he has been on the force. "Every time I get in a rut or frustrated with the job, I think about the officers who have been killed in the line of duty and I realize how fortunate I have it," he said.

As far as his police work in Martin County, Jarrod said that for such a small population, the county has a lot of troublemakers and criminals. "There are some people that I deal with that I know have been arrested more times than I care to count," he said adding that it is very frustrating to put a person away multiple times on felony charges and then to have to deal with them again and again. He said drugs are the worst problem but alcohol is another issue citing that people make a lot of dumb decisions when the are drunk. He said another problem is people not being able to take responsibility for their actions and the actions of their teenagers. "If people did, that the crime rate would probably be cut by a lot," he said.

When asked what the best thing is about being a police officer, Jarrod said he's not sure, but he knows that he personally enjoys taking a drunk or drug-impaired driver off of the road. "That is probably my favorite part of the job," he decided. He added that he was no saint growing up so he knows from personal experience how incredibly dangerous drunk driving is. "I can't remember the last time we had a fatal vehicle accident involving alcohol; I know there hasn't been many in the last several years," he said attributing that partly to the vigorous enforcement that he and Trooper Sexton do every night.

The worst part about the job, for him, is seeing children living in awful conditions

get sick of seeing little kids living in houses that aren't fit for a dog to live in," he said. He said that finances can't be to blame either, "a person doesn't have to be rich to keep a clean house." He went on to say that he has had parents tell him that they can't afford to feed their children, and while telling him this they are smoking cigarettes and drinking beer. "It's disgusting," he said. "Kids in that situation don't have a chance."

When asked if there was anything he would like the average citizen to know about state troopers, Jarrod replied that he thinks everyone should know that the state police do not have a ticket quota that they have to meet. He said ticket quotas are illegal and no one tells him how many tickets to write per month. "I don't win a new TV if I reach that imaginary number," he said adding that getting a ticket from him or another police officer isn't personal and it doesn't mean that they don't like you or think you are a bad person. He said the same goes for the people he arrests. "When I arrest someone, it's not personal to me," he said. "They broke the law and they go to jail, that's how it works." He added that sometimes the suspect makes it personal which accomplishes nothing.

He said he also thinks people should know that when they get pulled over for what seems like a minor thing such as having no license plate lights or not using their turn signal, it is for the officers to check for impaired drivers or those who may be in possession of drugs. He said that if the person isn't intoxicated or doing anything illegal, they get a warning and are on their way. "It can be annoying, but people need to realize that the next guy I stop could be drunk and was possibly going to kill someone before he made it home," he said. "That someone who gets killed could be your child or family member."

In 2009, Jarrod was chosen as the Jasper and with parents who don't seem to con- District Trooper of the Year due to his crimsider their kids their first priority in life. "I inal and traffic enforcement for that year.



MCCF Golf Scramble champs

-Photo provided

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significant decline.

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On Saturday, July 16, the Martin County Community Foundation hosted a golf scramble at Eagle View Golf Course in Crane. The winning team of the scramble pictured above from left to right included Doug Denson, Chad Cundiff, Travis Brett, and Dave Wininger. The MCCF would like to thank all the sponsors, those who came out to help with the event, and all the participants. The scramble raised over \$600 dollars for the operations of the Martin County Community Foundation. The Martin County Community foundation has helped bring in over 9 million dollars of benefits to the people of Martin County since 1999.

NEMPLOYMEN

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Commissioner of the Department of Work-

Developforce ment. "While this month's news nationally and here in the state is discouraging, it is important to note that over the past year Indiana has seen a 2 percent drop in

2010 2011 2011 Change Indiana 10.3% 8.2% 8.3% +0.1% 9.5% 9.1% 9.2% +0.1% 10.3% Illinois 8.9% 9.2% +0.3%Kentucky 10.3% 9.8% 9.6% -0.2% 12.6% 10.3% 10.5% +0.2% Michigan +0.2% 10.1% 8.8% Ohio 8.6% employment decreased (-5,900) in June.

May

July

June

the unemployment rate from 10.3 percent to 8.3 percent."

Employment by Sector

Sectors showing significant employment

This article was written in part with a press release from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

gains in June include: Private Education and

Health Services (1,300) and Financial Activ-

Monthly

Commissioners hear budget requests, FEMA updates

Minutes provided by Auditor Nancy Cabin Lane. All were in favor. Steiner

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 26.

Judge Lynne Ellis explained the need for a surplus sale. Auditor Steiner will check with the other departments on their surplus.

Greg Jones of SIDC presented their annual report and request to be included in the commissioners' budget for \$2,563. Projects this year included the Shoals Fire Station, Shoals Water Project, Debris Removal Grant, Loogootee Energy Efficiency Grant, Home Improvement Grant, WestGate Academy and will be reapplying for the Lost River Fire Station. For every dollar Martin County gives to SIDC, the county gets back \$4,003.

A budget request was received from the historical society asking for \$6,000. Originally, the commissioners had a lower amount.

A motion by Commissioner John Wininger and seconded by Commissioner Dan Gregory to raise it to \$6,000 was approved with all in favor.

County Attorney Dave Lett will work on an updated decree on the veterans' service fees to be paid.

EMA/Civil Defense Director Cameron Wolf reported his department has responded to a few vehicle accidents and FEMA is working with him on the storm/flood dam-

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams gave his two-week work report. He asked to name a private lane with six property owners for the purpose of 911. The county will have no responsibility with the lane except to put up a road sign. It will remain a gated private lane. Commissioner Gregory made the motion to name it Old Scout

Williams also reported he has been working with FEMA for the damage to roads.

County Extension Educator Jonathan Stevens reported the county fair and 4-H fair were great successes. There are 70 projects going to the state fair from Martin

Back-to-school shot clinics at the health department

The start of a new school year is just around the corner. Kindergarten or firsttime first grade students, students in grade 6 and college students may need immunizations before they can begin classes this fall.

The Martin County Health Department immunization clinic will be giving vaccinations on the following dates before school starts:

Wednesday, July 27: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 3: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday, August 10: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

The health department office is located in the Shoals Federal Building (post office). Vaccines are available for children age 18 and younger through the Vaccines for Children Program. TB tests and certain adult vaccines may be obtained for a

Please bring a copy of your child's immunization record with you.

If you need additional information or if you have any questions, please call 247-

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OBITUARIES

MILDRED CHESTNUT

Mildred J. Chestnut passed away at 5:35 a.m., Monday, July 18, 2011 at her home. A resident of West Baden Springs, she was 80.

She was born on March 13, 1931 in Martin County; the daughter of Harry and Ada Ellen (Moore) Purkhiser, Sr. She married George Gale Chestnut on February 5, 1949 and he preceded her in death on October 18,

She was a 1949 graduate of Shoals High School and had previously worked as a supervisor at the Springs Valley Corporation (Shoe Factory) in Paoli. She attended The Church at Powell Valley and the Hillham Church of Christ in Christian Union and was a member of the Shoals American Legion Post #61 Auxiliary. She loved to cook and bake, and was a former 4-H leader. However, she was most proud to say that she was a "Farmer's Daughter."

She is survived by sons, Larry Michael Chestnut and his wife, Faye of Oolitic and Steven Wayne Chestnut of West Baden Springs; daughters, Barbara Sue Free and her husband, Warren of Valeene, and Judy Ann Wagner and her husband, LeRoy of Ferdinand; seven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, Harry Purkhiser, Jr. of West Baden Springs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a grandson, Trevor Doan, three brothers, Charles, Virgil, and Jim Purkhiser and two sisters in infancy.

The funeral service was held Friday, July 22 at T.L. Pinnick Mortuary with Rev. Craig Chestnut and Rev. Mike Grable officiating. Burial was in Ames Chapel Cemetery, in Paoli.

Family requests memorials be given to the Hoosier Uplands Hospice, 1500 West Main Street, PO Box 9, Mitchell, Indiana 47446.

family at www.tlpinnickmortuary.com

RUSSELL COLEMAN

Russell James Coleman passed away on July 13, 2011. A resident of Appling, Georgia, he was 52.

He was born January 12, 1959; the son of Robert and Judy Coleman (Mize) and raised in Washington. He was an Army veteran who proudly served his country for three years and received an honorary discharge.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deanna (Merideth) Coleman, whom he married April 7, 2005. They shared a love that many will never know. He got his Associate of Science degree in social work from Vincennes University and went on to get his bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from the University of Southern Indiana. Russell planned on getting a job in social work helping those who had a hard time with addiction.

He is also survived by four sisters, Christine Neideitch of Indianapolis, Rachel Coleman of Pennsylvania, Camilla Shelton of Brownstown, and Angee Folsom of Greensburg; one brother, Matthew Coleman of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; one stepbrother, Steve Mize of Washington; one stepsister, Melissa Murray of Washington; two stepchildren, Dana Steiner of Loogootee, Dean Steiner and his wife Vandora of Evansville, and their son, Kaiden Steiner, who is the proud step-grandson of Russell.

He is preceded in death by his parents, father Robert Coleman and mother Judy Mize; his stepfather, Doug Mize; and a stepbrother, Doug Mize Jr.

A memorial service was held at the Ed Lee Mortuary in Washington on Saturday,

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Southern Indiana foundation for the Russell Coleman Online condolences may be made to the Social Work Scholarship. Contributions can

be sent to the University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN or online https://www.usi.edu/foundation/gift/giftform.aspx

T. LOUISE GERVASIO

T. Louise Gervasio died Thursday, July 21, 2011 following her valiant fight with cancer of the liver. A resident of Greenwood, she was 76.

She was born on December 14, 1934, in Daviess County; the daughter of James Orbey and Mabel (Carrico) Wathen. She moved to Indianapolis in 1953 and lived in the Greenwood area since 1972. She was active with funeral meals, church cleaning and altar decorations at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church for 20 years. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Louise enjoyed serving others, her family, church and friends.

She is survived by her husband, William E. Gervasio; one daughter, Jane Maria Gervasio of Indianapolis; two sons, David William Gervasio and his wife Tamara of Indianapolis, John J. Gervasio of Dallas, Texas; four grandchildren, Rebecca, Joseph, Abigail, and Samuel of Indianapolis; two brothers Robert Wathen of Poland, Indiana, John Wathen of Warren, Michigan, four sisters, Mary Butcher of Indianapolis, Agnes Wilcoxen of Loogootee, Gladys Traylor and Helen Traylor, both of Montgomery, along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Patrick and Thomas.

Visitation will be on Monday, at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, July 25 at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Crematory, Greenwood Chapel was entrusted with arrangements. Memorial contributions are suggested to the donor's favorite charity.

Condolences may be made to the family by email at wm.gervasio705@comcast.net.

MARGIE COURTRIGHT

Margie Helen (Robbins) Courtright went to be with her Lord & Savior on July 22, 2011. A resident of Shoals, she was 89.

She was born on September 15, 1921 in Lawrence County; the

> She married Chester E. Courtright on April 16,

> 1938 in Martin County.

Margie was an excep-



tional homemaker, who loved experimenting with food. She enjoyed

COURTRIGHT flower and vegetable gardening, and was an outstanding seamstress, sewing many of her families clothes. She was a member of the Shoals Homemakers Club, and contributed many recipes to the club.

She is survived by one son, C. James Courtright of Shoals; one daughter, Judy Felts and her husband Charlie, of Shoals; daughter-inlaw, Linda Courtright of French Lick; eight grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren; one brother, Herbie Robbins, Jr of North Vernon; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son, Kenneth Courtright; and a sister, Lucille Tolbert.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 26 at Bonds Chapel in Orleans with burial following.

Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals was in charge of arrangements. Online condo-Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and lences can be made at www.queenlee.com.

Private non-profits loan applications due August 22

August 22 deadline to apply for physical damage disaster loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration reminds eligible Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) of the August 22 deadline to submit disaster loan applications for damages caused by the severe storms, tornadoes, high winds and flooding that occurred from April 19 through June 6, 2011.

PNPs located in Benton, Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Martin, Monroe, Ohio, Orange, Parke, Perry Pike, Posey, Putnam, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Starke, Sullivan, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick and Washington counties in Indiana are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Examples of eligible non-critical PNP organizations include, but are not limited to, food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges.

PNPs may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets.

The SBA may increase a loan up to 20 percent of the total amount of disaster damage to real estate and/or leasehold improvements, as verified by SBA, to make improvements that lessen the risk of prop-

Private non-profits in 32 counties have erty damage by future disasters of the same kind. Economic Injury Disaster Loans are also available to PNPs to help meet working capital needs, such as ongoing operating expenses regardless of whether the entity suffered any physical property dam-

> Interest rates are as low as 3 percent with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

> Disaster loan information may be obtained by calling the SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for people with speech or hearing disabilities) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

> Applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

> PNPs affected by the disaster may also apply for disaster loans electronically from SBA's website at https://disasterloan.sba. gov/ela/.

> The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is August 22,

> The deadline to return economic injury applications is March 23, 2012.

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LARGE YARD SALE, Friday, July 29, 8:30 to 8:00 and Saturday, July 30, 8:30 to 12:00 North Kentucky Ave., Greene's residence. Gaither and other tapes, bedding,old quilts, small TV, collectibles, XL clothes, books, fabric for baby quilts, knit, crochet, counted cross stitch books, cookbooks, jelly jars, silverware, toys, kids picnic tables, snow blower, girls clothes 4-5, recliner, lamp, lot of stuff.

GARAGE SALE, Saturday, July 30 ONLY, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., 608 Church Street, A-frame across from the White River Co-Op, Hughett's residence. Boys' clothes (mostly 10-12), Xbox games, miscellaneous.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, July 19

2:11 p.m. - Received a call reporting mailbox vandalism on Dover Hill Road.

3:37 p.m. - Received more calls reporting mailbox vandalism. The locations of the vandalism are on Reinhart Road, Killion Mill Road, Gun Shop Road, and on State Rd. 450.

4:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Caller advised she is having problems with a neighbor's dog.

4:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising that there is a handicapped motorist on US Hwy 50.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer about harassment.

Wednesday, July 20

1:30 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle on US Hwy 50 near the state highway garage.

7:49 a.m. - Received a call from a female reporting that she struck a deer on State

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle on Mill Road.

11:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee for a male with breathing problems. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of a dog that is stuck at a residence in Loogootee.

2:53 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US Hwy 231 heading southbound from Bramble.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tamper alarm at a business in Crane.

3:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals for a male having a

Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Caller advised that it is in reference to a child custody issue.

5:07 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer do a vehicle inspection on Poplar

5:11 p.m. - Received a call reporting an extended power outage on Tripp Road.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call from a female requesting to speak to a deputy over a civil

6:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting a burglar alarm at a business in Loogootee.

6:41 p.m. - Received a call reporting an extended power outage on Wadsworth Lane. 7:20 p.m. - Had a male call in requesting

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to speak to an officer about mailbox vandal- Saturday, July 23 ism on Reinhart Road.

7:41 p.m. - Received a call from a female wanting us to be aware that her vehicle has

7:47 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless or drunk driver on US Hwy 231 heading northbound from Haysville.

7:47 p.m. - Received a call reporting power outage on State Road 450.

8:39 p.m. - Received a call from a male requesting to speak to an officer in reference to on-going problems at his property.

9:52 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer's assistance to remove his broke down vehicle near the 4-H fairgrounds.

Thursday, July 21

4:10 a.m. - Received a call advising that there is a commercial burglar alarm going off at a business in Loogootee.

7:43 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting that young child was driving his bicycle very close to the road in Loogootee.

9:00 a.m. - Received a call from a male advising that his mailbox was vandalized Monday night on Bellbrook Avenue.

12:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals for an elderly female that is not alert. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Dunn Memo-

12:45 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle that is broke down on US Hwy 231. They advised the subject ran out of gas.

12:59 p.m. - Had a female call and requested that we be aware of a call she received. She advised it's a scam trying to get money. The caller advised that he was the caller's grandson and was out of state and needed money.

1:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising that his vehicle is broke down on Hwy 50 near the fairgrounds, and he needs assistance.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of theft of two vehicles from the Hindostan area.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in the Trinity Springs area.

9:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Health Care Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Friday, July 22

3:23 a.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated subject at a business in Shoals.

9:10 a.m. - A female caller advised of text

12:59 p.m. - Received a report of an accident at the intersection of S.R. 450 and Lundy Road. The driver was transported to Dunn Memorial Hospital.

1:11 p.m. - Received a call from a female advising of a dog being extremely aggressive toward her daughter on Boyd Hollow

1:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident at the junction of U.S. 50 and U.S. 231 in Loogootee. The driver was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:31 p.m. - Received a request to check on the health and welfare of horses on U.S. 150.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a motorcycle that had driven off the roadway on U.S. 150. No injuries were reported.

5:13 p.m. - Received a complaint from a male regarding his estranged wife being on his property when he was not at home.

5:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was nec-

5:37 p.m. - Received a report of stolen

6:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Mill Road. No transport was nec-

7:19 p.m. - Received a report of a possible battery on Butler Bridge Road.

10:34 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Dover Hill Road.

11:05 p.m. - A caller advised that a controlled burn on S.R. 56 may be getting out of control.

5:30 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist at the intersection of U.S. 231 and U.S. 50.

7:35 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50 at Brickyard Road.

9:01 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious subject on private property on U.S.

1:31 p.m. - Received a report of small animals left in a trailer without electricity.

2:38 p.m. - Received a call from a male subject regarding harassment.

6:21 p.m. - Received several calls about a personal injury accident in Loogootee. Two ambulances transported patients to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:44 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm on Ziegler Road.

8:56 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on Indian Springs Road just off of S.R. 450.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Crane Road.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Mt. Pleasant Road.

Sunday, July 24

12:15 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee.

12:35 a.m. - Received a report of a car broken down near Doe Run area in Shoals. 10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a domes-

tic dispute in Loogootee. 11:12 a.m. - Received a call regarding

child custody issues. 11:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Health Care. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:07 p.m. - Received a call from Jay-C Store in Shoals regarding a truck that leaked diesel fuel in the parking lot.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a battery with a weapon in Loogootee. The ambulance was dispatched but no transport was

3:19 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver westbound on U.S. 50 just east of Shoals.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb on Day Road.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for officers to respond to a battery in Loogootee.

4:10 p.m. - A female in Shoals reported someone trying to pry her trailer door open. 4:20 p.m. - Received a complaint regard-

ing stray dogs on Chicken Farm Road. 4:58 p.m. - Received a report of a belliger-

ent costumer at D and M Market. 5:01 p.m. - Received a report of unautho-

rized control of a vehicle in Loogootee. 5:32 p.m. - Received a report of an acci-

dent on U.S. 150 at Mill Road. 7:30 p.m. - Received a residential burglar

alarm on Cherry Road. 7:51 p.m. - Received a report of shots fired

on Chicken Farm Road. 8:06 p.m. - Received a report of a custody

dispute on Chicken Farm Road. 9:00 p.m. - Received a report of an acci-

dent on U.S. 150. 9:41 p.m. - A male subject came on station with information regarding a theft.

10:08 p.m. - Received a call regarding custody issues.

Monday, July 25

3:48 p.m. - Received a report of a pickup

truck off the roadway at Love Cemetery Road and Wildman Road.

5:22 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, south of Loo-

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of a semi turned over on U.S. 150, near Singing Hill. There were no injuries requiring medical at-

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, just east of Loogootee.

8:55 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm on Ziegler Road.

9:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was nec-

9:19 p.m. - A female came on station about a domestic dispute.

Unknown time - A call was received in reference to suspicious vehicles at the Hickory Ridge Church off of S.R. 450.

11:25 p.m. - Received a call regarding aggressive dogs running loose in Loogootee.

11:29 p.m. - Received a call regarding a possible break-in in Crane Village.

Tuesday, July 26

5:52 a.m. - Received a report of an attempted break in at The Bargain Shop in Loogootee.

6:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Health Care. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial

6:20 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a mailbox on Wininger Road.

6:45 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231 near Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant.

Jail bookings

Friday, July 22

3:00 p.m. - David Lents was arrested and charged with invasion of privacy.

Saturday, July 23

9:20 p.m. - Jared R. Butcher, 20, of Loogootee was arrested by Loogootee Police on a Daviess County warrant for possession of marijuana. Sgt. Norris was the arresting officer.

Sunday, July 24

4:36 a.m. - Carl McCarty, 21, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

6:42 p.m. - Abraham Wittmer, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with habitual traffic violator.

Monday, July 25

3:12 p.m. - Chief Deputy Tony Dant and Corporal Steve Nolan went to the Senior Citizen apartments located on Capital Avenue in Shoals. The officers were there to serve a court order on 40-year-old Richard E. Hartley. Hartley met the officers at the door while pointing a handgun at them. The officers took cover around the outer buildings and Hartley barricaded himself inside the apartment for approximately thirty minutes. The officers talked to Hartley on his cell phone and convinced him to give up his handgun and he was later taken into custody. This incident is still under investigation by the Martin County Sheriff's Department. Other units that assisted or were responding to the scene were Martin County Prosecutor, Loogootee Police Department, Indiana State Police, and the Lawrence County Police Department.

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Real estate transfers

Neil A. Strange, of Martin County, Indiana to Tim J. Lukomski and Cori Lee Lukomski, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 in Oliver and Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Mark Robbins, of Martin County, Indiana to James M. McCarthy, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, and containing 1.13 acres more or less.

Hoosier Valley Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to Shari Lynn Hulsman, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 28 in Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Luana F. Leonard, of Marion County, Indiana to David Ray Graber and Edna Rose Graber, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: three-quarters of an acre, more or less, in Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 3 West. Tract II: a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, and containing 3 acres, more or less.

John A. Gehlhausen, of Martin County, Indiana to Carl Gibson, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, and containing 5 ½ acres, more or less except a tract containing 3 acres, more or less. Containing after said exception, 2 ½ acres, more or less.

Marilyn Beemblossom, Ernest S. Canell, and Doris A. Canell, of Martin County, Indiana to Ronald G. Miller and Rita A. Miller, of Natrona County, Wyoming, beginning at a point 19 rods 4 feet south of the northeast corner of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West; thence west 134 feet; thence north 43 feet; thence east 134 feet; thence south 43 feet to the point of beginning.

Steven Tedrow and Mary Alice Byrd, of Martin County, Indiana to James M. Troutman and Bonnie L. Troutman, of Martin County, Indiana. Parcel 1: The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28; also, all that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, lying south of the present public improved highway, all in Township 3 North, Range 4 West. Except tracts of land in the same section containing 2 acres, 1 acre, 1 acre, 1.32 acres, and 1 acre more or less. Parcel II: the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, except a 10-acre strip of even width off the west side thereof, and containing 30 acres, more or less. Parcel III: the north half of Lot 3, south fractional Section 21, 20 acres; Lot Number 4, south fractional Section 21, 40 acres; Lot Number 1, south fractional section 21, 40 acres; Lot Number 2, south fractional section 21, 48.85 acres; the west half of south fractional Section 21, 108.15 acres: Lot Number 1, south fractional Section 22, and Lot Number 2, same section, 87.62 acres; the east half of south fractional Section 2, 58 acres, all being in Township 3 North, Range 4 West. Also, the south half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, 20 acres. Containing in all 447.37 acres. Except parcels of land in the same section containing 2 acres, 1 acre, 1 acre, 1.32 acres, and 1 acre, more or less. Parcel IV: the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, except a 10-acre strip of even width off the west side thereof, and containing 30 acres, more or less. Parcel V: the west half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 80 acres, more or less. Except 1.03 acres, 1 acre, 6 acres, 6 acres, and 1 acre more or less, in the same section. Containing in Parcel V after said exceptions, 65.68 acres, more or

less.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed July 6

Jordan D. Wright, furnishing alcohol to a minor, a Class C Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a Class A Misdemeanor.

July 11

Jimmy D. Ervin, sex offender internet offense, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Ricky L. Arthur, criminal recklessness, a Class C Felony.

July 13

James D. Hunt, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Waylon W. McGuire, false reporting or informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; six counts of burglary, Class C Felonies.

Matthew J. Holt, six counts of burglary, Class C Felonies.

Jonathan M. Moffitt, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class D Felony.

July 15

Christina K. Bullard, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

July 19

Juanito Angel-Apolinar, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

John D. Truelove, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

July 20

Brandon L. Smith, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

July 21

Gordon L. Davis III, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

June 15

Benjamin A. Kent, convicted of reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor (amended from operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor). Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 178 days suspended including credit for one actual day previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received five months of probation.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed July 14

Martin Richard Wininger vs. Kristy Ann Wininger, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Nancy Ann Beasley vs. Michael D. Beasley, petition for dissolution of marriage. Phillip L. Emmons vs. Shoals Community School Corporation, civil plenary.

July 18

Capital One Bank vs. Betrice A. Lents, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS July 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cach and against the defendant Larry E. Davis in the amount of \$1,900.87.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Citibank and against the defendant Mark A. Neukam in the amount of \$4,519.85.

July 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff GE Money Bank and against the defendant Latrisha McKibben in the amount of \$1,753.80.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED July 6

Discover Bank vs. Clara Smith, civil collection, dismissed.

Springs Valley Bank and Trust Co. vs. Tammy Dunn and Christopher Dunn, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS July 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defen-

dant Rodney K. Bridges in the amount of \$519.30.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Tammara S. Carmichael in the amount of \$1,364.89.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Michael and Carla Carr in the amount of \$791 44

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Angela Williams in the amount of \$921.26.

July 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Procol, Inc. and against the defendant Heather Toy in the amount of \$3,397.30.

July 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant John W. Deckard in the amount of \$703.89.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED July 18

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Joseph Miller, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID July 6 – July 20

Travis Alsman, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Blake Anderson, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

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

Austin Bailey, Loogootee, seatbelt violation \$25

tion, \$25. Alan Blemmel, Loogootee, seatbelt viola-

tion, \$25. Don Breeden, Odon, open alcoholic bev-

erage container, \$209.

Adam Bruner, Shoals, driving without

proof of financial responsibilities; false or fictitious registration, \$144.

Robert Burchard, Williams, speeding 62

in a 50, \$119.

Keith Carrico, Cannelburg, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Sandra Carrico, Cannelburg, seatbelt violation, \$25. Billy Cox, Elizabeth, speeding 68 in a 55,

\$119. Cory Craney, Loogootee, seatbelt viola-

tion, \$25.

Dustin Deckard, Bloomington, driving left

of center, \$124. Eric Doersam, Sumner, Illinois, violation

of 70-hour rule, \$119. Chad Grafton, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Shelby Harder, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Michael Hellums, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Andrew Hopkins, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Matthew Hulsman, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25. Charles Johnson, Bedford, seatbelt viola-

tion, \$25.

Avatar Joshi, South Bend, speeding 78 in a 55, \$124.

Andrew Larson, Indianapolis, seatbelt vi-

olation, \$25.

James Like, Loogootee, seatbelt violation,

\$25. Michael Like, Loogootee, two seatbelt vi-

olations, \$25 each.

Mike Morin, Bedford, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school,

\$120. Bobby Pilkerton, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

James Plano, Mitchell, seatbelt violation, \$25

Jeremy Quinn, French Lick, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Christopher Raney, Bedford, speeding 71 in a 55; driving while suspended, \$129.

Dennis Reed, Jasper, speeding 63 in a 50, \$120

Courtney Royston, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.
Aaron Sanders, Bedford, seatbelt viola-

tion, \$25.

July 13
Chad Lee Phillips of Shoals and Jennifer
Dawn Walls of Shoals.
July 15

Jason Schlachter, Loogootee, seatbelt vi-

Zachary Schwenk, Jasper, unregistered

Rich Shaefer, Columbus, speeding 66 in a

William Smith, Odon, speeding 71 in a 50;

Matthew Steele, Washington, violation of

Brittney Steimel, Loogootee, unregistered

Arthur Stivers, Salem, maximum weight

Matthew Taylor, Montgomery, seatbelt vi-

Jason Tinkle, Loogootee, seatbelt viola-

Shaun Turner, Shelbyville, seatbelt viola-

Branden Vonderheide, Jasper, speeding 75

Adam Wade, Shelbyville, speeding 81 in

Courtney Walker, Jasper, speeding 70 in a

Ronald Warren, Loogootee, seatbelt vio-

Terry Weisman, Jasper, speeding 69 in a

Paul Williams, Orleans, driving while sus-

Katie Wright, Williams, seatbelt violation,

MARRIAGE LICENSES

\$25; speeding 75 in a 55, \$124.

olation, \$25; child restraint violation, child

restrictions; enforcement of limits, \$139.

alteration by local authority; school, \$124.

vehicle; expired plates, \$119.

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July 15
Joshua Matthew Davis of Shoals and Tabatha Sue Henry of Bloomington.

Stephen James O'Brien II of Loogootee and Emily Grace Kiesling of Loogootee.

July 19

Justin Alan Wininger of Loogootee and Sara Lynn Gingerich of Loogootee.

Accident reports

Friday, July 22

12:59 p.m. - The Martin County Sheriff's Department was contacted about a personal injury accident on State Road 450 at the intersection of Lundy Road. A male juvenile was turning onto State Road 450 from Lundy Road operating a Kubota tractor when he failed to see an oncoming car driven by Brandi Brassine, 34, Shoals. The juvenile stated he tried to speed up but Brassine's vehicle still made contact with the tractor. The juvenile was not injured in the crash. Brassine was transported to Dunn Memorial Hospital for cuts and scrapes. There was very minimal damage to the Kubota tractor. Brassine's 1993 Geo Metro was totaled in the crash. The investigating officer was Sergeant Keith Keller with the Martin County Sheriff's Department. He was assisted by the Shoals Fire Department, Martin County EMS, Indiana State Trooper Ken Miller, and G&M Wrecker Service.

1:12 p.m. - Anne Mathias, of Loogootee, was operating a 1993 Buick and attempting to turn from Broadway Street onto JFK Avenue when she turned into the path of a 2008 Ford operated by Robert Turner, of Loogootee. Mathias complained of minor pain. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

2:00 p.m. - The Martin County Sheriff's Department was contacted about a motorcycle accident on US 150. The driver of the motorcycle, Todd Frey, 40, of Teutopolis, Illinois, was eastbound on US 150 east of Fairview Lane. As Frey entered a curve, he downshifted and lost control of his motorcycle. Frey went off the south side of the roadway and was ejected off of the bike. Frey was not injured in the crash. The investigating officer was Sergeant Keith Keller with the Martin County Sheriff's Department. He was assisted by a member of the Shoals Fire Department.

Loogootee Police log

Monday, July 18

10:54 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department called requesting assistance with a domestic dispute on U.S. 231 until their officer can get there. Chief Rayhill went to assist.

7:07 p.m. - Male caller requested assistance with getting some property back. Sgt. Norris accompanied them to the residence **Tuesday, July 19**

2:30 a.m. - An employee of the Martin County Nursing Center reported he had articles taken from his vehicle while parked in the parking lot.

9:45 a.m. - Male came on station and reported someone had gotten into his vehicle at Bowling Trailer Court and took some items. Chief Rayhill took the information.

1:32 p.m. - Donna Sipes, of Bloomfield Road, reported damage to her mailbox. Information was given to Chief Rayhill.

3:00 p.m. - Subject came on station and reported children being left unsupervised on SW First Street. Chief Rayhill took report.

3:42 p.m. - Francine Fegan reported that someone had gotten into her car at her residence and took some change. Chief Rayhill took report.

4:35 p.m. - Leon Baker came on station and reported someone had painted his reflectors on his driveway white. He just wanted to report it.

9:02 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested an officer to check out a 911 hang up at the high school. Sgt. Norris checked it out.

10:22 p.m. - Female caller requested an officer at her residence on Sheridan Street for her daughter being harassed. Sgt. Norris went to the location.

11:48 p.m. - Female caller reported that she had some money taken out of her locker at work. Sgt. Norris went to the location.

Wednesday, July 20

11:11 a.m. - Female caller advised of being harassed on North Line Street. Chief Rayhill returned the call.

1:21 p.m. - Female caller advised she had her wallet taken and it had \$70 in it. Chief Rayhill talked with her.

6:34 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported an alarm going off at a local business. Sgt. Hennette went to the location everything checked ok.

7:47 p.m. - Female caller requested an officer at her residence on Sheridan Street for a disturbance. Sgt. Hennette went to the location.

Thursday, July 21

1:20 a.m. - Female caller reported a strange car parked behind some storage buildings on St. Mary's Road. Daviess County was contacted.

4:10 a.m. - Report of an alarm going off at a local business. Sgt. Hennette went and checked it out. Everything checked out ok.

8:24 a.m. - Female caller reported that she had vandalism to her mailbox on Lincoln Avenue. Chief Rayhill was given the information.

10:26 a.m. - Male caller reported that he had some things stolen from his truck while parked in the American Legion parking lot. Chief Rayhill talked with him.

11:41 a.m. - Female caller reported her mailbox vandalized on Bridgewater Street. Chief Rayhill talked to her.

1:09 p.m. - Received a call of people riding



four-wheelers in Shady Estates. Capt. Akles went to the area.

1:12 p.m. - Caller reported receiving a harassing phone call at a local business. Chief Rayhill spoke with the caller and advised him to stay off the property.

4:19 p.m. - Caller reported a protective order violation.

7:47 p.m. - Caller advised of a small sink hole in the alley behind the old Southside Bar. The street department was notified.

8:33 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised of a 911 hang-up in Scenic Hill. Sgt. Hennette assisted the county.

9:04 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette assisted the county with a domestic dispute in Scenic Hill

Friday, July 22

7:08 p.m. - Caller advised he was behind a vehicle with brake lights out and they were headed towards Shoals. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

Saturday, July 23

6:52 a.m. - Caller reported a broken down semi on Broadway Street.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted with a funeral detail.

6:20 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle accident at Williams Street and JFK Avenue. ISP investigated the accident.

Sunday, July 24

12:19 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

7:54 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm. The business checked secure.

8:36 a.m. - Received several calls regarding windows busted out of vehicles. Anyone with information regarding this case may contact Captain Akles at 295 2246.

9:44 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute of Sheridan Street. Captain Akles responded.

9:52 a.m. - Male caller advised of a civil dispute involving a business transaction. Captain Akles spoke with the male.

10:05 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised of a domestic dispute on Lincoln Avenue. Captain Akles responded.

11:19 a.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a child custody matter.

1:39 p.m. - Caller reported a theft and domestic dispute on Riley Street. Captain Akles responded.

1:48 p.m. - Caller reported a DVD player stolen from her vehicle.

2:28 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute at Wiscaver Apartments. Captain Akles along with other officers responded.

6:03 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 2nd Street. Female refused to file charges against the male.

8:21 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless moped on Riley Street.

11:04 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on his wife.

Multi-state commercial motor vehicle enforcement results

Commercial motor vehicle enforcement personnel from the Indiana State Police, Kentucky State Police and Michigan State Police participated in a combined enforcement project aimed at improving the safety of commercial motor vehicle, and passenger vehicle traffic. The enforcement effort was conducted on major interstate highways within the three states, July 12-14, 2011.

213 enforcement personnel focused on aggressive moving violations, equipment and registration violations, cargo securement, oversized and overweight loads, food product violations and fuel tax compliance.

During the three-day enforcement effort a total of 2,164 vehicles were stopped resulting in 206 citations issued for aggressive moving violations, including three operating while impaired arrests. Additionally, 484 citations were issued for various commercial vehicle safety violations, including fuel tax violations, driver, registration and equipment violations.

Officers conducted 2,730 vehicle and driver inspections, resulting in 306 vehicles and 129 drivers being immediately

Commercial motor vehicle enforcement placed out-of-service for 3,703 safety viewsonnel from the Indiana State Police, olations.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and state department of health agencies assisted the enforcement agencies locate food product violations. Three commercial haulers, one in Indiana and two in Kentucky, were cited for tainted food products. Their loads were not allowed to continue, and retuned to the original shipper.

18,271 commercial motor vehicles were weighed resulting in 158 citations issued for overweight, size and permit violations.

Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles underscore the need for a continued focus on traffic enforcement efforts, especially in the heavily traveled commercial vehicle corridors.

Major Jeffrey Walker, Commander of the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division said, "The multi-state agency operation is one of several planned for the remainder of 2011. Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility. It is the goal of the participating agencies is to make our roadways safe for all motorists."



Tuesday, August 2nd • 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Constitution Training Seminar - Loogootee

The Constitution Institute will be conducting Module 2 of a seven module series and is entitled "The Legislature". The seminar will be led by former sixterm Congressman and President of the Constitution Institute John Hostettler. Sign up today to attend this important seminar.

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Cost: \$30 per person - Includes training materials. (Training manual for Module 2 included for new attendees; training manual inserts for Module 2 supplied to returning attendees so please bring 3-ring binder)

Register today by calling the Martin County Community Learning Center at 812-295-2674 Space is Limited! Register Now!

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State GOVERNMENT

The Messmer Report By District 63 State Representative Mark Messmer

A small business success story in our own backyard

In the General Assembly one of our top priorities is to create jobs and give a boost to entrepreneurs and small businesses in Indiana. A great partner in our efforts, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), has recently released a list of 'Companies to Watch' for 2011. One of the 43 companies awarded with this honor is in our own backyard, STIMULUS Engineering from Loogootee.

For the past four years the IEDC has honored a list of privately-held companies in Indiana that employ six to 150 full-time em-



ployees and have between \$750,000 to \$100 million in annual revenue or capital. This year there were more than 300 nominations for the award. Between the 43 companies awarded by the IEDC, they have combined revenues of \$600 million and created an impressive 550 new jobs this year.

STIMULUS Engineering started their work in 2007 in Loogootee and has since expanded to have an office in Pennsylvania, too. Through their work with Crane and other government agencies for defense development projects they have been very successful.

Several bills were passed this year that I believe will help other small businesses in Indiana continue to grow, too. Included are:

House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1004, which increases access to start-up capital for Indi-







and More

Governor announces higher education innovation grant award

Governor Mitch Daniels yesterday announced a statewide focus on increasing college completion rates in Indiana, a state that ranks 41st in the nation in the proportion of adults with a college credential. Indiana's efforts will be supported by a \$1 million innovation grant award from Complete College America, a national non-profit organization focused on working with states on policy reforms that boost college completion.

"Indiana's job climate is now among the nation's best in every dimension but one, and that is the educational attainment of our working age population," said Daniels. "Reinventing higher education means removing unnecessary obstacles that hold students back and expanding opportunities for Hoosiers to earn degrees faster at a lower cost."

Indiana's reputation as a national leader in promoting college completion has been buoyed by such innovations as the launch of WGU Indiana, an accelerated online university geared toward working adults, and a performance-based funding formula for higher education that drives dollars to colleges based primarily on the number of students they graduate.

"Governor Daniels gets it: doing more of the same will not boost student success or get Indiana the additional college graduates it needs to be competitive," said Complete College America President Stan Jones. "In our experience, there are two kinds of leaders: those who run from problems and disappointing numbers like these-and those who run toward them, seeking new solutions and a better path forward."

"I'm not qualified to judge Indiana on every score, but I know college completion and this state clearly has the leadership and the will to fix broken policies, speed achievement and redesign pathways to college graduation for the new majority of students who must balance work and school," added Jones.

Complete College America invited governors from all 50 states to submit proposals to win one of ten \$1 million, 18-month implementation grants for innovative, high-impact college completion initiatives designed to enhance student success and close attainment gaps for traditionally underrepresented populations. Thirty-three states ultimately entered the contest. As a winning state, Indiana was determined to have one of the nation's most promising strategies to smooth and shorten pathways to college completion for all students. Funding for the grant was provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Founda-

Innovation Challenge: Smarter Choices, **Faster Completion**

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education's grant proposal, dubbed "Smarter Choices, Faster Completion," centers on two key strategies: redesigning the delivery of remedial coursework at Ivy Tech Community College and creating highly structured intervention strategies that better support student success at the regional campuses of Indiana University. Together, these efforts are designed to boost graduation rates at campuses that account for more than half of the state's total public higher education enrollment and serve the majority of Indiana's low-income and first-generation college students.

"We see this as another initiative to help us accelerate our efforts in remediation and get people on track to graduate faster," said Ivy Tech Community College President Tom Snyder. "We are focused on our retention and completion efforts at Ivy Tech and assistance such as this will help us reach our goals faster."

More than two-thirds of Indiana's community college students require remediation at an annual cost estimated to exceed \$35 million for what are essentially high school level courses. In a departure from traditional "onesize-fits all" remediation models that have proved to be largely ineffective, Indiana's approach will customize the level and type of support provided to students based on their level of need in an effort to get them through remedial courses more quickly, saving both time and money in the process.

Efforts to customize support for low-income and first-generation college students will continue at IU's regional campuses with a robust series of interventions that include clear "smart choices" degree maps and advising to support on-time completion, block scheduling that includes summer coursework, and cohort-based enrollment opportunities that allow students to move through their academic programs as a group for better

"Indiana faces a new paradigm in higher education that demands educating more students and relentlessly focusing on quality, efficiency and completion at all levels," said Higher Education Commissioner Teresa Lubbers. "The efforts supported by this grant to redesign remediation, streamline support and help students make smarter choices represent an important step in our broader strategy to transform higher education."

Reaching Higher in Indiana

Daniels has charged the Indiana Commission for Higher Education with formulating a comprehensive package of college completion and productivity recommendations by the end of the year. These will include clear degree production targets by college and campus and refinements to the state's performance funding formula that further support degree completion and workforce development. In consultation with the state's college and university leaders, this work will culminate in a new Reaching Higher strategic plan for Indiana designed to meet the state's education and economic needs.

For more information on the "Smarter Choices, Faster Completion" initiative and related efforts, or to download a fact sheet college completion, www.che.in.gov.



State health officials release plan to improve Hoosier health

ties for improving the health of Hoosiers is now available and ready to be implemented, State Health Officials said. The Indiana State Health Improvement Plan focuses on: assuring food safety, reducing healthcare associated infections, and reducing the burden of HIV, sexually transmitted diseases. and Viral Hepatitis, as well as infant mortality, obesity, and tobacco use.

The six health priorities identified were determined to have the most significant influence on health and illness in Indiana. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention health priorities, "Winnable Battles," were used as a basis.

"The goals, objectives and activities contained in the Indiana State Health Improvement Plan are geared toward improving the lives of all Indiana residents over the next five years," said Indiana State Health Commissioner Gregory Larkin, M.D. "Successful implementation can only occur through collaboration among individuals, public, private, governmental, and nonprofit organizations. The Indiana State Department of Health is confident that with strong and committed partners, the Plan will move forward and be successful in achieving optimal health for all Hoosiers."

The Plan was developed by an Executive www.statehealth.in.gov.

A five-year plan outlining several priori- Committee led by Dr. Deborah McMahan, Health Officer for the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health and Dr. Richard B. Williams, Dean, College of Nursing, Health and Human Services, Indiana State University.

> The Executive Committee had a broadbased, multi-sector representation from:

- -Local and State public health
- -Health professionals
- -Community and business leaders
- -Academia
- -Health facilities
- -State governmental agencies
- -Not-for-Profits

"The Plan focuses on several health priorities, as well as key system improvements that, when achieved, will significantly impact health in Indiana," said Dr. McMahan. "It is the hope and intent of the State Executive Planning Committee that each and every public health system partner will identify activities in the Plan which will enable them to contribute to the improvement of health outcomes in Indiana. The State Health Improvement Plan is founded on the premise that together, Indiana Public Health System partners can make a difference."

The Indiana State Health Improvement viewed can be

National mass layoffs for June

Employers took 1,532 mass layoff actions in June involving 143,444 workers, seasonally adjusted, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Each mass layoff involved at least 50 workers from a single employer.

The number of mass layoff events in June decreased by 67, or 4 percent, from May, and the number of associated initial claims decreased by 96, or less than 1 percent. In June, 341 mass layoff events were reported in the manufacturing sector, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 35,693 initial claims; both figures decreased over the month.

The national unemployment rate was 9.2 percent in June, essentially unchanged from the prior month but down from 9.5 percent a year earlier. In June, total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 18,000 over the month and by 1,036,000 over the year.

Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The number of mass layoff events in June was 1,661, not seasonally adjusted, resulting in 159,930 initial claims for unemployment insurance. The number of mass layoff events was down by 200 from June 2010, and associated initial claims decreased by industry sectors in the private economy reclaims, with the largest decreases occurring nia.

in accommodation and food services, retail trade, and construction. The six-digit industry with the largest number of initial claims in June 2011 was elementary and secondary schools.

The manufacturing sector accounted for 14 percent of all mass layoff events and initial claims filed in June. A year earlier, manufacturing made up 11 percent of events and 12 percent of initial claims.

Within this sector, the number of claimants in June 2011 was greatest in the food and transportation equipment subsectors. Twelve of the 21 manufacturing subsectors experienced over-the-year increases in initial claims, with the largest increases occurring in food and in miscellaneous manufacturing.

Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Three of the 4 regions and 7 of the 9 divisions experienced over-the-year decreases in initial claims for unemployment insurance due to mass layoffs in June. Among the census regions, the West registered the largest over-the-year decrease in initial claims. Of the geographic divisions, the Pacific had the largest over-the-year decline in initial claims.

California recorded the highest number of mass layoff initial claims in June, fol-11,260, or 7 percent. Nine of the 19 major lowed by Pennsylvania, Texas, and Florida. Thirty-one states experienced over-the-year ported over-the-year declines in initial decreases in initial claims, led by Califor-

State and regional unemployment for June

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in June. Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia registered unemployment rate increases, 8 states recorded rate decreases, and 14 states had no rate change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Thirty-nine states posted unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, eight states and the District of Columbia reported increases, and three states had no change. The national jobless rate was little changed at 9.2 percent, but was 0.3 percentage point lower than a year

In June, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 26 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 24 states. The largest over-the-month increase in employment occurred in Texas (+32,000), followed by California (+28,800), Michigan (+18,000), and Minnesota (+13,200). Alaska experienced the largest over-themonth percentage increase in employment (+1.7 percent), followed by North Dakota (+1.2 percent), Vermont (+0.9 percent), and South Dakota (+0.8 percent). The largest over-the-month decrease in employment occurred in Tennessee (-16,900), followed by Missouri (-15,700), Virginia (-14,600), and North Carolina (-9,500). Kansas, Missouri, and Tennessee experienced the largest over-the-month percentage declines in employment (-0.6 percent each), followed by Idaho and Virginia (-0.4 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 40 states and decreased in 10 states and the District of Columbia. The largest over-the-year percentage increase occurred in North Dakota (+4.9 percent), followed by Texas and Vermont (+2.1 percent each) and Wyoming (+2.0 percent). The largest over-the-year percent decreases in employment occurred in Kansas and Maryland (-0.6 percent each), followed by Delaware and Georgia (-0.5 percent each).

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The West had the highest regional unemployment rate in June, 10.4 percent, while the Northeast had the lowest rate, 8.1 percent. Over the month, two regions experienced statistically significant jobless rate changes: the Midwest (+0.2 percentage point) and South (+0.1 point). Three of the regions registered significant rate changes from a year earlier: the Midwest (-1.1 percentage points) and Northeast and

West (-0.6 point each).

Among the nine geographic divisions, the Pacific continued to have the highest jobless rate, 11.0 percent in June. The West North Central again registered the lowest rate, 6.8 percent. Over the month, two di-North Central (+0.2 percentage point) and (+59,000).

South Atlantic (+0.1 point). Over the year, five divisions posted significant rate changes, all of which were decreases. The largest decrease was in the East North Central (-1.5 percentage points).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Nevada continued to register the highest unemployment rate among the states, 12.4 percent in June. California had the next highest rate, 11.8 percent. North Dakota reported the lowest jobless rate, 3.2 percent, followed by Nebraska, 4.1 percent, and South Dakota, 4.8 percent. In total, 26 states posted jobless rates significantly lower than the U.S. figure of 9.2 percent, 6 states and the District of Columbia recorded measurably higher rates, and 18 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

Nine states reported statistically significant over-the-month unemployment rate increases in June. South Carolina experienced the largest increase (+0.5 percentage point), followed by Alabama, Arkansas, and Illinois (+0.3 point each) and Maryland, Montana, North Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin (+0.2 point each). The District of Columbia also experienced a significant over-the-month rate increase (+0.6 percentage point). The remaining 41 states registered jobless rates that were not measurably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes.

Nevada recorded the largest jobless rate decrease from June 2010 (-2.5 percentage points). Two other states had rate decreases of at least 2.0 percentage points—Michigan (-2.1 points) and Indiana (-2.0 points). Eleven additional states had smaller but also statistically significant decreases over the year. The remaining 36 states and the District of Columbia registered unemployment rates that were not appreciably different from those of a year earlier.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Over the month, 16 states recorded statistically significant changes in employment. The four states reporting the largest over-the-month statistically significant job gains were Texas (+32,000), California (+28,800), Michigan (+18,000), and Minnesota (+13,200). Over-the-month statistically significant declines in employment occurred in Tennessee (-16,900), Missouri (-15,700), Virginia (-14,600), and Kansas

Over the year, 18 states experienced statistically significant changes in employment, all of which were increases. The largest increase occurred in Texas visions experienced statistically significant (+220,000), followed by California unemployment rate changes: the East (+157,000), Ohio (+72,400), and Illinois

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Supreme Showmen

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Shown above are members of the Martin County 4-H who placed in the Supreme Showmanship Contest. From left to right are Miss Martin County Erin Wittmer, 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.



Rate of gain winners

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Rate of Gain winners from the 2011 Martin County 4-H Fair are shown above. From left to right are Beef-Brandon Ivey, Swine-Megan Hawkins, Queen Erin Wittmer, Sheep-Elizabeth Sander, and Goat-Kenadi Rumble.



Clean pen awards

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Winners of the Clean Pen Awards at this year's 4-H were, from left to right, Poultry-Corbyn Sipes, Goat & Beef-Kenadi Rumble, Swine-Katie Sims, Rabbit-Corbin Henninger, Queen Erin Wittmer, and Sheep-Jordan Berry.

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2011 4-H Sheep Show Results

Market Lambs

Class 1: 91-110 lbs:

1st Place- Melanie Hawkins; 2nd Place-Mitch Green

Class 2: 120-130 lbs:

1st Place- Jordan Berry; 2nd Place- Tyler George

Class 3: 130-135 lbs:

1st Place- Taylor George; 2nd Place-Tyler George

Class 3: 136-145 lbs:

1st Place- Megan Hawkins; 2nd Place-Elizabeth Sander

Grand Champion Market Lamb: Taylor George

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Tyler George

Champion Rate of Gain: Elizabeth Sander

Daily Rate of Gain: 1.00 lbs.

Breeding Ewes

Class 1:

1st Place- Taylor George; 2nd Place-Tyler George; 3rd Place- Melanie Hawkins

1st Place- Elizabeth Sander; 2nd Place-Jordan Berry

Class 3:

1st Place- Mitch Green; 2nd Place-Megan Hawkins

Grand Champion Breeding Ewe: Mitch

Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Ewe: Elizabeth Sander

Clover Showmanship:

1st Place- Taylor George

Junior Showmanship:

1st Place- Megan Hawkins

Senior Showmanship:

1st Place- Mitch Green; 2nd Place- Elizabeth Sander

Master Showmanship:

1st Place- Mitch Green; 2nd Place-Megan Hawkins; 3rd Place- Tyler George Others Showing: Taylor George and Melanie Hawkins

Future 4-H'ers: Delani Bateman, Seth Gillick, Haileigh Suheski, and Tucker Wal-

Martin County 4-H Horse Show Results

Showmanship at Halter- Senior

1st Shaelyn Luker; 2nd Samantha Boyd Showmanship at Halter- Junior

1st Megan Hawkins; 2nd Kendall Riley; 3rd Martina Stevens; 4th Brandon Tolbert; 5th Mayson Riley; 6th Becca Hollaway

Halter Mare-Senior

1st Samantha Boyd Halter Mare Junior

1st Megan Hawkins; 2nd Mayson Riley; 3rd Brandon Tolbert; 4th Kendall Riley;

5th Julie Dorsey; 6th Breanna Hollaway

Gelding Halter - Senior

1st Shaelyn Luker

Gelding Halter - Junior 1st Brandon Tolbert; 2nd Melanie Hawkins; 3rd Julie Dorsey; 4th Martina Stevens; 5th Becca Hollaway; 6th Crystal

Tolbert

Halter Yearling- Senior

1st Sam Boyd

Western Horsemanship Senior

1st Shaelyn Luker; 2nd Samantha Boyd Western Horsemanship Junior

1st Martina Stevens; 2nd Brandon Tolbert; 3rd Becca Hollaway; 4th Megan Hawkins; 5th Mayson Riley; 6th Breanna Hollaway

Western Pleasure-Senior

1st Shaelyn Luker; 2nd Samantha Boyd Western Pleasure-Junior

1st Brandon Tolbert; 2nd Megan Hawkins; 3rd Mayson Riley; 4th Martina Stevens; 5th Becca Hollaway; 6th Kendall

Western Riding-Senior

1st Shaelyn; 2nd Samantha Boyd

Western Riding-Junior 1st Brandon Tolbert; 2nd Kendall Riley;

3rd Martina Stevens; 4th Becca Hollaway; 5th Mayson Riley; 6th Crystal Tolbert

Reining-Senior and Junior

1st Brandon Tolbert; 2nd Martina Stevens; 3rd Shaelyn Luker; 4th Kelsey Cates; 5th Crystal Tolbert

Walk/Trot Horsemanship

1st Julie Dorsey; 2nd Melanie Hawkins Walk/Trot Western Pleasure

1st Melanie Hawkins; 2nd Julie Dorsey Junior and Senior Equitation

1st Megan Hawkins; 2nd Kendall Riley; 3rd Crystal Tolbert; 4th Brandon Tolbert Hunter Under Saddle- Junior and Senior

1st Megan Hawkins; 2nd Brandon Tolbert; 3rd Kendall Riley; 4th Crystal Tolbert

Trail-Senior

1st Samantha Boyd

Trail-Junior

1st Brandon Tolbert; 2nd Mayson Riley; 3rd Becca Hollaway; 4th Martina Stevens; 5th Crystal Tolbert; 6th Julie Dorsey

Barrel Race - Senior

1st Shaelyn Luker; 2nd Samantha Boyd Barrel Race - Junior

1st Brandon Tolbert; 2nd Kendall Riley; 3rd Kelsey Cates; 4th Crystal Tolbert; 5th Martina Stevens

Pole Bending – Senior

1st Shaelyn Luker; 2nd Samantha Boyd Pole Bending – Junior

1st Brandon Tolbert; 2nd Kesley Cates; 3rd Crystal Tolbert; 4th Martina Stevens; No time – Kendall Riley

Speed and Action-Senior

1st Shaelyn Luker; 2nd Samantha Boyd Speed and Action-Junior

1st Brandon Tolbert; 2nd Kelsey Cates; 3rd Crystal Tolbert; 4th Kendall Riley; 5th Martina Stevens

Flags-Senior

1st Shaelyn Luker; 2nd Samantha Boyd Flags-Junior

1st Crystal Tolbert; 2nd Martina Stevens; 3rd Kelsey Cates; No time -Kendall Riley, Brandon Tolbert

Keyhole-Senior

1st Shaelyn Luker; 2nd Samantha Boyd Keyhole-Junior

1st Brandon Tolbert; 2nd Kendall Riley; 3rd Kelsey Cates; 4th Crystal Tolbert; 5th Martina Stevens





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Big Car Winners at the 2011 Martin County 4-H Fair Demolition Derby are shown above. From left to right are Miss Martin County 1st Runner-Up Tia Pennington, Miss Congeniality and Miss Martin County 3rd Runner-Up Holly Stacy, 3rd Place Tyler Ramsey, 1st Place Michael Harrell, 2nd Place Jason Reynolds, Miss Martin County Erin Wittmer, and Miss Martin County 1st Runner-Up Brittany Eckerle.



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Mini Car Winners at the 2011 Martin County 4-H Fair Demolition Derby are shown above. From left to right are Miss Martin County 1st Runner-Up Tia Pennington, Miss Congeniality and Miss Martin County 3rd Runner-Up Holly Stacy, 3rd Place Nathan Burris, 1st Place Ethan Wagler, 2nd Place Stetson Townsend, Miss Martin County Erin Wittmer, Miss Martin County 1st Runner-Up Brittany Eckerle.



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2011 Martin County 4-H Fair Demolition Derby Truck Winners are shown above. From left to right are Miss Martin County 1st Runner-Up Tia Pennington, Miss Congeniality and Miss Martin County 3rd Runner-Up Holly Stacy, 3rd Place Terry Campbell, 1st Place Jason Hooten, 2nd Place David Alford, Miss Martin County Erin Wittmer, Miss Martin County 1st Runner-Up Brittany Eckerle.

Martin County 4-H Swine Show results

Breeding Gilts

Class #1 190- 230 lbs. - 1st Jake Blackwell. 2nd Taylor George. 3rd Travis Craney. 4th Tyler George.

Class #2 231-260 lbs. - 1st Ben Blackwell. 2nd Mayson Riley. 3rd Sam Bruner. 4th Cody Hert. 5th Wade Burris.

Class #3 261-280 lbs. - 1st Mitch Green. 2nd Megan Hawkins. 3rd Melanie Hawkins. 4th Katlyn Sanders. 5th Justin Hellums. 6th Audrey Sanders.

Class #4 Over 281 lbs. - 1st Max Blackwell. 2nd Nathaniel Hart. 3rd Kendall Berry. 4th Jordan Berry. 5th Tyler Williams.

Grand Champion Breeding Gilt: Max Blackwell.

Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt: Nathaniel Hart.

Market Barrows

Class #1 Under 230 lbs. - 1st Max Blackwell. 2nd Tyler George. 3rd Addison Dant. 4th Taylor George. 5th Tyler George. 6th Taylor George. 7th Tyler Jones. 8th Caleb Dant. 9th Caleb Dant. 10th Addison Dant.

Class #2 230-240 lbs. - 1st Audra Deckard. 2nd Cody Hert. 3rd Collin Dant. 4th Justin Sanders.

Class #3 241-250 lbs. - 1st Jake Black-well. 2nd Cody Hert. 3rd Allyson Arvin. 4th Travis Craney.

Class #4 251-270 lbs. – 1st Katie Sims. 2nd Ben Blackwell. 3rd Becca Hollaway. 4th Adalyn Arvin.

Class #5 271-279 lbs. – 1st Nathaniel Hart. 2nd Matt Bruner. 3rd Sam Bruner. 4th Tyler Williams.

Class #6 280-295lbs. – 1st Nathaniel Hart. 2nd Kenadi Rumble. 3rd Mallory Berry. 4th Megan Hawkins. 5th Breanna Hollaway.

Class #7 Over 295 lbs. - 1st Katie Sims. 2nd Jordan Berry. 3rd Wade Burris.

Grand Champion Barrow: Katie Sims.

Reserve Grand Champion Barrow: Nathaniel Hart.

Champion Rate of Gain: Megan Hawkins.

Future 4-H Participants: Sam Ausbrooks, Delani Bateman, Kaden Berger, Seth Blackwell, Kyleigh Courter, Aaron Dant, John Hart, Emma Hert, Kortni Rumble, Jace Walton, Tucker Walton, Kelton Williams.

Clover Showmanship (grades 3-5): 1st Wade Burris. 2nd Max Blackwell. 3rd Kenadi Rumble. Also participating: Nathaniel Hart, Becca Hollaway, Melanie Hawkins, Taylor George, Mallory Berry, Collin Dant, Sam Bruner, Justin Sanders.

Junior Showmanship (grades 6-8): 1st Megan Hawkins. 2nd Jordan Berry. 3rd Travis Craney. Also participating: Tyler Williams, Tyler George, Breanna Hollaway, Audrey Sanders.

Senior Showmanship (grades 9-12): 1st Mitch Green. 2nd Katlyn Sanders. 3rd Matt Bruner. Also participating: Addison Dant, Caleb Dant, Cody Hert.

Master Showmanship: 1st Mitch Green, 2nd Katie Sims, 3rd Wade Burris. Also participating: Megan Hawkins.





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10-Year 4-Hers

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2011 4-H 10-Year Members were awarded a plaque for their 10 years of dedication to the Martin County 4-H Program. In the front row from left to right are Amy Beasley and Courtney Gokey. In the back row from left to right are Erin Wittmer, Mitch Green, Allyson Arvin, Brittany Eckerle, Tia Pennington, Gus Sherfick, and Extension Educator Jonathan Stevens.

2011 Martin County 4-H Beef Show Results

Heifer Show Dairy Heifer

Class #1: Holstein

1st-Justin Sanders

Class #2: Jersey 1st-Sam Bruner

Grand Champion Dairy Heifer: Sam

Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Heifer: Justin Sanders

Class #3: Dairy Steer

1st-Katlyn Sanders

Grand Champion Dairy Steer: Katlyn Sanders

Beef Heifers

Prospect

Calf—Heifer

1st-Kylie Sims and 2nd-Katie Sims

Grand Champion Prospect Heifer: Kylie

Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Heifer: Katie Sims

Prospect Calf-Steer

1st-Ben Lindsey

Grand Champion Prospect Steer: Ben

Lindsey Angus

Class #1

1st-Kenadi Rumble and 2nd-Wade Bur-

ris Class #2

1st-Kylie Sims

Champion Angus Heifer: Kenadi Rum-

Reserve Champion Angus Heifer: Kylie Sims

Herefords

Class #3

1st- Justin Clark and 2nd – Hunter Jones Champion Hereford Heifer: Justin Clark Reserve Champion: Hunter Jones

Maine Anjou

Class #4

1st-Emily Gillick

Champion Maine Anjou Heifer: Emily Gillick

Salers

Class #5

1st-Kylie Sims

Champion Salers Heifer: Kylie Sims

Shorthorn

Class #6 1st-Kylie Sims

Champion Shorthorn Heifer: Kylie Sims

Simmental

Class #7

1st-Kylie Raney

Champion Simmental Heifer: Kylie

Percentage Simmental

Class #8

1st-Cole Gillick

Champion Percentage Simmental Heifer: Cole Gillick

Crossbred Heifers

1st-Travis Craney, 2nd- Ben Lindsey, and Hawkins 3rd- Travis Craney

Class #10

1st-Ryan Hawkins, 2nd-Katlyn Sanders, 3rd-Caleb Dant, and 4th- Addison Dant

1st-Brandon Ivey, 2nd-Emily Wade, and 3rd- Ryan Hawkins

Champion Crossbred Heifer: Ryan Hawkins

Reserve Champion Crossbred Heifer: Gillick Brandon Ivey

Grand Champion Heifer: Emily Gillick Reserve Grand Champion Heifer: Cole Gillick

Champion County Born and Raised Heifer: Ryan Hawkins

Steer Show

Chianina Steer

Class #1

1st-Cole Gillick

Champion Chianina Steer: Cole Gillick

Murray Grey Steer

Class #2

1st-Matt Bruner

Champion Murray Grey Steer: Matt Bruner

Shorthorn Steers

Class #3

1st-Kylie Sims

Champion Shorthorn Steer: Kylie Sims Crossbred Steers

Class #4

1st-Caleb Dant and 2nd-Travis Craney Class #5

1st-Wade Burris and 2nd-Michael

Class#6

1st-Brandon Ivey and 2nd-Ethan Wade Class #7

Champion Crossbred Steer: Brandon

Reserve Champion Crossbred Steer: Ethan Wade

Class #8

Grand Champion Market Steer: Cole

Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer: Brandon Ivey

Champion Rate of Gain: Brandon Ivey Daily Rate of Gain: 3.65 lbs.

Champion County Born and Raised Steer: Brandon Ivey

Future 4-H'ers

Delanie Bateman, Kaden Berger, Seth Gillick, Abbey Lindsey, Grace Lingenfelter, Kortni Rumble, Tucker Walton, and Emma Hert

Clover Showmanship

1st-Wade Burris, 2nd-Kenadi Rumble, and 3rd- Ryan Hawkins

Also Showing: Justin Sanders

Junior Showmanship

1st-Michael Hawkins

Senior Showmanship

1st-Katlyn Sanders, 2nd-Addison Dant, and 3rd-Ben Lindsey

Master Showmanship

1st-Brandon Ivey, 2nd-Kylie Sims, and 3rd-Katlyn Sanders

Also Showing-Travis Craney, Michael Hawkins, Wade Burris

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4-H Fair Goat **Show results**

Dairy Goat Does

Class #1

1st Place- Matt Bruner; 2nd Place- Kenadi Rumble

Class #2:

1st Place- Justin Sanders

Class #3: 1st Place- Audra Deckard

Class #4: 1st Place- Jocelyn Davis-Berger; 2nd

Place- Sam Bruner Class #5:

1st Place- Matthew Bruner

Grand Champion Dairy Goat Doe: Jocelyn Davis-Berger

Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat Doe: Justin Sanders

Meat Goat Does

Class #1:

1st Place- Wyatt Street; 2nd Place- Sam Bruner

Class #2:

1st Place- Mitch Green; 2nd Place- Dylan Dant; 3rd Place- Audrey Sanders

Class #3:

1st Place- Emily Wade; 2nd Place- Sam Bruner: 3rd Place- Justin Sanders

Class #4: 1st Place- Mitch Green; 2nd Place- Ethan

1st Place- Mitch Green; 2nd Place- Emily Wade; 3rd Place- Dylan Dant; 4th Place-

Justin Hellums; 5th Place- Jordan Berry

Wade; 3rd Place- Brandon Lindsey

Class #6:

1st Place- Mitch Green; 2nd Place- Justin Sanders; 3rd Place- Matt Bruner; 4th Place-Phillip Troutman

Class #7:

1st Place- Mitch Green

Class #8:

1st Place- Mitch Green Class #9:

1st Place- Mitch Green Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe: Mitch Green

Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe: Mitch Green

Champion Born and Raised: Ethan Wade Meat Goat Wether

Class #1 71-85 lbs.:

1st Place- Justin Hellums; 2nd Place-Matt Bruner; 3rd Place- Tyler Simmons Class #2 55-70 lbs.:

1st Place- Jordan Berry; 2nd Place- Kenadi Rumble: 3rd Place- Ben Lindsev: 4th Place- Sarah Richer

Class #3 30-40 lbs.:

1st Place- Justin Sanders; 2nd Place- Audrey Sanders; 3rd Place- Phillip Troutman Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether: Justin Hellums

Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether: Matt Bruner

Champion Rate of Gain: Kenadi Rumble ADG: .48 lbs.

Pygmy Goat

Class #1:

1st Place- Kenadi Rumble; 2nd Place-Emily Wade: 3rd Place- Emily Wade Grand Champion Pygmy Goat: Kenadi

Reserve Grand Champion Pygmy Goat:

Emily Wade Clover Showmanship:

1st Place- Wyatt Street; 2nd Place- Justin Sanders; 3rd Place- Phillip Troutman

Junior Showmanship: 1st Place- Jordan Berry; 2nd Place-

Emily Wade: 3rd Place-Tyler Simmons Others Showing: Brandon Lindsey, Au-

drev Sanders Senior Showmanship:

1st Place- Ethan Wade

Master Showmanship:

1st Place- Mitch Green; 2nd Place- Matt Bruner; 3rd Place- Jordan Berry

Others Showing: Wyatt Street, Kenadi Rumble, Ethan Wade, Sam Bruner Future 4-H'ers: Sam Ausbrooks, Delani

Bateman, Kaden Berger, Seth, Gillick, Emma Hert, Abbey Lindsey, Kortni Rumble, Haileigh Suheski, and Tucker Walton.

4-H Poultry Show results

Turkey, Blue, Grand Champion. Phillip Troutman, Production Turkey, Blue, Reserve Grand Champion.

Waterfowl - Matthew Bruner, Mallard, Blue. Sammy Bruner, Mallard, Blue. Sammy Bruner, Mallard, Blue. Ruby Chestnut, Indian Runner pair, Blue. Victoria Chestnut, Mallard pair, Blue. Jocelyn Davis, Pilgrim pair, Blue. Mitchell Green, Peking pair, Blue, Grand Champion. Brandon Ivey, Rouen-Drake, Blue, Reserve Grand Champion. Lindsey Lukens, Peking pair, Blue. Lindsey Lukens, Rouen-Grey, Blue. Marcus Lukens, Rouen-Grey, Blue.

Poultry - American Class - Grant Carrico, Rhode Island White Rooster, Blue. Ruby Chestnut, Plymouth Barred Rock Hen, Blue. Victoria Chestnut, Rhode Island Red Hen, Blue. Travis Craney, Rhode Island Red Rooster, Blue. Zetta Gore, Plymouth Barred Rock Cockerel, Blue. Zetta Gore, Plymouth Barred Rock Pullet, Blue. Mitchell Green, Plymouth Barred Rock Hen, Blue. Mitchell Green, Plymouth Barred Rock Rooster, Blue. Corbin Henninger, Plymouth Barred Rock Rooster,

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Turkeys - Ruby Chestnut, Bronze Blue, Champion. Brandon Ivey, Golden Turkey, Blue. Victoria Chestnut, Bronze Laced Wyandotte Pullet, Blue, Reserve Turkey, Blue. Mitch Green, Production Champion. Kelsey McPherson, Silver Laced Wyandotte Hen, Blue. David Qualkenbush, Plymouth Barred Rock Hen, Blue. Elizabeth Sander, Plymouth Barred Rock Hen, Blue. Nick Sander, Golden Laced Wyandotte Hen, Blue. Corbyn Sipes, Plymouth Barred Rock Pullet, Blue. Corbyn Sipes, Silver Laced Wyandotte Cockeral, Blue.

> Asiatic Class -Brandon Ivey, Light Brahma, Blue, Champion. Kelsey McPherson, Light Brahma, Red.

> Bantam Class – Matthew Bruner, Golden Laced Sebright Hen, Blue. Matthew Bruner, Golden Laced Sebright Rooster, Blue. Sam Bruner, Buff Sebright Rooster, Blue. Grant Carrico, Japanese Black Tailed White Hen, Blue. Grant Carrico, Mottled Cochin Rooster, Blue. Audra Deckard, Golden Laced Sebright Hen, Blue, Champion, Grand Champion. Mitchell Green, Partridge Rock Cochin Hen, Blue. Luke Gregory, Silkie Rooster, Blue. Luke Gregory, D' uncle Mille Fluer Hen, Blue. Maura Gregory, Golden Laced Sebright Hen, Blue. Maura Gregory, Golden Laced Sebright Rooster, Blue. MKaden Gregory, Buff Cochen Hen, Blue, Reserve Cham-

> English Class – Sam Bruner Buff Orpington Rooster, Blue. Sam Bruner, Buff Orpington Hen, Blue. Ruby Chestnut, Buff Orpington Hen, Blue. Victoria Chestnut, Buff Orpington Hen, Blue. Jocelyn Davis, Buff Orpington Hen, Blue. Julie Dorsey, Black Australorp Pullet, Blue. Zetta Gore, Buff Orpington Pullet, Blue. Maura Gregory, Black Australorp Rooster, Blue. Jacob Harrison, Black Australorp Pullet, Blue. Corbin Henninger, Silver Grey Dorking Hen, Blue. Corbin Henninger, Silver Grey Dorking Rooster, Blue. Brandon Ivey, Buff Orpington Hen, Blue, Champion, Reserve Grand Champion. Kelsey McPherson, Sussex Hen, Blue. Peyton McPherson, Buff Orpington Hen, Blue, Reserve Champion. David Qualkenbush, Buff Orpington Hen, Blue. David Qualkenbush, Buff Orpington Rooster, Blue. Elizabeth Sander, Buff Orpington Hen, Blue. Nick Sander, Black Australorp Hen, Blue.

> Mediterranean Class –Elizabeth Sander, White Leghorn Rooster, Blue.

> Production – Travis Craney, Sex Linked Hen, Blue, Champion. Julie Dorsey, Red Comet Rooster, Blue. Jacob Harrison, Red Comet Hen, Blue, Reserve Champion. Elizabeth Sander, Red Comet Hen, Blue.

> All Others – Ruby Chestnut, Americana Rooster, Blue, Champion. Jocelyn Davis, Americana Hen, Blue. Zetta Gore, Americana Pullet, Blue. McKaden Gregory, Americana Hen, Blue, Reserve Champion. Corbyn Sipes, Americana Pullet, Blue.

> Future Poultry – Delani Bateman Brown Leghorn Hen, Blue. Derek Chestnut, Plymouth Barred Rock Hen, Blue. Josiah Chestnut, Rhode Island Red Hen, Blue. Abbey Lindsey, Golden Laced Wyandotte Pullet, Blue.

> Future Showmanship – Delani Bateman, Kayden Berger, Derek Chestnut, Josiah Chestnut.

Poultry Showmanship

Senior: 1st Place - Matthew Bruner. 2nd Place – Grant Carrico.

Junior: 1St Place – Lindsey Lukens. 2nd Place- Julie Dorsey. 3rd Place - Corbin Henninger.

Clover: 1st Place - Jocelyn Davis. 2nd Place - Phillip Troutman. 3rd Place -

Also participating: Victoria Chestnut, Zetta Ĝore, Jacob Harrison, Marcus Lukens.

4-H Rabbit Show Results

Grand Champion- Danielle Abel, English Spot, Black, Jr. Buck.

Reserve Grand Champion-Adalyn Arvin, Mini Rex, Castor, Sr. Buck

Showmanship

1st Place – Kiersten Wood 2nd Place – Lindsey Lukens

3rd Place – Alyssa Hernandez

Grant Carrico- Black, Jr. Buck, 4th Place. Black Dutch, Junior Buck, 3rd Place.

Danielle Abel- Black, Jr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion. Dutch, Blue, Junior Buck, 2nd Place. Black, Sr. Buck, 2nd Place.

Ben Lindsey- Black, Sr. Buck, Champion. Phillip Troutman- Black, Sr. Doe. 1st Place, Champion.

English Spot

Danielle Abel- Black, Jr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion. Chocolate, Jr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion.

Kayla Abel- Chocolate, Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion. Lilac, Jr. Doe, 2nd.

Florida White

Kayla Abel- Jr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion. Jr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion. Sr. Doe, 2nd Place.

Jarrett Arvin- Jr. Buck, 2nd Place.

Lindsey Lukens- Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion.

Elizabeth Sander- Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion.

French Angora

Lindsey Lukens- Golden, Jr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion.

Harlequin

Grant Carrico- Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion.

Holland Lop

Adalyn Arvin- Black, Sr. Doe, 1st Place. Solid, Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion.

Elizabeth Sander- Broken, Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion.

Jersey Wooly

Alyssa Hernandez- REW, Sr, Doe, 1st Place, Champion.

Mini Lop

Elly Wagler- Broken, Jr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion.

Ben Lindsey- Broken, Jr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion. Chestnut, Jr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion.

Tyler Simmons- Chestnut, Jr. Buck, 1st Place.

Trent Arvin- Chestnut, Sr. Doe, 2nd Place.

Emily Wade- Chestnut, Sr. Buck, 2nd Place. Frosted Pearl- Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion.

Ethan Wade- Chestnut, Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion.

Mini Rex

Ben Lindsey- Broken Black, Jr. Doe, 2nd Place. Broken Black, Sr. Doe, 2nd Place. Broken Blue, Sr. Doe, 4th Place.

Kiersten Wood- Black, Jr. Buck, 1st Place. Broken Black, Jr. Buck, 2nd Place. Broken Black, Jr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion. Broken Tortoise, Jr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion. Tortoise, Jr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion. White, Jr. Doe, 1st Place.

Lindsey Lukens- Black, Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion. Red, Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion. White, Jr. Buck, 1st Place. White, Sr. Doe, 1st Place.

Marcus Lukens- Black Otter, Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion. Black Otter Sr. Doe, 2nd

Adalyn Arvin- Black, Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion. Blue, Sr. Buck, 2nd Place. Castor, Sr. Buck. Red, Sr. Doe, 2nd Place.

Tyler Simmons- Black, Sr. Doe, 2nd

Ethan Wade- Blue, Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion.



Emily Wade- Broken Black, Sr. Buck, 2nd Place.

Phillip Troutman- Broken Black, Jr. Buck, 3rd Place. Chocolate, Jr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion. White, Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion.

Mitch Green- Broken Black, Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion. Broken Black, Sr. Doe, 3rd Place. Red, Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Cham-

Corbin Henninger- Broken Tortoise, Sr. Buck, 3rd Place. White, Sr. Buck, 2nd

Grant Carrico- Broken Tortoise, Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion.

Nick Sander- Castor, Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion.

Trent Arvin- White, Sr. Buck, 3rd Place. Netherland Dwarf

Corbin Henninger- Black, Sr. Doe, 2nd Place. Blue, Jr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion. Siamese Sable, Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Cham-

Grant Carrico- Black Otter, Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion. Siamese Sable, Jr. Doe,

Kiersten Wood-Black Otter, Jr. Buck, 1st Place.

Palomino

Marcus Lukens- Golden, Sr. Buck, 1st Place, Champion.

Polish

Allyson Arvin-Black, Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion. Chocolate, Sr. Doe, 1st Place, Champion.

Future 4-H

Abbey Lindsey- Dutch, Black, Sr. Doe, 1st Place.

Jacob Hernandez- Jersey Wooly, Broken Blue, Sr. Doe, 1st Place.

Kelton Williams- Mini Rex, Black, Jr. Doe, 1st Place.

Kaitlyn Wood- Mini Rex, Broken Black, Jr. Buck, 1st Place.

Shealyn Arthur- Netherland Dwarf, Black, Sr. Buck, 1st Place.

Jace Walton- Netherland Dwarf, Black, Sr. Doe, 1st Place.

Ava Summers- Netherland Dwarf, Black Otter, Jr. Buck, 1st Place.

Delani Bateman- Netherland Dwarf, Blue, Sr. Doe, 1st Place.



SCOUTING MATTERS

By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

WOW! What a great Summer Camp and I am certain troops all over the nation have or are having the same experience. This year for me was extra special and I want to share a portion of that with you. In fact, I will probably take the next couple of months to discuss expanded BSA opportunity your son can experience in scouting... because Scouting Does Matter.

Scouting is all about opportunity and experiencing new adventures, opportunities and adventures typically not available in any other venue. I have said it many times, "scouting is all about character building, responsible citizenship, and duty to God and Country." These are the cornerstones of 100 years of scouting and this year at summer camp, I was presented with a new scouting opportunity. I was personally honored by my peers, to be nominated, and then called out in formal ceremony as an Order of the Arrow (OA) candidate. So, what is this Order of the Arrow (OA)?

BACKGROUND - The Order of the Arrow was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, BSA. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the scouting program in 1934. In 1948, the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1998, the OA became recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society when it expanded its reach beyond camping to include broader service to scouting and the community. The OA has more than 170,000 active members located in lodges affiliated with over 295 BSA local councils.

A STRONG TRADITION - For more than 90 years, the OA has recognized scouts and scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen, as we are called, are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service,

activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend scouting to America's youth

THE MISSION - The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society and promotes camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, while developing leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, the Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our Nation. The OA crystallizes the scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

It seems that every month I learn something new about the vastness of opportunity and adventure the BSA offers young men today. By my next publication of Scouting Matters, I, along with five other members of Troop 481, will have completed our formal OA induction. The induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership in the OA and local lodge. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and sleep apart from other campers over a three-day period. The entire experience was designed to teach significant values and reinforce cheerful service to others.

Having personally completed all the prerequisites for OA induction, and hoping to survive my Ordeal, I will share more with you next month on this unique opportunity to demonstrate abilities, and provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the local OA lodge. Those of you who know me will be wishing me luck, if not praying, on the silence component of my personal Ordeal... lol.

If you would like to learn more about the scouting program in your local community, drop me an email at mike.leighty@centurytel.net or call (812) 295-8417 and I will help you make contact with a local unit.

Yours in Scouting, Scoutmaster Mike

Classes, programs at the learning center

Ivy Tech Classes - Microsoft Excel 2007: Level 2 will be offered at the Martin County Learning Center on Thursdays, August 11 - September 1, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Prerequisite 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 - 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.

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.

Adult Literacy and Education - Tutor Training: The adult literacy program, Martin County SOAR, will be having training for new tutors September 12 and 15 (Mon-

day and Thursday) from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The location will be the learning center, at the fairgrounds. 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. The previous four-night training session has been compressed into two nights, and there will be a snack break in the middle of each session. 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.

A note from the coordinator: - It is with mixed emotions that I begin my last week at the learning center. As some of you may know, I have been given the opportunity to further my career at Jasper High School as an English teacher. I look forward to this exciting opportunity, and I have enjoyed serving the people of Martin County and plan to stay involved as much as possible. I am happy to say that the learning center is fully funded and will remain operational under a new coordinator once the selection process has been completed. The future looks bright for the learning center, and I am grateful for the year that I was able to serve in our community. Thank you all for your support!

Learning Center Contact - Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email kkerr8@ivytech.edu

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



Second place

-Photo by Renee Street

Loogootee's Little League 8U Baseball team was runners up in the Loogootee Tourney on July 23. They were defeated in the final game by Bedford, 3-11. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are Tommy Jones, Jalen Mullen, Wyatt Street, Dax Bailey, Jalen Wildman, and Luke Nonte. In the second row, from left to right, are Jordan Wildman, Jace Walton, Jayden Leatherman, Austin Brittain, and Seth Blackwell. In the back row, from left to right, are Terry Street, Eric Brittain, Jeremy Wildman, and Adam Walton. Not pictured is Bryant Eckerle

Chamber of commerce holds July meeting

Minutes provided by Chamber of Commerce Secretary Karen Mattingly some money for tourism and has made copies available for purchase at Cartridge

A representative from the following businesses was present for the July Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting on July 13: M.C. Special-Tees, Tranquil Inn, Martin County Community Foundation, Cartridge Depot, Old National Bank-Loogootee, Old National Bank-Shoals, Overlook Rentals, Century 21, NSWC Crane.

Chamber president, Nancy Steiner, was unable to attend the meeting. Leading the meeting was chamber secretary, Karen Mattingly.

Minutes from the June meeting were distributed to all in attendance. Jason Jones motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Deanna Bauernfiend seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chamber treasurer, Susan Arthur, distributed the financial report as of July, 2011. Regarding the two SummerFest fundraisers, Arthur explained that \$1,006 was in the SummerFest Queen account however there are still a couple items yet to be paid and the chamber is waiting for final payments toward the Golf Scramble. Marie Hawkins motioned to accept the report as presented; Joy Gibson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

USDA Grant Update: Jim Henry not in attendance. No additional information.

The chamber is hoping to set a date at the August meeting for the wine tasting and/or chocolate expo. Steiner reported having additional information to share before a date is set. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Loughmiller Machine, Tool and Design will be fabricating ceremonial scissors for the chamber to use at ribbon cuttings. It was suggested to request a small cutting insert to be placed between the large blades to cut the ribbon. Mattingly will contact Loughmiller to see if this is possible.

Tourism Update: Jim Stoughton was not present for the meeting but submitted information to be discussed. The "Lincoln Hills Patoka Lake Recreational Area" membership has dropped from \$590 to \$100. Membership includes name, contact number and website on the Explore Southern Indiana website. Jason Jones motioned to continue the membership for \$100; Marie Hawkins seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jones announced that the Martin County video is now on Facebook and has exceeded expectations by going viral. There have been requests for a copy of the DVD/video. Jones said this is an opportunity to raise

some money for tourism and has made copies available for purchase at Cartridge Depot for \$5 each. The chamber is grateful to Pamida for donating blank DVDs and to Jason Jones for his time and effort in producing the video.

Martin County Alliance Update: Tim Kinder announced several things in the works.

Martin County officials were recognized in the ribbon cutting for CACI at the West-Gate Tech Park.

As of July 15, the new executive director for WestGate will be Charlie Shelby, former director of the Daviess County Chamber of Commerce.

There will be a ground breaking soon for the 60,000-square-foot Academy at West-Gate

The IACED grant for Loogootee ends at the end of the 2011 calendar year. A meeting has been set for Friday, July 22 to discuss the two main objectives- tourism and housing.

Funding for additional parking at the Stimulus training center in Loogootee is being provided by the Martin County Alliance, the Martin County Re-Development Committee and the City of Loogootee. This additional parking is necessary to accommodate 200-250 Crane employees coming to Loogootee for training over the next couple of years. Also, Stimulus has been named one of "Indiana's companies to watch".

With no further discussion, Marie Hawkins motioned to adjourn the meeting; Noel Harty seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Martin County Humane Society Pet Celebrities Calendar 2012

The Martin County Humane Society is now accepting entries for its 2012 Pet Celebrities Calendar. There is a \$5 entry fee

for each photo submitted. You may submit as many pictures as you wish. There is also a memory page to honor pets that are no longer living.



Please identify each photo with your name, address, phone number, and the name of the pet. All entries must be received by Saturday, September 17.

Mail your entries to: Martin County Humane Society, P.O. Box 537, Shoals, IN 47581. Please enclose a SASE for the return of your entry photos.

New Beginnings Community Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL Pastor's wife

> Don't Give Up!!!! 1 Kings 17

Elijah is a great example of a man that God uses to His purpose. It was not all peaches and crème for Elijah, God put him through some stuff that shows us what God does when he wants to use us. 1 Kings 17 shows us that we can't give up when we are at the dry brook. When God wants to do something great, when God wants to do something in your life, He will and it will blow your mind.

God sent Elijah to the brook. The first test of the Lord was that he had to rely totally on the Lord for his provisions. God told Elijah trust me I will take care of you because I have great work planned for you. How many of us have gotten to the dried up brook? Where you are at the bottom, nothing left, nowhere to turn and don't know what is next. We have to totally trust life and have it abundantly in the lord. Stop

in the Lord, that he took us to this point to prepare us not to punish us. To prepare us for the great things He has planned. He wants to use us in great ways.

As with Elijah we should know that God gives us Divine direction and a Divine challenge. Sometimes it may seem like the harder you work on your walk with God the rougher things seem to get. Don't give

We are not alone in our struggles; God has done great things in our life and wants to do more. Don't give up!

There are many times we have seen the Lord help someone through a great challenge in their life and blessed them, helped them with their problems and they slowly turned away again. Then things get bad again and they wonder why. They gave up! God doesn't want you to give up. Get back in the word and get back in fellowship with other believers. Know that God wants you to not stay by the dried up brook but have relying on the world things and start relying on God. There will be a great movement of God in your life, home, church and town.

We will be having a back-to-school distribution of new underwear and socks for school age kids of Martin County on August 13 at 9 a.m. to noon at New Beginnings Community Church.

If you have any questions please call Ernie at 709-0258.

Shirley at 709-2525.

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning followed by praise and worship at 10:30 a.m. August 14th we will have special music by Terry Crites. The teens of the church will be doing a performance. Everyone is invited.

If you have any questions, call Pastor

Dr. Geoffrey Day appointed to medical staff

Cardiologist Geoffrey Day, M.D. was rediology at St. Vincent Health System in In-

cently appointed to the Medical Staff at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. Dr. Day received his medical degree at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and completed a residency in internal medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. He completed fellowships cardiovascular in medicine and interventional car-



dianapolis, and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in internal medicine

and cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Day has joined the staff of Heartland Cardiology Associates - Drs. Lehmkuhler, Dawkins, and Leonard. The office is located at 440 Scott Rolen Drive in Jasper. For more information, please call 482-

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Pictured above are members of Troop 495 who were present for the Eagle ceremony. In the front row, from left to right, are Scoutmaster Kathy Burns; troop members Dylan Hembree, Zach Bleemel, and Austin Hembree; Troop Committee Member Becky Barrett, and Assistant Scoutmaster Ed Barrett. In the second row, from left to right, are Institutional Head Pastor Mike Schlaegel, Troop Committee member Becky Schlaegel, troop member Eli Schlaegel, Committee member Diane Hembree, Eagle Scout Gus Sherfick, Committee Member Harold Bleemel, and Eagle Scout John Harder. Not pictured but participating in the ceremony were troop member Christian Belcher, Eagle Scout Kyle Wilson, and District Executive Aaron Westfall.

Gus Sherfick receives Eagle **Award at Court of Honor**

The Dover Hill Christian Union Church was the setting for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Augustus Sherfick, on July 17. Troop members posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Mike Schlaegel led the invocation, and District Scout Executive Aaron Westfall opened the Court of Honor.

Gus recited the Scout Oath and Law, and Assistant Scoutmaster Ed Barrett gave the Eagle Scout charge. Eagle Kyle Wilson gave the Eagle Scout pledge to Gus, as he and Eagle Scouts Jim Stiles, Larry Harding, Mason Read, Dean Beckman, Kevin Trojan, Aaron Westfall, and John Harder, who were in attendance, reaffirmed their Eagle Scout pledge.

The presentation of Eagle rank was made by Eagle John Harder. Troop Committee Member Becky Barrett assisted with the ceremony and reception.

awarding of the Eagle Certificate and Card. Gus presented his parents with pins, and in his closing remarks, gave his mentor pin

to Scoutmaster Kathy Burns.

Larry "Gus" Harding, who received his Eagle in 1953 from Shoals Troop 80, presented Gus Sherfick several momentos from his years in scouting. The Eagle badge is the highest rank that may be attained as a boy scout. The trail to Eagle includes a service project which benefits the community. During the spring and summer of 2010, Gus led a group which refinished the eleven windows of the Annex of the Martin County Historical Society Museum.

Special thanks to District Scout Executives Aaron Westfall and Kevin Trojan for their assistance, Karen Mann for the video presentation, and all who helped with the

Local artist to exhibit at nationally recognized arts and crafts festival

will be exhibiting at the 49th Annual Amish Acres Arts and Crafts Festival in Nappanee, four stages, children's activities, craft Indiana from August 4-7.

Sunshine Artists Magazine has rated Amish Acres Arts and Crafts Festival among the top roll concert beginning at 7 p.m. 200 festivals in the nation and the Eighth Top Traditional Craft Show. In addition, Leisure Group Travel Magazine lists it as one of the Top 50 Outstanding Festivals and Events, and the American Bus Association has selected this premiere art event as one of the Top 100 Events in North Amer-

Over 300 artists and artisans from across the nation converge on the grounds of this historic farm, homesteaded in 1839 by the first Amish pioneers in Indiana and now listed in The National Register of Historic Places. This nationally-

Local artist, Kelly Springer of Shoals, recognized, juried arts and crafts event also features continuous live entertainment on demonstrations, festival food, beer garden,

> on Friday, August 5. Festival hours are Thursday-Saturday, August 4-6 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission price is \$7 for adults; \$6 for seniors, active military personnel, and youth ages 12-17; and free for children under 12. Parking is free.

Amish Acres is located on U.S. Highway 6, one mile west of downtown Nappanee, Indiana. More information on Amish Acres

and the 49th annual Arts and Crafts Festival obtained www.amishacres.com

Generations to sponsor first 5K run

Generations is sponsoring its first Trailblazer 5K - Blazing the Trail in Healthy Aging on August 27 on the Vincennes University campus. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the run/walk starts at 8 a.m. The starting line is located near the VU Outdoor Track & Field Facility at the corner of Chestnut Street and Red Skelton Boulevard.

The entry fee is \$20 before August 13 and \$25 after this date. In order to qualify for a 5K dry wick shirt, you must register by August 13. The first 100 people to register will also receive a goody bag. The one-mile fun run portion of the event is free and will be on the VU track.

The 5K will take place in the rain, but may be delayed due to lightning. Proceeds will benefit Generations - Area 13 Agency on Aging, a community services program of Vincennes University.

Registration forms are available by contacting Alma Kramer at 812-888-4527 or akramer@vinu.edu or on our website at www.generationsnetwork.org

Mobile Mammograms coming to Urgent Care

St. Mary's Breast Center in Evansville will conduct Mobile Digital Screening Mammograms on Tuesday, August 9 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Urgent Care of Martin County located at 104 Wood Street in Loogootee.

St. Mary's mobile mammography unit offers state-of-the-art digital technology. Aided by computer magnification, digital mammography provides clear, crisp pictures of the breast which can be visualized and manipulated by their Radiologist. The result is earlier detection. Digital imaging also reduces the amount of radiation exposure for patients by 60 percent.

If you would like to schedule your mammogram for Tuesday, August 9, call St. Mary's Breast Center directly at 812-485-4437. To qualify, it must be one year and one day since your last mammogram. If you have insurance, your insurance will be billed.

If you do not have insurance or have a financial need, you may qualify to receive the mammogram for free.

Please call Urgent Care of Martin County at 295-2955 if you have any questions.



KNOX WILLIAM JEFFERS

It's a BOY!

Leighton and Ava Gail Jeffers are proud to announce the birth of their baby brother, Knox William. He was born on May 15 at 9:18 p.m. at Jasper Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20

Knox is the son of Josh and Lacy Jeffers, of Loogootee. Maternal Grandparents are Skip and Valerie O'Brien and Steve and Mariane Fisher. Maternal Great-Grandparents are the late Ralph and Ava Nonte and the late Max and Jean Fisher. Paternal Grandparents are Dave and Cindy Ritchey and Mike and Cami Jeffers. Paternal Great-Grandparents are Deane Jeffers, the late Bill Jeffers, and the late Lum and Virginia Canada.

Calendar of Events

Talk to a lawyer – for free

The next scheduled Talk To A Lawver telephone clinic is scheduled for Thursday, August 4 from 4:30 p.m. (Daylight Savings Time) until 7 p.m. Each month, on the first Thursday, the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwest Indiana, Inc., along with volunteer lawyers and paralegals, sponsor this telephone clinic. Individuals who have a general legal question regarding Indiana law can access the clinic by calling (812) 618-4845 or toll free at (888) 594-3449 during the clinic hours. Talk To A Lawyer is funded by the Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation. Since its first session in 2002, it has been operational the first Thursday of every month.

Clover Softball tryouts

Tryouts for the Clover Softball team will be held in Bloomfield at the Northside Diamonds on August 20 at the following times: 8U & 14U - 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., 10U & 16U - noon-1:30 p.m., and 12U - 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. If you have any questions regarding the Clovers or tryouts, please feel free to call Nicole Peter at 812-798-5271. If you would like to learn more about the Clover Organization visit www.cloversoftball.org.

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 iuhoosr99@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.

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

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

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~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

"Stupid People and Idiots"

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

I was having lunch the other day. One individual at the table was reading a paper. Out of the blue, they started talking about these "stupid people" and "idiots" in the TEA Party. Their main concern was that the TEA Party continually demanded cuts in spending, lower taxes, and a balanced budget, but had no specifics on how the government could achieve this important goal.

While I didn't appreciate the adjectives this person used, I can understand how one could get that idea. There's been a lot of talk about the "TEA Party" in the news and how much power the TEA Party has. If you go on YouTube and Facebook, you'll find videos of TEA Party "representatives" and "leaders" who only seem to be yelling and griping but can't give you very many facts on the issues.

Being a Member of the Martin County TEA Party, I would like to take this chance to offer some facts about the Martin County TEA Party and its positions and affiliations.

The first thing one should understand is that there is NO National TEA Party. TEA parties are grassroots organizations. There is no hierarchy setting a platform, recruiting candidates, telling the organization what to do, or how to operate.

In fact, the Martin County TEA party isn't even an incorporated group. It is just a number of individuals who have come together because they feel the need for action on three core issues: fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government, and free markets.

For the Martin County TEA Party this action has taken the form of education. In 2010 the Martin County TEA Party brought in a number of speakers for the rally in the Loogootee Square (both Democrat and Republican.) It has held seminars on the Fair Tax, and has brought the non-partisan Constitution Institute to Martin County. While the 2010 rally did offer the opinion of the speakers, the Constitution Institute and Fair Tax seminar offered facts to help people reach their own conclusions about the issues of taxation and the powers of Federal Government. The MC TEA Party also encourages its members to express their personal views through letters to the editor.

The second thing to understand is that what is shown on YouTube and various other media is not representative of the vast majority of people who identify with the TEA party. Does the TEA party have people who just want to yell and scream? Yep. Sure does. But we also have thoughtful, educated people with well informed opinions. For some reason, those people never make it to the YouTube videos.

Believe it or not, I've even met some Republicans who support republicans and republican initiatives regardless of voting record or legislative impact. I've even met some Democrats who are the same way. These people often complain about the other party and have little facts or understanding of the legislative process. They may even show up to a rally or two.

Several years ago my parents chose to support the opponent of a senator who was very popular in this area. They received several letters while doing this. Some politely asked them to stop. Some were rude and unsigned. Some were threats. Were these letters representative of the Senator's party or the Senator himself? Of course not. They were from extremists.

The point is, everyone has their extremist; Republicans, Democrats, and TEA Party.

So what about the question at the start? Where does the TEA Party expect these spending cuts to take place? How do we balance the budget? What are the specifics?

I can't speak for all the TEA Party or even the Martin County Tea Party. That's not what they do. All I can offer is my personal opinion to those in office.

- 1. Look at the Constitution. Understand what powers the constitution gives to the Federal Government and what it gives to the States.
- 2. Look and see if any Federal Government programs overstep the boundaries set. (Yes...There will be debate on this. Much of the debate will involve social issues.)
- 3. If you as an elected official see a place where the Federal Government has overstepped their bounds, work to cut that program from the budget or work to transition the program to the proper state authority.
 - 4. Review foreign aid.
- 5. Become familiar with alternate taxing methods such as the Fair Tax or the Flat tax and see how they can be used to generate more revenue by removing tax loopholes.
- 6. Consider the possibility of raising revenue by leasing some Government Proper-

I say with every confidence, without the TEA Party sounding the alarm there would be no effort on the part of the Democrats or the Republicans to address America's Debt Crisis. Until the TEA Party movement came along, both parties were happy to keep spending despite the massive debt they were placing on the next generations. That reason alone makes me proud to be a small part of it.

> Jason Jones Loogootee, Indiana

Three reasons to oppose "right to work"

To the editor of the Martin County Jour-

#1: Imagine you retired, bought a beautiful condo in (choose your spot). Gardeners take care of the lawn. You don't own a mower. The pool is pristine. You have a nice life and in exchange, you pay some dues to the condo association for taking care of your needs. Now imagine that "Joe" wants to buy a condo. But, he tells you he does not want to join your silly condo association. Well, you reply, "You can buy a condo wherever you like, but if you are going to live here, you have to pay your fair share. We don't want FreeLoaders!" We all understand that, and we would not make condo associations illegal. In fact, we protect them. If people don't pay their dues, Indiana law allows the association to put a lien on the property.

Unions work the same way. They negotiate wages, hours, and benefits for all people who work for an employer. By long established federal law, unions cannot exclude non-union employees from the benefits of the contract. Therefore, every employee is asked to pay a fair share of the negotiation costs. Right To Work (RTW) prohibits that. Right to Freeload might be a more appropriate name. Union employers choose to form a contract to protect unions from Freeloaders and collect those dues. RTW makes such contracts illegal. RTW protects unfair Freeloading. This is not the American way.

#2: RTW is touted as an economic booster. Proponents claim RTW states have, on average, a greater economic growth rate than non-RTW states. "Average" can be a fairy tale. You and I and 10 friends can compare notes and come up with our average income or net worth. But, let Bill Gates walk into the room, and suddenly everyone is a multi-millionaire on average. RTW proponents have a huge problem with this illusory averaging. Claims of big growth are terribly skewed by a couple of states - most notably Texas and Florida. Put up a list of all states, and you find them all over the map on economic health. There is no correlation with RTW. The studies find no cause and effect between economic prosperity and RTW. In fact, the last state to adopt such a law, Oklahoma over a decade ago, experienced a se-

to outsourcing. RTW laws are a relic of a time when the U.S. economy was vastly supported by major manufacturing, and union membership was over 60 percent of the workforce. That is not true today.

#3: RTW laws can, in fact, HARM the local economy. It is proven that wages tend to drop for all workers in RTW states. That is the reason for passing them. Doing similar mathematical averaging, this number computes to between \$1,500 and \$5,500. That is per worker, per year. Multiply even the lowest average times Indiana's more than 3 million workers gives you an annual loss of at least \$4.5 billion. Similar math translates into the loss of thousands of jobs. "Main Street" will be hit hard. Our local restaurants, boutiques, and main street LaPorte counties.

vere economic downturn and lost many jobs stores depend on the disposable income of America's middle class. RTW constricts this flow of income like a big snake.

Given these issues, why is RTW still a topic of discussion? If only 11 percent of Indiana's workforce is union, how can this be advertised as the biggest impetus to growth? The answer is: This is not science, this is politics. This is no more than a partisan move that's about putting corporate profits before the health of our middle class. The answer is not because it is good for the state. The answer is "because we can."

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