

## Ryan's Hope Benefit in its fourth year

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Martin County Journal Publisher

This is the fourth year for the Ryan's Hope Benefit to help under-privileged children in Shoals by providing clothing and toys at Christmas. The benefit began back in 2011 in memory of Ryan Baker who died unexpectedly in November of 2010, at the age of 20. Ryan's mom, Ann Stewart, and sister, Mandi Stewart, wanted to keep Ryan's memory alive and also wanted to do something to make Ryan proud. Since Ryan loved kids and loved Christmas, the idea to help kids at Christmastime was an easy choice for Ann and Mandi.

This year's benefit will be held Saturday, August 2 at the Martin County Community Building on the fairgrounds. Doors open at 4 p.m., dinner and silent auction bidding begins at 5 p.m. and the silent auction ends at 7 p.m. Music by Mason's DJ Service will start at 8 p.m.

The dinner menu will consist of BBQ pork, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, bread, fresh green beans, dessert and tea or lemonade.

Numerous items will be raffled off throughout the night and the newly-designed Ryan's Hope t-shirts will be available for \$12 and bracelets for \$1.

According to Ryan's sister, Mandi, Ryan's Hope has helped their grieving process some

because of the joy they are bringing to kids. It pains her that Ryan is not here to watch her own son, Mason, grow up. "He's not here to make Mason happy but what we do makes other kids happy and that does help," she said.

Mom, Ann, said Ryan's Hope was started to help get her through the Christmas holiday. "It has helped my Christmases not be so sad even though I miss him terribly," she said. She added that Ryan's Hope keeps her mind busy and she usually has a bittersweet moment the morning of the benefit because she can't believe how generous and good to them people are. "If I had a choice of doing Ryan's Hope or having Ryan here, I, of course, would pick him but that's not a choice, so Ryan's Hope is the next best thing," she said.

Ryan's dad, Kevin, agrees saying that Ryan's Hope has grown into a happy time and celebration.

Ryan's Hope works in conjunction with the Angel Tree Program at Shoals School. Low-income families can sign up for the program and Ann said that some people simply need help and she hopes they put their pride aside and ask for it. Applications are sent home with each student who attends Shoals School. Children must be 12 years of age and under and the families must meet income guidelines. Any parent of a Shoals student who would like more information can call



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

The family of the late Ryan Baker presented Courtney Hughett with a t-shirt bearing the logo she designed for Ryan's Hope. The annual dinner and auction will be held this Saturday, August 2. Dinner and silent auction bidding begins at 5 p.m. In the front row, from left to right, are Nikki Baker-Clear, Courtney Hughett, Ann Stewart, Mandi Stewart, and Norma Baker. In the back row, from left to right, are Mary Ellen Baker, Vince Clear, Brody Clear, Bryce Baker, Billy Dean Baker, Mason Lake and Kevin Stewart.

Ann at 812-709-9338.

Last year, with money raised from the event, Ryan's Hope shopped for 48 Shoals children, up from 40 the year before and more than double the amount they were able to help the first year. Ann said if she could tell the children they are helping one thing about Ryan it would be that he was a big kid himself that loved to joke around and aggravate and he loved his family and friends. Ryan's sister, Mandi, said there are so many

things she would want to say to the children about Ryan, but if she had to pick one it would be that he was always smiling and he always saw the good in people. Ryan's dad said, "Ryan was always for the underdog and he would give the shirt off his back."

This year many items have been collected including tickets to a Cincinnati Reds game, Big Splash Water Park, Kings Island, the Colts, French Lick Railway, Lark Zip Lines, (See 'RYAN'S HOPE' continued on page 2)

## Donors add to MCCF mission

This year two anonymous donors made it possible to recognize those who have given their time, talent, and treasure to create a richer quality of life for the people of Martin County.

The donors established a "Philanthropist of the Year" award. The Martin County Community Foundation is pleased to announce two recipients of this honor: Wanda Harding and Fred Woods.

Wanda Harding:

For years, Martin County has benefited from the quiet and steady efforts of Wanda Harding.

Wanda was the very first donor to the Martin County Community Foundation and one of its first board members. Besides serving on numerous committees, Wanda is also responsible for creating endowments that benefit Harding Diamond (the Shoals High School Baseball Field), the Shoals Library, The Martin County Historical Society, and Martin County at large.

Wanda has served on the boards for the Shoals Library and East Fork Water for a number of years. Wanda is also a member of Psi Iota Xi and the Loogootee Women's Club.

Fred Woods:

For over sixty years, property owners in Martin County have had the benefit of Fred Wood's extraordinary expertise when it

comes to the use of their land.

Fred Woods was born on February 26, 1921 to a family of ten children in Cedar Grove, North Carolina. He grew up on his family farm. It was there Fred learned a love of the land which grew into his lifelong vocation.

After an honorable discharge from the Army in 1946, Fred moved his family to a 158-acre farm he purchased in Martin County.

In 1947 he began his career with the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District. During his tenure, Fred helped numerous land owners make wise decisions about the use of their property, including guiding them through

planting trees, creating terraces, making grass waterways, contour farming and pond construction.

Fred was one of the individuals who helped make West Boggs Park become a reality. Work on the West Boggs Creek Watershed led to the development and creation of West Boggs Park.

One of Fred's hobbies has been planting trees for reforestation. In what Fred describes as his "best year ever," he oversaw the planting of 110,000 trees.

Throughout his career, Fred has been recognized with numerous awards, including being named a Sagamore of the Wabash by former Gov. Robert D. Orr.

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**Ben Iliff and Natalie Lynch announce engagement**

Benjamin Paul Iliff, son of Jeff and Beth Arvin Iliff of Indianapolis, is engaged to Natalie Christine Lynch, daughter of Mark and Lori Lynch of Carmel. Ben is also the grandson of the late Matthew and Carolyn Arvin, of Loogootee. Ben is a graduate of Purdue University and currently works as a biomedical engineer at BSA Lifestructures. Natalie attended Ball State University and is employed as a nanny. An early spring wedding is planned.

**Richard Burch to run for county council district 3**

Loogootee native Richard Burch has been appointed by the Democrat Party and has filed for the 3rd District Martin County Council position on the November, 2014 ballot. Burch is the CEO of Midwestern Engineers, Inc., with offices in Loogootee and Indianapolis. Burch is a graduate of Loogootee High School, and Purdue University.

He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Indiana and is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, American Council of Engineering Companies-Indiana and American Water Works Association-Indiana Section. He also is a member and past officer of the Knights of Columbus Council 732, member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 120, member of the Indiana Sheriff's Association, and serves on boards for the Martin County Workforce and Education Council and the advisory committee for vocational education programs for both the Loogootee and Shoals Community Schools.



RICHARD BURCH

Burch is also secretary-treasurer of Bellgrade Developers, Inc. which has developed several residential subdivisions in the Loogootee area. Bellgrade is also a farm operation raising beef cattle.

"I am a native of Martin County and have raised my own family here. I truly wish to give back to my community using my business skills and knowledge. The county council position is a way for me to accomplish this goal. I am a fiscal conservative who does not believe in spending more than

you take in – but I also believe that we need to take advantage of our resources and grow Martin County so that future generations can raise families here. I will do my very best to balance the needs of our community for a good quality of life and managed growth."

Burch is married to the former Ann Jones, and the father of three children: Allyson Mudd and husband, Aaron; and Clinton, whom all reside in Loogootee and Emma who resides in Evansville.

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and Palestine Rodeo. There will also be a brick (awaiting engraving) from Friends of the Pool, bags from Thirty One and Longaberger, gift baskets, homemade wreaths, tools, and dozens of gift certificates from area businesses.

Anyone wishing to donate an item to have auctioned off at the event, call Ann as soon as possible at 812-709-9338. Anyone who would like to make a monetary donation but cannot attend the benefit can drop it off at Old National Bank under the name Ryan's Hope.

"The important thing to me is to keep Ryan's memory alive," said Ann. "He will forever be my baby boy."

"His smile would light up a room," said Ryan's dad.

The community building should be bright

on Saturday evening then, as Ryan will surely be present, as the public rallies around another Ryan's Hope dinner and auction.

**DONORS**

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As Philanthropists of the year, Fred and Wanda each get to select one Martin County Community Foundation Endowment to receive a gift of \$1,000. Fred has selected the Martin County 4-H Endowment Fund. This is a fund that provides checks twice per year to support the activities of the 4-H. Wanda has selected the Leo Harding Unrestricted Fund. This fund provides dollars for the Community Foundation's Unrestricted Grant cycle each year.

Both Fred and Wanda will be honored at this year's Martin County Community Foundation Annual Dinner, which will be held on Monday November 3 at the Martin County Community Building.

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## RAYMOND BLAKE

Raymond J. Blake died at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 88.

He was born February 11, 1926 in Lawrence County; the son of Fredrick E. and Ida May (Hamilton) Blake. On November 15, 1947 he married Martha H. (Spears) Blake and she preceded him in death on April 4, 2010.

He was a US Army veteran serving in the Philippines and a member of the Faith Mission Church in Bedford.

He was a lifelong car salesman and a bus driver for 20 years driving for the Barr-Reeve School System. He enjoyed playing guitar, working, supporting his churches



missions and he was very devout to his faith.

He is survived by one daughter, Bonita Raney of Loogootee; two sons, Jim Blake and wife, Marsha, of Washington and Stewart Blake and

RAYMOND BLAKE wife, Mary Ellen, of Loogootee; six grandchildren, Leslie and husband, Travis Summers, of Loogootee; Justin Blake of Lebanon, Tony Raney of Chandler, Arizona; Lucretia and husband, Dewey Osborne, of Loogootee; Denise and husband, Leighton Bittinger, of Indianapolis; and Nicole and husband, Stephen Cas-

## Commissioners okay raise for highway mechanic, increase PTABOA board

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 22. Commissioner Paul George was not present.

Carolyn S. McGuire, assessor, came before the commissioners to request the PTABOA (Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals) be changed from a three-member board to a five-member board. Due to the lack of level II and III assessors in the county she also requested that the commissioners waive that requirement. These requests are all pursuant to IC 6-1.1-28. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to change the PTABOA to a five-member board and to waive the level II and III requirement. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The commissioners are to appoint two members to this board, Assessor McGuire recommended Kenneth Fuhrman and Sue Hembree. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to appoint Kenneth Fuhrman and Sue Hembree to PTABOA. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted the two-week work schedule. Superintendent Padgett updated the commissioners on the Gradalls. The new Gradall recently purchased from Southeastern is having issues, so the commissioners requested that Auditor Roush not send payment for the equipment.

Superintendent Padgett submitted pictures of signs being vandalized across the county and also the dumping of salt on Deep Cut Lake Bridge.

He informed the commissioners the total mileage of county roads has remained at 375.16 miles.

The repair of 800 North is still being discussed with Graber Post and J&J Concrete.

Superintendent Padgett requested his new mechanic be given the five percent salary increase that the employees received a few months ago. The new mechanic, Garrick Cooper, has met his 60-day probation period. Commissioner Boyd made the motion to approve the five percent pay increase for mechanic Garrick Cooper dependent upon council approval. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Dale Tedrow inquired about the chip-seal of the road in front of his house. He was advised that the highway department had not forgotten about him.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, advised the commissioners of the hiring of Jared Sheetz as part-time road crew supervisor and Stevie Horton as part-time field officer.

Director Collins along with Judge Lynne Ellis, Commissioner Paul George and Auditor Roush will be attending a meeting with SIDC and USDA regarding funding for a community corrections building. Commissioner Gregory recommended using the learning center since it was more centralized.

Judge Lynne Ellis updated the commissioners on the courthouse security. Commis-

sioner Gregory signed the quote for WAVE system proposal for a new panic system. The commissioners advised Judge Ellis to proceed with the ordering of equipment for the camera system and panic system since the funds have been appropriated by the council. Judge Ellis received two quotes for fire alarm system, Felts Lock & Alarm-\$10,048.99 and Area 1 Protection, LLC \$7,905.00. The difference in the quotes was the number of smoke detectors. Felts Lock & Alarm quote will meet the codes set by the state fire marshal. Judge Ellis also stated the doors will be connected to the new fire alarm system. Courthouse Custodian John Jones recommended accepting the Felts Lock & Alarm quote of \$10,048.99. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to accept the quote from Felts Lock & Alarm for \$10,048.99 pending council approval. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Felts Lock & Alarm does not include a monthly monitoring fee. The system will be connected to the sheriff's department.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve an FMLA submitted by an employee. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

David Lett, county attorney, opened the only request for proposal for the trash service at the sheriff's department. The proposal was from KRB Disposal for an \$80 monthly fee for an eight-yard dumpster that will be dumped once a week for a 24-month period. Attorney Lett recommended the commissioners table the decision until President George is present due to the conflict of interest with Commissioner Boyd. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to table the trash service proposal. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The commissioners received mail from IDEM concerning an air permit at USG, the Secretary of State regarding the internet disconnection with the statewide voter registration system, and BF&S on the bridge inspection requirement changes.

Judge Ellis and Community Corrections Director Collins thanked the local law enforcement, ISP Officer Chad Dick and others who participated in the active shooter training exercise held recently at the courthouse.

The commissioners sent their condolences to Councilman Lonnie Hawkins on the passing of his mother.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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sady, of Washington; nine great grandchildren, Kylie Raney, Ashlee Raney, Cammi Bittinger, Ben Bittinger, Brooklyn Summers, Gavin Miller, Blake Cassidy, Chloe Cassidy, and Ashton Cassidy.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fredrick E. and Ida May (Hamilton) Blake; his wife, Martha H. (Spears) Blake; his daughter-in-law, Patricia Blake; his son-in-law, Gary Raney; one brother, Johnny Blake; and one sister, Alma Walker.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 28 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee. Military graveside rites were conducted by the Indiana Army Honor Guard and Loogootee American Legion and VFW.

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

## DAVID SMITH

David James Smith died at 10:40 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2014 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 72.

He was born July 10, 1942 in Warsaw, Indiana; the son of William Ross and Gertrude Marie (Armentrout) Smith. On July 10, 1965 he married Linda Lee (Garen) Smith and she survives.

He was a minister for 47 years serving his God faithfully, his most recently pastored at the Maranatha Tabernacle Assembly of God Church, in Loogootee.

He was a 1962 graduate of Plymouth High School in Plymouth, Indiana and he enjoyed golfing, deer hunting and watching the Colts, Bears and the Dodgers along with following Purdue Basketball and Football.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lee Smith; one daughter, La Dawn Smith of Wyatt, Indiana; one brother, Richard Smith of Rochester, Indiana; two granddaughters, Stephanie Myers and Ariel Myers, both of

Plymouth, Indiana.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William Ross and Gertrude Marie (Armentrout) Smith.

The body of David James Smith was cremated. There will be a memorial service held at a later date.

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

## NORMA LEE

Norma June Lee died Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at Select Specialty Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, she was 76.

She was born April 14, 1938 in Dover Hill; the daughter of Raymond and Etta (Roberts) Sanders.

She was a graduate of Vincennes University and had formerly worked at Kimball Electronics in Jasper. Norma attended the Loogootee United Methodist Church and enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and she enjoyed cooking and gardening.

She is survived by one daughter, Debra and husband, Michael Rehl, of Shoals; three sons, W. Chris Lee and wife, Shannon, of Evansville, Dario Lee and companion, Karen Acker, of Salem, and Jared Lee and wife, Kelly, of Loogootee; one brother, Clifford Sanders of Farmland; one niece, Janice Divine of Loogootee; 16 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Etta (Roberts) Sanders; five brothers and three sisters.

Private graveside funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 26 at Mt. Union Cemetery in Loogootee. There was no visitation.

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

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JULY 21

3:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

5:04 p.m. - Received a report of a telephone scam.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of a theft on Windom Road.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

### TUESDAY, JULY 22

10:34 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on State Road 450.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals.

2:44 p.m. - Received a report of animal neglect in Shoals.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

12:24 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

5:13 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

8:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

8:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

### THURSDAY, JULY 24

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

12:51 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire on Windom Road.

4:15 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Shoals.

### FRIDAY, JULY 25

12:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

3:33 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a person walking on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

3:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

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

6:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

10:37 p.m. - Received a report of a telephone scam.

### SATURDAY, JULY 26

3:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

7:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Williams.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a mail scam.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a funnel cloud in Shoals. Martin County EMA Director and Officers were advised. Officers were unable to locate a funnel cloud.

### SUNDAY, JULY 27

1:39 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-

run accident in Doe Run. Deputy Harmon responded.

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking Dover Hill Road. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm on Garrett Avenue. Loogootee Officer Akles responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism on Oak Avenue in Shoals. A Martin County Deputy was advised.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Dover Hill Gate Road. Deputy McBeth responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across Deep Cut Lake Road. Martin County Highway responded.

10:55 p.m. - Received a report of a subject beating dogs on Church Street. Loogootee Police responded.

10:11 p.m. - Received a report of a tree on fire on McBride's Bluff Road. Shoals Fire responded.

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, JULY 21

11:00 a.m. - Caller reported a theft from his residence in Shaded Estates.

4:13 p.m. - First responders were requested on Terrace Drive for a medical call.

8:40 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute.

### TUESDAY, JULY 22

10:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

4:20 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

11:00 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles out past curfew.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

12:06 a.m. - Caller reported a fight involving juveniles in the high school parking lot.

5:08 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of money.

5:52 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street.

### THURSDAY, JULY 24

1:36 a.m. - Caller reported her son had left the house and wanted him to return.

4:32 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.

11:45 p.m. - Caller reported males trying to break into a house Park Street. Officers were unable to locate anyone.

12:18 a.m. - First responders were re-

quested on Broadway Street for a medical problem.

### FRIDAY, JULY 25

9:10 a.m. - Caller reported a civil violation.

9:20 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

9:55 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

4:12 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody violation.

### SATURDAY, JULY 26

10:20 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism to vehicles.

2:30 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

6:40 p.m. - Caller reported a damaged street sign.

9:06 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on SE 3rd Street.

9:08 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on East Broadway Street.

### SUNDAY, JULY 27

12:20 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm.

8:21 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Church Street.

9:14 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

## ISP unveil school bus safety videos

The Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division recently unveiled two new school bus safety videos that depict the unarmed response of a school bus driver to an active shooter scenario.

The videos, produced through a joint effort of the Indiana State Police, Indiana Department of Education, School Transportation Association of Indiana and the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation, is intended to be used as a training tool for school bus drivers to reduce potential injuries and fatalities which could result during violent acts.

To view the videos go to [www.in.gov/isp/2988.htm](http://www.in.gov/isp/2988.htm) and click under the link "Training Videos for Bus Drivers."

The information contained in the videos is neither intended to be, nor represented as, professional or legal advice. If a school or a school bus driver has specific issues or questions concerning local, state or federal laws or possible civil or criminal liability they should consult with private legal coun-

sel.

If your school district would like more information on this topic or if you would like a live presentation of the Safe Schools/Unarmed Response to an Active Shooter, please contact your local State Police Post or the Indiana State Police School Bus Safety Coordinator at <https://secure.in.gov/ISP/BusInspections/Public/Index> or via the link from the Indiana School Bus Public Access Web Portal at <https://secure.in.gov/ISP/BusInspections/Public/Index>

"The Indiana State Police is committed to the safety of our children and school bus drivers. If a violent act is encountered on a school bus, a plan and preparation of actions could be the tools needed to survive" stated CVED Sgt. Chris Kath. "Be prepared to take action to keep yourself and our school children safe."

More information concerning school safety can be found at the Indiana State Police website at [www.in.gov/isp](http://www.in.gov/isp). Click on the link "School Safety."

## Martin County Court News

### CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

#### June 24

Karl R. Young, Jr., convicted of criminal confinement, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 day in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 504 days suspended and credit for 113 actual days previously served plus 113 good time credit days. Defendant received 16 months of probation.

#### July 15

Travis S. Bauernfiend, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 360 days in the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 180 actual days previously served plus 180 good time credit days.

Alice J. Terry, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony amended from dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Martin County Security Center with 137 days suspended and credit for 205 actual days previously served plus 205 good time credit days. Defendant received 4 months of probation.

#### July 16

Jessica D. Howard, convicted of criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 293 days suspended and credit for 36 actual days previously served plus 36 good time credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

### CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

#### June 24

Karl R. Young, Jr., criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

#### July 7

Brad M. Edwards, two counts of operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator, Class D Felonies, dismissed.

#### July 15

Brittany A. Bauer, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### CIVIL COURT

#### New Suits Filed

#### July 18

Jenny A. Cox vs. Richard Opal Cox, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### July 22

Joshua Chad Eric Hill vs. Crystal Dawn Hill, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### CIVIL COURT JUDGEMENTS

#### July 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Joseph A. Meche in the amount of \$606.35.

#### July 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Brandon Kidwell and Jillian D. Grubbs in the amount of \$23,216.07.

#### July 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, and against the defendant Julia Sanders in the amount of \$903.69.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC, and against the defendant Vicki Mitchell in the amount of \$1,088.13.

#### July 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cach, LLC, and against the defendant Monty Murphy in the amount of 1,111.60.

### SMALL CLAIMS COURT

#### New Suits Filed

#### July 17

Jule Beltz vs. Robert L. Pendleton, complaint.

#### July 18

Propane Direct vs. Brian Hawkins, complaint.

Propane Direct vs. Deborah Haviland, complaint.

Propane Direct vs. Shawn Harker, complaint.

Propane Direct vs. Kurt Dorsam, complaint.

Propane Direct vs. Tina Dalton, complaint.

Propane Direct vs. Sam Arp, complaint.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

#### July 23

Nicholas J. Gress of Loogootee and Ashley Paige Webster of Loogootee.

#### July 24

Danny Lee Roberts of Shoals and Autumn Lea Allbright of Dubois.

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# Martin County real estate transfers

# Jail bookings

**Ruth Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Deretha P. Collins**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

**Martin County Redevelopment Commission to Stimulus Engineering Services, Inc.**, of Martin County, Indiana. Parcel A: Part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter and a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana. Parcel B: Part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Halbert Town-

ship, Martin County, Indiana.

**Cameron L. Sheetz**, of Martin County, Indiana to **David L. Lingenfelter and Rebecca A. Lingenfelter**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 2.959 acres, more or less.

**Larry J. Stice and Valerie L. Stice**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Devin Swartz and Sarah Swartz**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, being also previously plotted Lots

#52, #53, and part of #54 in the Town of Mt. Pleasant, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1 acre. Also, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, being also previously plotted Lots #38, #39, and part of #37 in the Town of Mt. Pleasant, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1 acre. Except a section containing 0.378 acre, more or less.

**Mary Ann Fish**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Shelby L. Lyon**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing .33 acre, more or less.

## TUESDAY, JULY 22

3:45 p.m. - Jermaine Thornton, of Bedford, was arrested by Martin County Chief Deputy Dant on a Martin County Warrant.

4:27 p.m. - Darrell Baker, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Deputy Keller on preliminary charges of operating while intoxicated resulting in a personal injury accident.

8:25 p.m. - Derek Sipes, of Shoals, was arrested by Martin County Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant.

10:43 p.m. - Jonathan Payne, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton on preliminary charges possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

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## SCOUTING MATTERS

By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

### SOME Thoughts On - COURTEOUS

The key to actually following any law is to understand it, and the Scout Law is no exception. In order for any scout to succeed in living up to this ideal, he must first know what each point of the law means in relation to himself. The Scout Law has three basis segments. The first four points, Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, and Friendly describe what kind of person a scout should BE. The next four points, Courteous, Kind, Obedient and Cheerful describe how a scout should ACT. So let's kick off a study of the second segment of the Scout Law with some thoughts on... Courteous.

Maybe it's just me but "common courteous" just seem to be something of the past. Oh sure we see it here and there but it just doesn't seem to be prevalent. I harp a lot on the digital pace of our world and its impacts on us all. I'm just a bad as anyone else when it comes to digital toys but we have to be intentional in our behavior to ensure all these modern connivances don't begin to take control of our lives.

But when did things actually change and common courteous begin to take a back seat in our lives? When did it begin to fade from the landscape? I equate it to the days of the full-service gas station. In those days the attendant was a polite - good mannered providing useful service that you could watch through the windshield of your car. Looking through that same windshield these days, a courteous - respectful world is not exactly what we see and of course we now pump our own gas.

Of all 12 points of the Scout Law - Courteous may be the easiest to perform because courteous people always mind their manners. They show respect for others and put others ahead of themselves. Courteous people are always focused on the other guy - like that gas station attendant. Oh sure he was paid for his service but of all the ones I knew you could confidently call then friend and knew they had your best interest in mind.

Francis Bacon, a fourteenth century English Renaissance statesman and philosopher, said, "If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers it shows he is a citizen of the world." This statement goes back to the days of chivalrous - gallant - knightly behavior. The days of being attentive to women like an ideal knight. Of being full of or exhibiting respect. It's impossible to ignore the direct connection between courte-

ous behavior and the respectful response it generates. A courteous - respectful action on our part generates a courteous - respectful response and everything remains in harmony. But if our effort does not generate a harmonious response, that should not diminish our own positive behavior towards others. So with Francis Bacon's words in mind, I have some advice for young men out there and a test for all my male readers. Young men - this works and is the right thing to do. For the rest of you, this will be fun... I hope!

So my advice to the young men of dating age. Want a simple way to assist to winning the heart of a young lady and the trust and respect of her parents. Start with good manners and ALWAYS open that door for her. I suspect this might sound a little corny, however, this simple - respectful - gallant gesture will set that budding relationship on stable ground. If her parents observe you doing this on a regular basis it will generate trust. And as a gentle reminder, ladies start standing at that unopened door waiting for it to magically open. Note, for automatic doors stand back at least eight feet.

To the rest of my male readers, (ladies when you're done reading this lay it out for your husband and son to find), here is the test. I would like to hear how this works for you. Men I would challenge you to begin to act in a courteous even over the top manner. We can do this together by jump out or waiting for and opening that door for an unsuspecting lady and yes even our wife. We can observe it generating the occasional thank you with a puzzled look and the respectful reply of, your welcome. That puzzled look can be amplified when you do it for your spouse but she will get used to it eventually. But remember you have to be out front with a little giddy up in your step and get to that door first. And dad, teach your sons to do the same.

I don't know if this will change the world but I suspect it will begin to change some individual world's one door at a time. Who knows, the contagious effect of such chivalrous - gallant - knightly behavior might just have your hands covered with dish soap or a little lemon pledge once and a while. But please mind your manners when replying to me. I only wish to hear how your world has been changed to the positive - not how it may have been rocked with this test.

Yours in scouting,  
Scoutmaster Mike



## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

The purpose of the leaves of plants is to carry out photosynthesis, the process by which the plant manufactures its food. As long as the leaves remain green, the process is continuing. The leaves of many flowering plants continue to provide food to the plant long after the flowers have ceased. In many cases, the plant is storing up energy that will result in next year's flowers.

I know that it is tempting to cut down foliage after the flowers are gone and I recently have observed several cutting down the foliage of irises. While it is recommended that one cut back iris foliage to a six-inch fan if moving them, it is really better for the plant to leave the foliage if the irises are being left in the same place. Let the green leaves do their duty for the plant until they die back on their own.

However, if your iris beds have become overcrowded or if you just want to move some to a new location, now is the time to do so. To rejuvenate a bed, use a fork to dig up the tubers. Gently pry the clumps apart and cut the foliage as stated above. Inspect the tubers. Discard any that are soft or that have holes caused by borers. You may want to dust the remaining tubers with some sulphur powder to discourage future borer problems. You may replant the tubers in the same spot, but if there have been problems with disease, it might be best to find a new location. Most iris species prefer to be in full sun, so select a location that receives at least six hours of sun each day. After planting, water the area with a liquid root stimulating fertilizer to help the

plants get established before winter arrives.

Another perennial that is often cut back this time of the year is the peony. Again, as long as the foliage is green, it is feeding the plant and should not be cut back. By late summer, peonies often are afflicted by a fungal disease that turns the leaves black. If your peony leaves are totally black, by all means, cut them back. Gather up all of the diseased foliage and either burn it or dispose of it in the trash. Do not use the foliage for composting, as the fungal spores may survive to afflict your garden next year. Wait until cooler weather to dig and move peonies. Peonies rarely need to be divided, but sometimes the plants may become weak as roots are covered with excess soil, so digging and replanting them may be necessary. The old adage was to dig and plant peonies only in months whose names contain an R, so September is the next time to do so.

We are beginning to see gardens produce well. Tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn, cucumbers, melons and beans are coming on in many area gardens. If you do not have a garden of your own, visit one of the local farmers' markets or a road-side stand to purchase locally-grown produce. You will not only get the freshest fruits and vegetables available, but you will usually save money by buying locally. When buying corn or tomatoes, do not be surprised to find a zucchini or two in your basket. Many growers just want to find someone to take the extras off their hands. One can only eat so many, even if they are fixed in a thousand different ways.

## Public information sessions for stream, wetland mitigation program proposal

At three information sessions in August, the public can learn about a proposed program to allow an applicant for permits to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for unavoidable impacts to Indiana's streams and wetlands to pay a fee to offset these impacts.

Currently, permits submitted to the USACE and IDEM for impacts to Indiana's aquatic resources require the applicant to mitigate the impacts by either (1) restoring habitat at or near the project site, or (2) using an approved mitigation bank.

Called an "in-lieu fee," this additional mitigation option will allow an applicant to make a payment to the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF), which will oversee the accumulated funds. The DNR will then be required to establish or restore aquatic resources within designated areas of the state.

The DNR has developed a document

called a "prospectus" for the program and is working with the USACE and IDEM to develop procedures for this in-lieu program.

The information sessions are:

-August 5 at Spring Mill State Park Inn, 3333 State Road 60 E., Mitchell.

-August 6 at Fort Harrison State Park Inn, 5830 N. Post Road, Indianapolis.

-August 7, Potato Creek State Park, 25601 State Road 4, North Liberty.

A presentation will be given at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at each location. Representatives of the DNR and INRF will be on hand to answer questions.

Additionally, the Natural Resources Commission recently approved new rules to allow for an in-lieu fee for mitigation required for construction in a floodway, public freshwater lake or navigable waterway issued by the DNR Division of Water. This new rule is not yet in effect and must still be reviewed by the Attorney General's Office and Governor's Office.




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# Purdue corn specialist: Cool weather's effect on crop could differ from 2009

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
*Purdue University News Service*

The next two months will determine whether the Indiana corn crop produces high yields as expected or is significantly damaged by any unforeseen, drastic changes in weather and diseases, Purdue Extension corn specialist Bob Nielsen says.

This growing season at first glance appears similar to 2009, when planting was delayed because of cold weather and the growing season was cool through this time in July, Nielsen notes in an article Thursday, July 24 his Corny News Network. The cool weather that year continued through much of the summer and into early fall, further delaying the crop's maturing.

"Coupled with poor conditions for grain drying in the field prior to harvest plus the development of ear rots and mycotoxins, grain harvest was pretty miserable for many growers in 2009," Nielsen said. Nevertheless, he added, estimated statewide grain yield in Indiana set a state record at 171 bushels per acre, exceeded only by last year's 177.

"One needs to be cautious making comparisons with the 2009 growing season, especially with regard to the unpleasant harvesting experience of 2009," he said.

There are several differences between this year and 2009, Nielsen's research shows:

\* While the onset of planting was delayed this year, most of the crop was planted ahead of the five-year average pace, compared with the overwhelming late planting of 2009.

\* While cool temperatures to date have slowed the crop's progress, the statewide pace of silking as of July 20 remains slightly ahead of the five-year average.

\* Stand establishment (plant population and initial uniformity) appears to have been excellent throughout the state, except for fields or areas within fields that sustained damage from excessive rainfall earlier in the season.

\* The National Weather Service's outlooks for August through September for Indiana suggest normal temperatures (not excessively hot or cool) and normal rainfall (not excessively wet or dry). Nielsen says that would bode well for the important grain filling period (kernel weight) and for minimizing risk of further delay in the crop's progress as it moves toward maturity.

\* Foliar disease levels to date remain moderate in most fields.

Many of the record-high years for corn grain yield in Indiana have been those with moderate, if not cool, temperatures during the growing season, Nielsen said.

Potential bad news for farmers, he said, depends on the weather; diseases, including ear rots; and the adequacy of soil nitrogen for finishing the crop without any undue

photosynthetic stress during the grain filling period.

"The question lingers about the 2014 growing season and its cool temperatures to date," Nieslen said. "The honest answer to that question is time will tell because the next 60 days will decide whether this crop finishes as strong as much of it looks today or falters in response to yet unknown weather extremes and/or diseases."

Seventy-six percent of Indiana's corn crop was rated in good or excellent condition as of the week ending July 20, compared with 78 percent at the same time last year, accord-

ing to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The State Climate Office, based at Purdue University, expects temperatures next week in Indiana in the mid-70s to low 80s for highs and lows in the mid-50s to 60. That would be below the normal highs of mid-80s and lows in the mid-60s.

This July is heading toward surpassing 2009 as the coldest July on record since 1895.

Nielsen's full report is available at [www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/corn/news/articles.14/CoolTemps-0724.html](http://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/corn/news/articles.14/CoolTemps-0724.html)

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## Measles case confirmed in Central Indiana

State health officials have confirmed a case of measles in Central Indiana. The Indiana State Department of Health is working with local health departments and health care providers to identify additional cases of measles, and to prevent further transmission of the disease. The case does not appear to be related to the measles outbreak among the Amish community in Ohio.

Individuals who visited the following Central Indiana locations on the dates and times provided may have been exposed:

-July 17, 1:45 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.  
St. Vincent Immediate Care Center  
10801 N. Michigan Road, Suite 110  
Zionsville, IN 46077

\*This Center shares a waiting room with other physicians.

-July 18, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Ocean World Restaurant  
1206 86th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46260

-July 19, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
-July 22, 10 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.  
St. Vincent Carmel Hospital Emergency Department  
13500 N. Meridian Street  
Carmel, IN 46032

-July 20, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
-July 21, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
St. Vincent Outpatient Treatment Center  
11455 N. Meridian Street, Suite 210  
Carmel, IN 46032

St. Vincent Carmel Hospital, St. Vincent Outpatient Treatment Center and St. Vincent Immediate Care Center are contacting staff and patients who may have been exposed. Most people will have been immunized against measles as a child. Individuals born before 1957 are presumed to be immune to measles. Hoosiers unsure about vaccination history should check with their healthcare provider or visit [www.MyVaxIndiana.in.gov](http://www.MyVaxIndiana.in.gov) to access official immunization records as recorded in the Children and Hoosier Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP). A personal identification number (PIN) is required. The PIN can be obtained from your healthcare provider upon request.

Background and Vaccine  
Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It is rare in the United States due to the widespread

## Indiana takes action against companies who scammed homeowners out of more than \$14,000

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller last Thursday filed lawsuits against seven companies for operating fraudulent mortgage rescue or loan modification schemes that scammed consumers out of more than \$14,000 in large upfront fees but did nothing to help them stay in their homes and avoid foreclosure.

The lawsuits are part of a joint federal-state sweep by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, The Federal Trade Commission and 14 other states targeting scam operations that prey on delinquent homeowners or those facing foreclosures.

"These mortgage rescue scams target struggling homeowners and give them false hope that they can save their home with just an upfront fee," Zoeller said. "After that fee is collected, the scammers fail to perform any promised services, putting their victims at even greater risk for foreclosure. My hope is that these lawsuits will set the precedent and send a warning to others that this behavior is not acceptable and violators will be punished."

As part of the sweep, Indiana filed suit against Consumer First Legal Group, Select Debt Solutions, JAS Legal Network, Home Relief Assistance, Legal Affiliates Group, Global Retention US, and Homegroup, LLC.

availability of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine, however visitors from other countries or U.S. citizens traveling abroad can become infected before or during travel.

More than 95 percent of people who receive a single dose of MMR will develop immunity to measles, and more than 99 percent will be protected after receiving a second dose. Two doses of the vaccine are needed to be fully protected. Individuals are encouraged to check with their health care providers to ensure vaccinations are up-to-date.

Children are routinely vaccinated for measles at 1 year of age, and again at 4-6 years of age before going to kindergarten, but children as young as 6 months old can receive the measles vaccine if they are at risk.

**Symptoms**  
Measles begins with a fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes about 7 to 10 days after exposure. The fever increases and can get as high as 105 degrees. Two to four days later, a rash starts on the face and upper neck. It spreads down the back and trunk, and then extends to the arms and hands, as well as the legs and feet. After about five days, the rash fades the same order in which it appeared.

Measles is highly contagious. When infected persons sneeze or cough, droplets spray into the air. Those droplets remain active and contagious in the air and on surfaces for up to two hours.

**What you can do**  
If you are experiencing the symptoms of measles, stay home and call your doctor. Be prepared to describe your symptoms and alert your doctor if you think you have been in contact with an infected person. If you are ill with measles, remain home and away from others, especially unvaccinated infants, people with diseases affecting their immune systems and pregnant women.

For more information about measles, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/measles/](http://www.cdc.gov/measles/).

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov), for important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/isdh1](http://www.facebook.com/isdh1).

The complaint requests restitution to be determined at trial, but includes consumer relief per violation of both the Home Loan Practices Act and the Deceptive Consumer Sales Act to be payable to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Assistance Fund.

Since 2010, the Attorney General's Homeowner Protection Unit (HPU) has filed more than 166 lawsuits against mortgage-rescue companies. In many of these cases the state is awarded default judgments, but companies do not often pay the ordered consumer restitution.

To help these already struggling homeowners, the Indiana General Assembly created the Consumer Protection Assistance Fund which is made up of monies recovered from those sued by the Attorney General's office for violating consumer protection laws.

Along with Indiana, the FTC and CFPB, attorneys general from the following states participated in today's sweep: Arizona, Delaware, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Washington and Wisconsin. Also participating are the Maryland Commissioner of Financial Regulations and Washington Department of Financial Institutions.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



### Strassenfest: Alive with the Arts

During the legislative session, when new laws are being vetted and important decisions are being made, I make it a priority to keep you informed of what is going on at the state level. Although we are still hard at work during the summer months by serving on interim study committees, the summer allows me to spend more time in the district and be engaged in the events happening locally.

Last week, having traveled the district attending the various 4-H fairs, I shared with you all the wonderful opportunities that participating in 4-H provides for our young Hoosiers. Not only does 4-H help them reach their full potential, but it also brings communities together. This week, I want to continue with the 'fair theme' with another longstanding Jasper tradition: Strassenfest.

While the First German Day Celebration was held in Jasper nearly 120 years ago, the first Strassenfest was not held until 1979. Members of the Jasper business community came together to organize the event as a way to honor our small town's German heritage. This celebration was the first of its kind since Pioneer German Days in 1957.

Since 1979, and every year after, the Jasper Strassenfest has been a four-day event held during the first weekend in August. Six years later, a sister city partnership with the village of Pfaffenweiler, Germany was established, and a few residents of Pfaffenweiler even attended the festival.

With something for the whole family to enjoy, the Strassenfest never disappoints. There are rides and games for the kids, German beverages for the adults and great food for everyone, which is all prepared by local

clubs and organizations. It has been said that an average of over 1,300 pounds of bratwurst are consumed during the event, and having worked that booth a time or two, I definitely believe it!

For several years, I enjoyed playing in the German Band on the Schnitzelbank Restaurant float. In addition, my wife and I have enjoyed working at the baseball throw game and the basketball hoop-shoot game, and we have spent many nights working at other booths, grilling bratwurst and selling those infamous lemon shake-ups. However, one thing you cannot miss is the big parade on Sunday.

The Strassenfest is not just for the residents of Jasper. In fact, people come from all over, even as far as Germany, to have a good time! Every year the festival gets bigger and bigger and has grown to encompass the entire downtown city square. If you have a smartphone and are looking for a convenient way to find more information, I encourage you to download the free Jasper Strassenfest app. The app includes listings of events and details, contact information and food booth hours and selections.

If you have not had a chance to witness this truly entertaining event, I encourage you to give it a chance! On the other hand, if you have already been to Strassenfest, I know that it will not take much convincing for you to return. Whether you are trying it out for the first time, or have grown up attending this festival, I look forward to sharing this time with you, and I cannot wait to see you there!

*Rep. Messmer (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.*

## Current Healthy Indiana Plan reaches enrollment capacity

As of last Thursday, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has authorized the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to stop enrollment into the existing Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP). Enrollment in the current Healthy Indiana Plan has reached the point where funding from Indiana's tobacco tax cannot support additional enrollees.

In approving the Healthy Indiana Plan waiver renewal last year, CMS agreed to allow Indiana to adjust eligibility during the year if needed to ensure enrollment would not exceed available revenue. Should enrollment drop significantly from current numbers, it is possible that FSSA would begin to accept applications again in 2014. If this occurs, information on applying would appear on FSSA's Healthy Indiana Plan website, [www.HIP.IN.gov](http://www.HIP.IN.gov).

Meanwhile, the Pence administration continues to work closely with the Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on its proposal to expand the successful program to hundreds of thousands of uninsured Hoosiers starting in 2015. A formal waiver application outlining the proposal, known as "HIP 2.0," was submitted July 3, and discussions have continued since.

"We remain hopeful for a timely response so that more low-income, uninsured Hoosiers will have the option of participating in the Healthy Indiana Plan," said Joe Moser, Indiana Medicaid Director. "Unlike our current program, which has reached its peak capacity, HIP 2.0 would not be solely limited by the revenue from Indiana's tobacco tax."

The State will continue to process applications that have been received to date for enrollment into the current HIP program.

Information about the Pence administration's HIP 2.0 proposal to expand the Healthy Indiana Plan can be found at [www.in.gov/fssa/hip/2442.htm](http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/2442.htm).

### GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

## YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

Next Session starts August 14

MUST register by August 7th

Please call 295-3049

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## LHS Class of 99 reunion

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The Loogootee High School Class of 1999 held their 15-year reunion last Saturday. Some classmates attended a picnic in the city park and then some continued on to the French Lick Resort. Those that attended the picnic in the city park are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Elizabeth (Gilbert) White, Mandy (Baker) Fee, Amber (Seals) Gilbertson, Sara (Lilly) Lengacher and Kelli (Summers) Wilson. In the back row, from left to right, are Doug Wilson, Deangela (Isaacs) Forbes, Alecia (Hasler) Lyon, Tristan Shane Hamblin, and Kristi (Gregory) Ausbrooks. Classmates that travelled to French Lick are shown below. In the front row is Joey Matthews. In the middle row, from left to right, are Alecia (Hasler) Lyon, Kelli (Summers) Wilson, Cindy (Burch) McAtee, Amber (Seals) Gilbertson, Mandy (Baker) Fee, Kelly (Albertson) Ash, Laura (Stevens) Troutman, and Michelle (Divine) Ash. In the back row, from left to right, are Dustin Schnarr, Billy Walker, Doug Wilson, Tina (Burch) Dalrymple, Derek Gilbertson, and Jennifer Ridgway.



## VU Jasper to offer healthcare training programs

The Vincennes University Jasper Campus will offer three non-credit healthcare training programs at various Indiana sites during fall semester 2014. For additional details or to register, contact Jim McFaul, director of Adult Continuing Education, 800-809-8852 or [jmcfaul@vinu.edu](mailto:jmcfaul@vinu.edu).

The Dental Assistant Training program with Dental Radiographer is a 102-hour course that provides training in the professional skills required to function as an assistant in the dental practice. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a VU Certificate of Completion and be eligible to sit for the dental radiographer certification exam. The course fee is \$2,099 and includes textbooks. Classes begin in August at locations in Bedford, Ft. Branch, and Ben Davis High School Career Center in Indianapolis.

The Phlebotomy Technician Training program features 90 classroom hours of training, hands-on practice, and clinicals. The program prepares students to be an entry-level phlebotomist in a hospital, clinic, or laboratory. Upon successful completion of

the program, students will receive a VU Certificate of Completion and be eligible to sit for the National Healthcare Association national exam. The course fee is \$1,499 and includes textbooks. Classes begin in September at locations in Jasper, Bedford, Greenwood, and Newburgh.

The Clinical Medical Assistant Training program prepares students to perform patient clinical procedures including administering medications, assisting with minor surgery, performing an electrocardiogram, obtaining laboratory specimens, educating patients, and maintaining clinical equipment in an ambulatory care setting. This program includes 140 classroom hours (lecture and labs) and 80 hours of a clinical externship. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a VU Certificate of Completion and be eligible to sit for the National Healthcare Association national exam. The course fee is \$2,499 and includes textbook. Classes begin in September at locations in Jasper, Bloomington, and Ben Davis High School Career Center in Indianapolis.



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Shown above, from left to right, are Zane Cropp, Scoutmaster Bryan Adams, Ross Adams, and Cordell Padgett.

## Boy Scouts go to summer camp

The boys of Boy Scout Troop 484, Loogootee, recently enjoyed a week at Maumee Scout Reservation in Norman, Indiana.

Boys attending, and merit badges earned at camp, were: Ross Adams (rifle shooting, first aid), Zane Cropp (robotics, woodcarving), and Cordell Padgett (Indian lore, rifle shooting).

The boys enjoyed swimming, kayaking,

rowing, a beach party with a "swamped canoe challenge," and the Adventure Carnival. While at camp, Ross Adams and Scoutmaster Bryan Adams were called into the Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout honor society.

The troop recently rechartered after a lapse. Zane and Cordell are new Boy Scouts and were eager to go to camp.

## Calendar of Events

### Loogootee City Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will meet in special session Wednesday July 30 at 5 p.m. in the council meeting room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Martin County Community Foundation agreement and the possible rescheduling of the September council meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

### LJHS Cross Country practice

Loogootee Junior High Cross Country practice will start Monday, August 4 at 4 p.m. The athletes should meet at the high school track. All athletes must have an athletic physical on file to begin practice. If any athlete has further questions, they may call Coach Pace Jenkins at 812-296-2250 or Coach Tonya Mathies at 812-639-2602.

### Grief Share session

The Loogootee United Methodist Church will sponsor a Grief Share session on Thursday, August 14. Grief Share is a support group of people who help through life's most difficult experiences. To register for the session, call 295-3049 by Thursday, August 7.

### Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next scheduled talk to a lawyer free telephone clinic is Thursday, August 7 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST (5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST). Volunteer attorneys will be available to answer general legal questions, absolutely free of charge. To contact the clinic, the telephone numbers are (812) 618-4845 and toll free (888) 594-3449. Talk to a Lawyer is a service sponsored by Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Indiana Bar Foundation and Evansville Bar Foundation.

### Head Start preschool classes

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

### Boy Scouts

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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



## Good deed

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Local Boy Scout Cordell Padgett, Troop 484, was recognized recently at Boy Scout summer camp. Cordell found a wallet on a trail, and the wallet contained over \$100. Cordell turned the wallet in, and was later recognized with a certificate stating, "A Scout is Trustworthy." Trustworthiness is one of the qualities of a Scout called out in the Scout Law.