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Disconnect notices will no longer be sent to city water customers

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The City of Loogootee will no longer send out disconnect notices to water customers as was decided Monday night, August 8 at the city council meeting. According to utility clerk Nancy Spaulding, around 200 disconnect notices are sent out every month and with the cost of the printing, envelopes, stamps, and time spent, she explained that it would be a cost savings to the city to eliminate them. Instead, the monthly water bills will now have the disconnect date listed along with the amount due and the monthly bill will be the only notice customers receive. The cost to reconnect a disconnected service is \$50.

Mayor's secretary Linda Ellis explained to the council about the recent collection processes of what were once considered "uncollectible" water and sewer bills. The city is now placing sewer liens on properties and working with the collection agency Hoosier Accounts, of Evansville, to recover around \$12,000 in unpaid bills. Since the collection process started, a little more than \$3,300 has been paid. Due to bankruptcies, \$66 will be written off as bad debts.

Ellis explained that only the water portion of the bills can be turned over to the collection agency, who receives 25 percent of any payments received. The sewer portion of the outstanding bills must be put in as a

sewer lien on the property. Owners of rental properties will be notified after a bill becomes 60 days past due and if still left unpaid, the lien would go forward on the property owner, who may or may not have been the customer.

In other business the council approved submitting the city's 2012 budget to the state with an estimated \$90,000 of overspending. According to Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones, the city's budget was approved last year with the same amount of shortage.

Mayor Don Bowling reported that after 15 months, CSX Railroad will be working on the Kennedy Avenue crossing from August 22 through 26. Hwy 231 is scheduled to be closed all week at the crossing.

Loogootee Fire Chief Morgan Huebner informed the council that he will be starting a junior firefighters program to help with recruiting. He said that after recent advertisements failed to bring in a decent response from an older population – more from 18 year olds, they have decided to start this program in the hopes of having future firefighters. Those involved in the program will be age 18 to 21 and will be allowed to help out at the scene of the fire, but unable to actually fight the fire.

The council approved one building permit for an in-ground pool at 500 N. Line Street for David Lett.

Council members Susan Brewer and Joe Mattox were not present at the meeting.

Animal control commission finishes updating changes to county ordinance

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The Martin County Animal Control Commission met Tuesday night, August 9. In the fourth meeting of a six-month deadline set by the county commissioners, the commission finalized changes to the county's animal control ordinance. In place since 1997, but not enforced, the commissioners recently approved the formation of the commission to possibly update the ordinance and bring it back for approval.

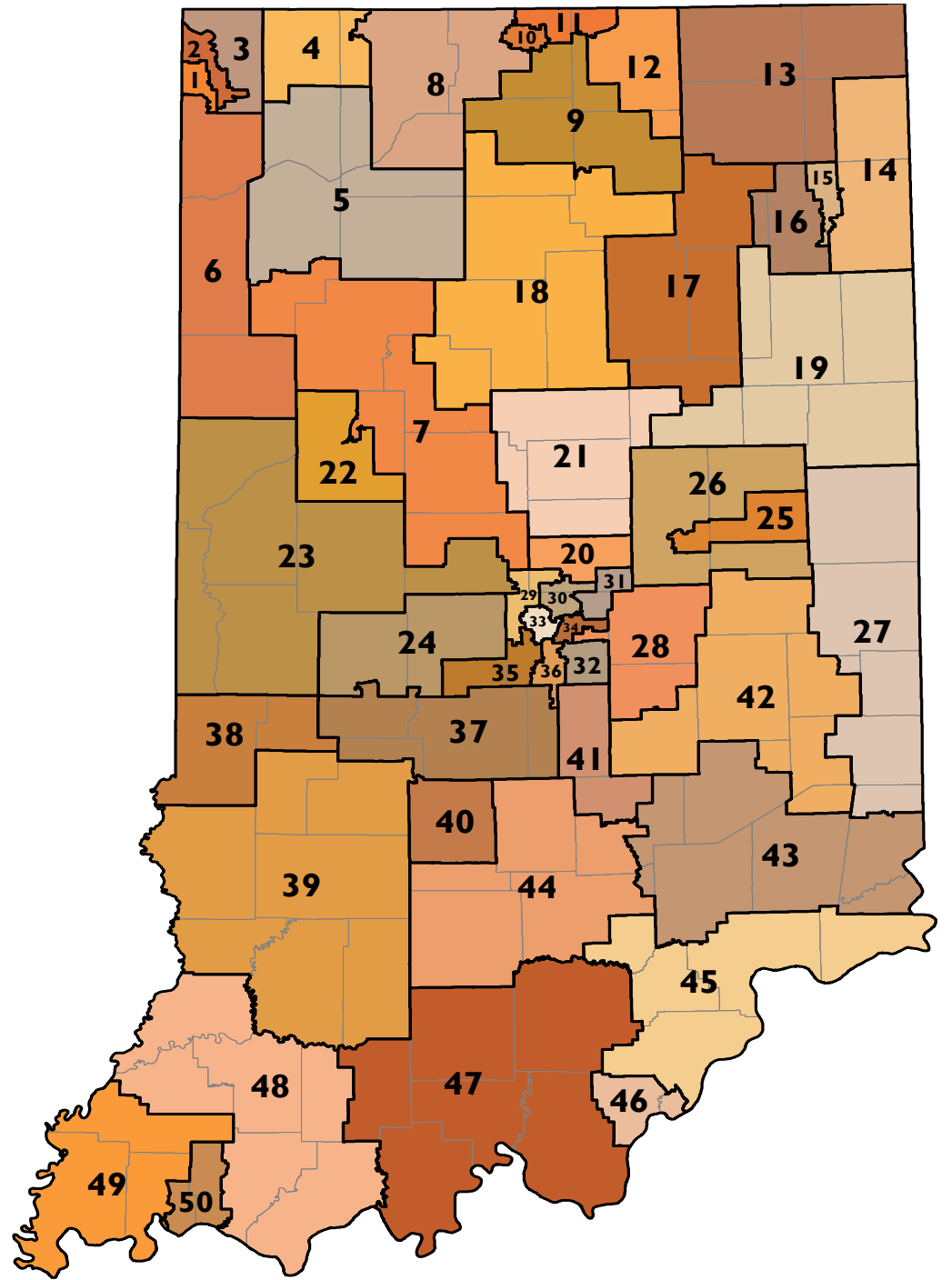
The commission members present at Tuesday night's meeting deleted sections of the ordinance including those mentioning dog licenses or dog tax, deciding that it would be better not to put forth any form of tax on the citizens. With the elimination of township trustees to serve as the collecting bodies of any form of dog tax, the treasurer's office and auditor's office would be tasked with keeping track. Research showed that in the last four years the dog tax was collected, less than \$100 was voluntarily paid by county dog owners each year.

Also deleted from the ordinance was the section on the county's animal control officer since the county does not have the funding for one. Any decisions regarding the control of animals will be tasked to the animal control commission in conjunction with local police officers.

Added to the ordinance were several definitions including what a nuisance animal is, what constitutes animal cruelty and neglect, and what determines a vicious dog. The commission spent some time going over these topics, including the consequences of someone shooting or killing a dog without justified means.

The purpose of the ordinance is for law enforcement personnel to have legal grounds to issue citations for repeat offenders of various types of animal neglect or nuisance activity. The commission decided to implement a system similar to a traffic ticket in which a dog owner will be given a written warning on the first offense, a \$25 ticket on the second offense, and a \$50 ticket on the third and fourth offenses. Law enforcement officials would then decide after the fourth offense if there is still a problem whether to have the animal removed. The system would be in place county-wide and would include things such as incessant barking, unleashed animals, public and property damage caused by a roaming animal, and neglect of providing basic needs for an animal.

Commission secretary Courtney Hughett will put together the final draft of the ordinance to be presented for approval at the commission's September 13 meeting which begins at 6 p.m. The ordinance will then go to the commissioners in October for their approval or denial.



-Map via Stats Indiana

New Indiana Senate redistricting lines move Martin County from District 48 to 39.

Redistricting changes Martin County to 39th senate district

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Clerk Julie Fithian came before the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night, August 9 to provide information on the recent state redistricting including the fact that Martin County is no longer in the 48th senate district, but now in the 39th, currently being served by John Waterman.

She also said that some areas of the county saw a change in their Indiana Statehouse representatives Mark Messmer and Matt Ubelhor. (See map on page two)

Fithian also explained that the commissioners' districts were off in the division of population. She said that districts one and two have 2,200 residents each and district three has 5,800. Commissioner Dan Gregory represents district 3. Also, a small area in Halbert Township was changed to Center Township and one property owner's land in Mitcheltree Township is partly in Perry Township but all taxes are being paid to Mitcheltree. Fithian explained that it was too late to get anything changed for this redistricting process as the deadline to make corrections was August 4.

County Attorney David Lett asked Fithian why he and the commissioners were not in-

formed of the deadline and the county's changes needed on the redistricting. Fithian said that each commissioner should have received a packet of information via mail and she also sent them an email. Lett said that he didn't receive anything.

"Just to verify, this is the commissioners that are supposed to do this, not the election board, not the clerk," said Fithian.

"We were notified," said Commissioner Gregory.

"You are in charge of the elections here Julie," said Lett to which Fithian replied that she could go get the Indiana Code stating that the commissioners were responsible.

"With the consultation of the clerk," noted Lett.

"I offered my consultation and they ignored me, all three of them ignored me" said Fithian.

Lett told Fithian that she never even came before the commissioners on the issue to which she replied that she sent them an email. "I didn't have to appear to them," she said.

"Maybe you should have called them," said Lett.

"Dave, you don't get the part that it's not my place," replied Fithian.

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REDISTRICTING

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"Yeah, I do Julie, I do get the part," said Lett.

The commissioners interrupted asking Fithian what she needed them to do tonight. Fithian said that even though the deadline has passed to submit the paperwork, she thought it would be a good idea to send it in anyway to have on file. Commissioner Gregory said that the form looked like it would only need to be sent in if there were errors to the redistricting to which Fithian replied that maybe nothing needed to be done then.

Gregory said that it should be listed in the minutes that they were informed of the changes and then asked Lett if he had any insight.

"I've seen this all of eight minutes," said Lett. "I haven't read the statute."

Commissioner Gregory suggested tabling the discussion until next meeting to which the other commissioners agreed.

In other business, the commissioners revisited the issue of having a surplus sale. Auditor Nancy Steiner said that she didn't receive anything from the sheriff's department so those with items to be included in the sale were the court, SIDC, and the recycling center. Discussion ensued if it would be worth having the sale or donating the items to the county's non-profit organizations. Commissioner Gregory suggested the 4-H junior leaders go through the items and see what there is. He said that they would be shooting for after the tax sale in September and it would be discussed more at a later

meeting.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams reported that the new mower was delivered but had been shipped off again to have the glass in the cab put in. Williams also reported that his department has done chip and seal a little throughout the county. He said that they are also working with the bus drivers to see if there are any rough spots that need to be taken care of before school starts Friday.

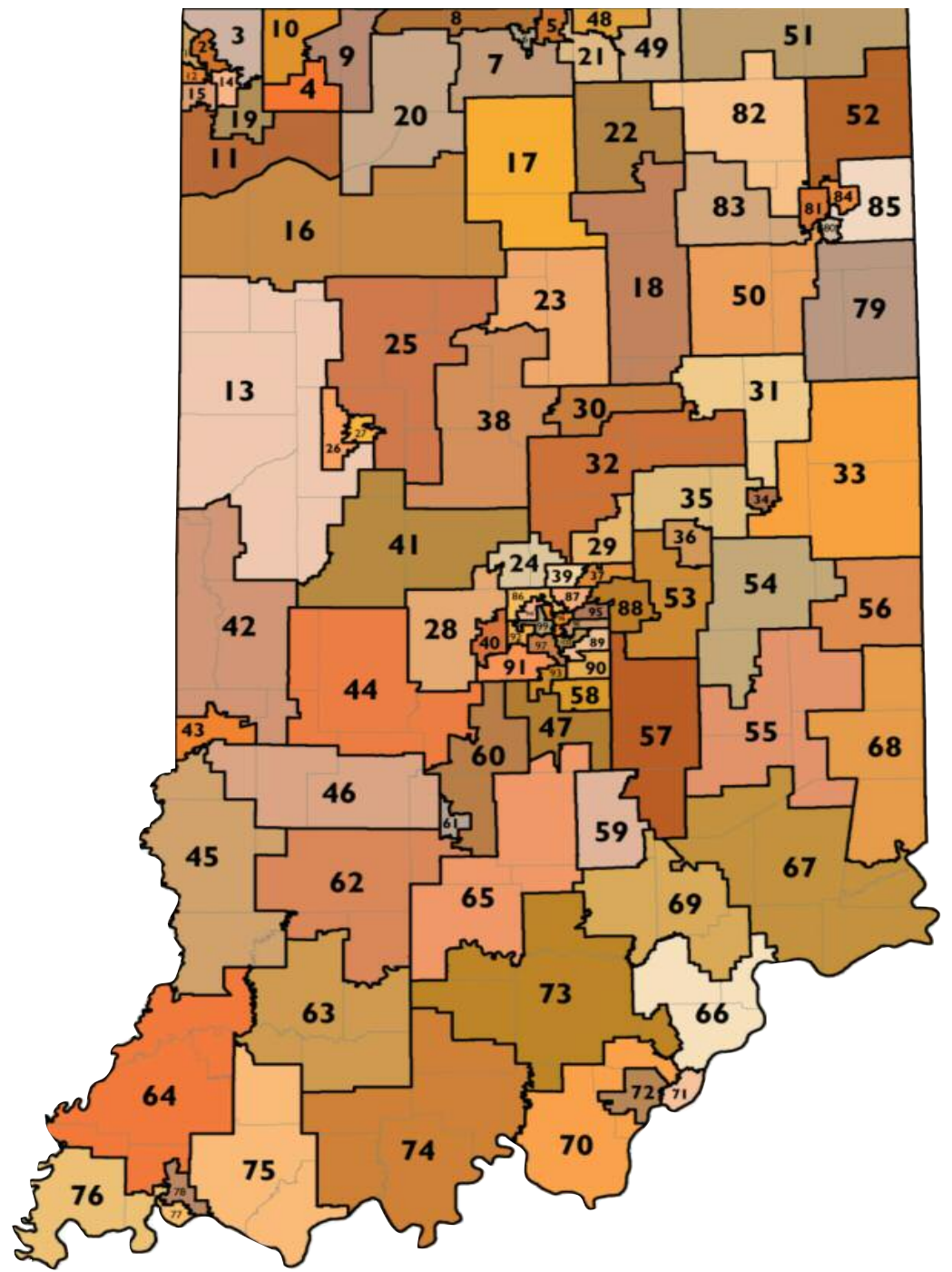
Lost River Township Trustee Millie Brown came before the commissioners about Greene Cemetery. She said that a woman who has family buried there contacted her and asked that the cemetery get cleaned up. Brown told the commissioners that she has learned that the county owns the cemetery and she is unable to touch it as a township trustee. She explained that there is some timber on the property that could bring in some money.

Commissioner Paul George asked Williams if he would be able to go with him to look at the cemetery on Thursday to which Williams replied that he would.

Commissioner Gregory suggested to the other commissioners that they put out bids for the repairs to the jail. After receiving a letter from Midwestern Engineers who is handling the project, Gregory said there are two options that the county can afford. The commissioners agreed to start the bid process.

Judge Lynne Ellis asked the commissioners to go downstairs to look at the hallway carpeting. She said that it was 30 years old and "nasty." She said with budget time, she thought it would be a good time to bring up replacing it. "It's a bad impression on the public," she said. She said she has people coming in to give bids on the price of laminate wood flooring and commercial-grade linoleum. She added that with the hallway being a high-traffic area, she would prefer not to put carpet back in.

The commissioners adjourned the meeting and then followed Ellis downstairs to have a look.



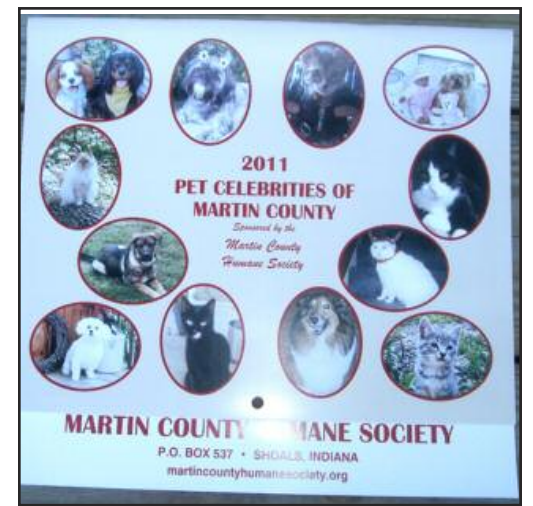
-Map via Stats Indiana

New Indiana House district lines split the county between District 63's Mark Messmer and District 62's Matt Ubelhor.

Humane Society Pet Celebrities Calendar looking for stars

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. Thank you for your continued support of the Martin County Humane Society.




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DAVID WAGLER JR.

David Wagler Jr. died at 6:40 a.m. Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at his home. A resident of Odon, he was 82.

He was born November 19, 1928, in Daviess County; the son of David and Katie (Graber) Wagler. He was a farmer and a member of Berea Mennonite Church. He married Anna Barbara (Stoll) Wagler on July 22, 1950 and she preceded him in death on August 23, 2003.

He is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Wayne Graber of Odon, Sharon and Brian Traylor of Montgomery, Linda and Kevin Byrer Sr. and Janet and Daryl Cornelius, all of Odon; sons and daughter-in-law, Larry and Regina Wagler and Ronnie Wagler, all of Odon; grandchildren, Ryan (Amy) Graber, Jeremy (Regina) Graber, Lyndsey Graber, Logan Wagler, Janae Wagler, Amy Traylor, Breanna Traylor, Kevin (Bobbie) Byrer Jr., Kynsley Byrer, Kelby Byrer, Audrey Cornelius, Bryant Cornelius and Alec Cornelius; great-grandchildren, Taylen Graber, Carson Graber, Mason Graber and Keagan Byrer; brothers and sister-in-law, Alvin C. Wagler of Montgomery and Willard and Martha Wagler of Odon; sisters-in-law, Martha Wagler, Ida Wagler and Ida Mai Wagler, all of Loogootee, and Rosanna Wagler of Montgomery. He is also preceded in death by brothers, Fred, Wilmer, Joseph, John Elmer, Glen, Willis and an infant; sisters, Alice (Levi) Graber, Ida (William) Graber and Naomi (Jerome) Raber; and a daughter, Wanda Ann Wagler.

The funeral was held Saturday, August 6 at Berea Mennonite Church, with Ed Graber, Brian Wagler and Rick Wagler officiating.

Arrangements were made through Poindexter-Hall and McClure Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkview Christian Village, Odon.

DOROTHY MILLIGAN

Dorothy M. Milligan died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 93.

She was born June 26, 1918, in Daviess County; the daughter of George M. and Grace O. (Crane) Holland. She married her first husband, Ernest Mudd, on January 11, 1945, and he preceded her in death on September 29, 1951. She married her second husband, Charles Milligan, on August 8,

1953, and he survives. She was a homemaker and loved life and her family. She was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee and was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barr Township where she was a member of their Altar Society. She was a former member of the Legion of Mary.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Milligan; three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Sharon Mudd, Tom and Jan Mudd and Dave and Beth Milligan, all of Loogootee; four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Mudd of Loogootee, Helen Riley of Corydon, Sue and Fred Michaels of Montgomery, and Linda and Gayland Earley of Chandler, Texas; two sisters, Mary Lou Sims of Odon and Wanda Colvin of Loogootee; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband; one sister, Rosalie Raney; three brothers, James, Paul and Thomas Holland; and one grandchild, Patrick Mudd.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, August 6 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Barr Township in Daviess County.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

FERN SANDERS

Fern I. Sanders passed away at 5:35 p.m., Sunday, August 7, 2011 at Paoli Health and Living Community. A resident of Orleans, she was 76.

She was born on July 26, 1935 in Martin County; the daughter of George and Hazel (Allbright) Jones. She married James Sanders on May 17, 1955 and he preceded her in death on February 3, 2006.

She attended Fairview Community Church in Shoals and also The Church at Powell Valley. She graduated from Vincennes University with an Associate Degree in Nursing and had worked at Paoli Hospital. She enjoyed playing the piano and doing beautiful paintings.

She is survived by her son, Gary Sanders of Orleans; her daughter, Charlene Clark and her husband Mark of Salem; and her granddaughter, Elizabeth Joy Clark. She is also survived by her sister, Madeline Quinn of French Lick.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, Harrison and Norman Jones and one sister, Leland Collins.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by T.L. Pinnick Mortuary, 785 South Bears Bend Road, French Lick, where the family will receive friends, Wednesday, August 10 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and again on Thursday, August 11 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The funeral service will be held Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the mortuary with Bro. Kevin Quinn officiating. Interment will be in the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, French Lick.

Family requests memorial contributions be made to the Indiana Lions Club Cancer Control Fund, Lion Paul Shane, Treasurer, Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc., P.O. Box # 1052, Columbus, IN 47202 or Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc., Attn: Dottie Flack, 535 Barnhill Drive, RT 041, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5289. Or the IU Health Paoli Hospital Foundation, 642 West Hospital Road, Paoli, Indiana 47454.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.tlpinnickmortuary.com.

MILDRED GRABER

Mildred (Knepp) Graber died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 82.

She was born August 12, 1928, in Daviess County; the daughter of William and Mary (Wagler) Knepp. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. She married Abraham Graber on December 23, 1965 and he preceded her in death on May 11, 2003.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Loren Raber of Montgomery and Mary and Bryant Knepp of Loogootee; five step-daughters and their husbands, Clara and Wilmer Wagler and Dorothy and Jesse Wittmer, all of Montgomery, Esther and Lloyd Knepp of Windsor, Missouri, Ida Mae and Homer Stoll of Loogootee, and Rosie and Perry Wittmer of Odon; four step-sons and their wives, Lloyd and Sylvia Graber, Jeff and Anna Maria Graber, Homer and Mary Sue Graber, and Omer and JoAnn Graber, all of Loogootee; three sisters, Sylvia Raber and Rosemary Wagler, both of Montgomery, and Wilma Wagler of Loogootee; five brothers, Elmer, Ora, Abraham, Henry and John Ray Knepp, all of Montgomery; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; 49 step-grandchildren; and 63 step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, William and Amos Knepp; and one step-grandchild.

The funeral will be Friday, August 12 at 9 a.m. at the Bryant Knepp residence. Burial will be in Stoll Cemetery. Visitation is until the hour of service at the Bryant Knepp residence. Arrangements are being made through Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

KENNETH CATT

Kenneth S. "Kenny" Catt passed away at 5:43 a.m., Monday, August 8, 2011 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of French Lick, he was 76.

He was born on July 5, 1935 in Martin County; the son of Orval E. and Sarah E. (Harner) Catt. He married Patricia Sue Allen on August 20, 1955 and she preceded him in death on May 27, 1999.

He was a 1955 graduate of Shoals High School and had attended the Springs Valley Wesleyan Church and the Peoples Tabernacle. He had worked at the old 7-Up plant in West Baden, Kimball International and Pluto. He eventually retired from Jasper Engines and Transmission.

He is survived by his sons, Ronnie Catt and his wife, Alma of French Lick, and Kenny Lee Catt of Louisville, Kentucky, and a daughter, Connie Bird and her husband, Rick of French Lick, two grandchil-

dren, Sara Catt and Brad Bird and two great grandchildren, Sara Bird and Emery Catt. He is also survived by a sister, Mary Jane Collins of French Lick.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a sister, Alma Jean Apple and a brother, John Stanley Catt in infancy.

Arrangements are being handled by T.L. Pinnick Mortuary, 785 South Bears Bend Road, French Lick where the family will receive friends Thursday, August 11 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and again on Friday, August 12 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The funeral service will be held at the mortuary on Friday, August 12, 2011 at 1 p.m. with Bro. Randy Simmons officiating. Interment will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

Family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.tlpinnickmortuary.com.

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Jack Terrell and his mother Imogene talk about her residence at Parkview:



Imogene

Jack talks about the staff at his mom's new home at Parkview Village:

Whether it's the management staff or the gals that take care of her - I always joke about them never letting any dust settle. I never see them sit down. I don't know when they take a break or if they take a break. They are TOP NOTCH!

Imogene talks about activities at Parkview:

Well, there's something going on every day and usually every evening. We made clowns out of socks the other night and all the women had a ball!

Jack is impressed with the facility:

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, August 2

4:20 p.m. - A male caller in Crane requested assistance with getting a subject to leave his residence.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

5:47 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on S.R. 550.

5:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:44 p.m. - A male caller on Brett Road reported a theft of copper and a camera.

Wednesday, August 3

12:07 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist needing assistance near St. Mary's Road on U.S. 231. Daviess County was contacted.

3:53 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in at a business in Shoals.

6:22 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver westbound on U.S. 50 from the fairgrounds.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of an animal trapped in the dumpster at the Crane ballpark.

1:10 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection on County Farm Road.

3:28 p.m. - Received call reporting an accident with property damage on US 231 near Scotland. All information was given to Greene County Sheriff's Department.

3:46 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer about being harassed.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a cable line down on US 231 just north of the 250S intersection.

3:58 p.m. - Bedford Police Department advised they received information on a wanted person that is staying in Martin County.

5:04 p.m. - Daviess County Sheriff's Department advised that there is a speeding vehicle heading north from Farlen on US 231.

Thursday, August 4

2:05 a.m. - Received a report of someone trespassing outside caller's residence in Shoals.

9:58 a.m. - Received a call reporting someone trying to run the caller off the roadway. Caller advised she is on Hwy 58 in Odon. Transferred the caller to Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

10:12 a.m. - Received a request to unlock a vehicle on Brooks Bridge Road.

11:20 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer about a vehicle getting vandalized.

11:54 a.m. - Had a female subject come on station to report a theft.

1:25 p.m. - Had a female subject come on

station to report harassment.

3:22 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer regarding a protective order.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver.

3:53 p.m. - Received a request to assist with keys locked in a car.

4:40 p.m. - A caller reported violation of a protective order.

4:51 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on S.R. 450.

5:04 p.m. - Received a report of a box truck with a back door up that was losing debris on U.S. 231, near Lumpkin Bottoms.

6:23 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a residence and assistance needed with an out-of-control juvenile.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a large piece of machinery northbound on U.S. 231, approximately six miles south of Loogootee, traveling at a very slow speed and refusing to pull over or let traffic pass.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of harassing text messages.

Friday, August 5

3:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:48 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on horses on Brickyard Road.

10:10 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with repossession.

10:36 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 231, traveling south from Bramble.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of low hanging telephone lines in Crane Village.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check in Crane Village.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report that someone dumped rock salt on the bridge near the U.S. Gypsum.

1:32 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Vincennes Good Samaritan Hospital.

5:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:18 p.m. - A female came on station with a complaint of a civil issue.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 231, southbound from Raglesville turnoff.

5:54 p.m. - A caller reported having been run off the road by another vehicle on Highway 58. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

6:32 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver, northbound on U.S. 231 from Haysville.

10:25 p.m. - Received a report of erratic driving by a vehicle, spraying gravel on the caller's property.

Saturday, August 6

12:05 a.m. - Received an active alarm at a business in Shoals.

9:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Emmons Ridge Road but no transport was necessary.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a theft on Williams Road.

11:24 a.m. - Received a report from a local business owner that a patron had passed a counterfeit bill.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver, southbound on U.S. 231, just south of Loogootee.

3:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:26 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break in on Cale Road.

5:04 p.m. - Received a report of a possible attempted suicide in Loogootee.

5:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Scenic Hill Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospi-

tal.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on Windom Road.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of possible shots fired on Love Cemetery Road.

7:49 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with keys locked in a vehicle.

9:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Progress School Road. No transport was necessary.

9:40 p.m. - Received a report of erratic driving on Sherfick School Road.

9:49 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Pleasant View Lane.

11:05 p.m. - Daviess County Sheriff's Department requested assistance with an armed subject.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Crane Village.

11:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

Sunday, August 7

2:17 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 231N, near the entrance to Crane. Daviess County was contacted.

3:10 a.m. - Received a commercial alarm on Ziegler Road.

6:10 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on Spencer Hollow Road.

3:01 p.m. - Received a complaint reference a dog running free in Crane Village.

5:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:48 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee.

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of violation of a protective order.

6:48 p.m. - Received a complaint regarding four-wheelers on Wildman Road.

8:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Elliott Lane. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:45 p.m. - A male caller reported found property.

9:20 p.m. - A female caller advised of custody issues.

9:24 p.m. - Received a report of possible theft from tombstones in Springhill Cemetery.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 150, headed toward the Shoals area from Orange County.

11:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Monday, August 8

12:08 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Odon. Daviess County was contacted.

5:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 150. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with keys locked in a car in Shoals.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of a theft.

11:07 a.m. - Received a report of a violation of protective order.

1:41 p.m. - A female caller advised that someone was trying to steal items from her property.

2:23 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231, about two miles south of Loogootee.

4:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of violation of a protective order.

7:49 p.m. - Received a call advising of a subject taking pictures of Crane property.

8:02 p.m. - Received a report of a battery in Shoals.

11:25 p.m. - A male caller in Shoals reported a trespasser on his property.

Tuesday, August 9

12:17 a.m. - Received a report of a battery with a weapon in Loogootee.

12:47 a.m. - A female caller advised someone was trying to break into her vehicle.

1:41 a.m. - A male caller reported that he had struck a cow.

6:31 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing on S.R. 550.

8:55 a.m. - Received a report of possible trespassing on Old Scout Cabin Lane.

11:49 a.m. - Received a report of check fraud.

Accident reports

Tuesday, August 2

3:57 p.m. - Erwin Richardson, 47, of French Lick, was traveling north on U.S. 231 in a tan 2000 Chevrolet Suburban and was approaching a curve near Watertower Road. For an unknown reason he failed to turn with the road and ran off the roadway. Richardson struck a fence along with several items including hydrants and other fences. He was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital. The investigating officer was Deputy Steven Hale.

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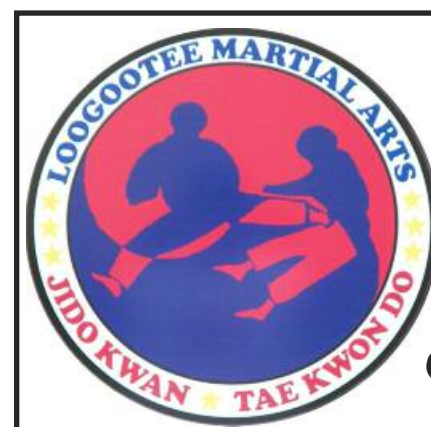
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Loogootee Police log

Thursday, July 28

6:00 p.m. - Report of an accident at U.S. 50 East at the 37-mile marker. Martin County Sheriff's Department was investigating agency.

6:43 p.m. - Female caller reported vandalism to her vehicle at East Washington Street. Capt. Akles took the complaint.

8:09 p.m. - Male caller asked to talk to an officer. Sgt. Hennette returned the call.

9:23 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver on SR. 550, they were driving red Crossfire. Sgt. Hennette was given the information but was unable to locate.

11:44 p.m. - Report of several people loitering in the city pool parking lot. Sgt. Hennette went to the location.

Friday, July 29

12:36 a.m. - Female caller advised several males at the high school parking lot were harassing her. Sgt. Hennette talked with the subjects.

7:23 a.m. - Male caller reported a theft at 206 SE First Street. Capt. Akles took the report.

2:34 p.m. - Female caller reported that she had two dogs come through the fence in her backyard; she believed they belonged to her neighbor. Capt. Akles went to the location.

5:10 p.m. - Male caller advised that he had been side swiped in front of McDonald's and he would be in McDonald's parking lot. Sgt. Hennette took the report.

6:34 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department request the Loogootee Fire Department at a golf cart accident at West Boggs. Loogootee Fire went to the location.

7:55 p.m. - Female called of a domestic dispute in Redwing Trailer Court. Sgt. Hennette went to the location and talked with all parties involved.

Saturday, July 30

8:11 p.m. - Report of a possible intoxicated driver who was driving a green Blazer without insurance or a driver's license. Sgt. Norris was given the information but was unable to locate the vehicle.

9:54 p.m. - Received an alarm from a local business. Sgt. Norris went to the location and everything checked ok.

11:52 p.m. - Male caller reported reckless driving in the school parking lot. Sgt. Norris went to the location.

Sunday, July 31

5:59 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a female had called them about getting harassing phone calls from a male subject that lives in Washington. Contacted the caller and advised her that she needed to call Washington Police Department.

7:46 a.m. - Received a call from an alarm company of an alarm going off at a local business. Capt. Akles went to the location and it was the cleaning crew everything was ok.

7:00 p.m. - Male caller reported people riding four-wheelers in Shady Estates. Sgt. Norris was given the information.

8:00 p.m. - Female caller reported the theft of medication from her residence on William Daily Drive. Sgt. Norris took the information.

Monday, August 1

8:17 a.m. - David Moffett was on station to report that his vehicle had been hit sometime while he was at work. Capt. Akles did a report.

5:13 p.m. - Caller reported fraud on his debit card. He was referred to Martin County Sheriff's Department since he lives south of Loogootee.

6:36 p.m. - Report of a blue Toyota pickup that was southbound on U.S. 231 at Bramble driving erratically all over the road. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

8:50 p.m. - Matt Tucker, of Loogootee, called to report that he had been involved in a minor property damage accident at Dairy Master parking lot. Driver of the other vehicle was Chris Axsom, of Loogootee.

Tuesday, August 2

2:25 p.m. - Male caller reported that an older model black Chevy truck doing

donuts and throwing gravel in his yard on Bridgewater Street. Sgt. Hennette went to the location but was unable to locate a black Chevy truck in the area.

5:01 p.m. - Male caller reported people riding four-wheelers in Shady Estates. Sgt. Hennette was given the information.

10:40 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested assistance from Sgt. Norris regarding a fleeing vehicle.

Wednesday, August 3

9:30 a.m. - Female caller stated someone had stole her debt card number. Officer Branham completed a case report.

12:38 p.m. - Female caller reported being harassed by some boys on North Line Street. Officer Branham spoke with the mother.

1:44 p.m. - Male caller reported someone had broken into a residence on North Line Street. Officer Branham responded to the residence.

2:35 p.m. - Officer Branham completed a VIN check.

5:03 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported an erratic driver on US 231. Sgt. Hennette was unable to locate.

Thursday, August 4

1:48 a.m. - Female requested extra patrol.

1:10 p.m. - Male caller reported smoke in the SW 2nd Street area. Officer Nolan went to the location and located a controlled burn.

6:25 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a business alarm.

10:01 p.m. - Male caller reported harassing phone calls. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the caller.

Friday, August 5

7:22 p.m. - Caller reported his neighbor's water hose had been left on. Sgt. Hennette shut the water off.

7:23 p.m. - Aaron Sanders, of Loogootee, called in a possible scam.

9:19 p.m. - Female caller reported a suspicious vehicle on South Oak Street. Sgt. Hennette responded to the area and was unable to locate.

9:52 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Riley Street. Sgt. Hennette responded to the area.

Saturday, August 6

12:32 a.m. - Caller reported a water leak at his residence.

1:21 a.m. - Caller reported three males making a lot of noise on Park Street. Sgt. Hennette and an Indiana State Police unit arrived and spoke with the subjects.

1:54 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in the Los Bravos parking lot. Sgt. Hennette and an Indiana State Police unit responded.

9:55 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism in Bowling Trailer Court. Captain Akles responded.

10:15 a.m. - Female caller reported a civil dispute.

4:49 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Country Place Apartments. Captain Akles spoke with the female.

9:48 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Pleasant View Lane. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

11:17 p.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute on East Main Street. Sgt. Norris responded to the area.

11:39 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department with a possible prowler in McVey Court.

11:43 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested an officer on East Main Street regarding a possible suicide attempt. Chief Rayhill responded.

Sunday, August 7

8:17 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

5:56 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

8:20 p.m. - Female caller reported harassment. Sgt. Norris spoke with the caller.

8:29 p.m. - Caller reported a water leak at his residence. The water department was notified.

9:55 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on Riley Street. The owner was notified and advised to contain the dog.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

July 28

Richard E. Hartley, battery with a deadly weapon, a Class C Felony; pointing a firearm, a Class D Felony.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

July 28

Citibank vs. Nene H. Milligan, civil collection.

July 29

Victoria N. Roberts vs. Billy J. Roberts, Jr., petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 1

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Bethany Venard, civil collection.

August 2

Aimee D. Ross vs. Francis J. Ross, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Citicorp Trust Bank vs. Clay O. Dearwester and Helen F. Dearwester, mortgage foreclosure.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

August 1

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Randall and Wendie Bell, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Brandon and Latrisha McKibben, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Susan and Bryan Beard, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Traci Johnston, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lana Kluesner, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kathleen and Anthony Doyle, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Staci and Michael Tompkins, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kenneth and Donna Braun, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Chad and Gina Grafton, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jordan L. Graber, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Ryan Fuhrman, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jamie Browder, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Solomon and Tatjana Neideffer, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Tina and Jason Wathen, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jeffrey and Katie Sanders, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Daniel Watts, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Melissa Kneip Sheetz, complaint.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

July 27 - August 2

James Edwards, Evansville, violation of 70-hour rule, \$120.

Donald Gibson, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

James Potter, Huntingburg, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Douglas Pottorff, Cloverdale, speeding 75 in a 55, \$124.

Mark Sablan, Vine Grove, Kentucky, learner's permit violation, \$119.

Jail bookings

Friday, August 5

8:00 p.m. - Ashley Schutte, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with minor consuming. James Peek, 25, of Loogootee, was also arrested and charged with driving while suspended.

Saturday, August 6

2:00 a.m. - Joshua D. Simmons, 23, of Shoals, and Steven J. Davidson, 23, of Loogootee, were arrested and charged with public intoxication.

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The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



One of Indiana's greatest traditions:
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The State Fair is a cornerstone to life in the Midwest and Indiana's is no exception. Every year, hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers head to the State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis and celebrate what makes Indiana great. The food, entertainment, 4-H activities and the chance to experience it with friends and family is something I know many people look forward to.

The theme this year for the Indiana State Fair is the year of the soybean. Our state hosts a \$2.5 billion soybean industry and to celebrate this Hoosier staple a variety of dishes and numerous activities are being prepared. The Indy Star hosted a contest and asked readers to vote on their favorite dishes including soybeans and they chose deep-fried ice cream as the signature dish.

If you enjoy the concerts hosted at the fair, this year they have invited artists that will fit just about anyone's taste in music including: Sugarland with Sara Bareilles, Janet Jackson, Train, Gavin DeGraw, Maroon 5, and Lady Antebellum.

A new attraction this year that might interest many of those in our community with German heritage will be the 'Willkommen to Germany!' exhibit. The exhibit will include German food, traditions and performances. Also new this year is an expanded midway with new rides and a Timberworks Lumberjack Show where lumberjacks will compete in axe throwing, speed pole climbing, hot sawing, and log rolling events.

Finally, one of the best aspects of the State Fair is that it recognizes the great accomplishments of our youth involved in 4-H. Indiana 4-H is celebrating 50 years of highly successful programs at the fair this year. Good luck to those competing at the state level.

The State Fair's motto is 'It's Incredible!' and I agree. The fair offers fun and excitement for people of all ages from August 5-21. If you'd like to learn more about the events this year you can visit www.indianastatefair.com.

I hope many of you have the chance to join in the fun of one of Indiana's best traditions.

IDHS-IUPUI survey looks to gauge Hoosiers' readiness

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Survey Research Center at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis are gauging Indiana citizens' readiness for emergencies and disasters with a brief online survey.

All who participate can enter a contest for a free preparedness kit or an all hazards radio.

The online survey is designed to emphasize the need for preparedness during September, which is the 8th annual National Preparedness Month. The theme for this year is, "A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare." Messages during the month seek to encourage all Hoosiers to take the necessary steps to ensure that their homes, workplaces and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of all kinds.

"Being ready for a major disaster is very important and the basics of a kit can be put

together without a lot of effort," said IDHS Executive Director Joe Wainscott. "Having a preparedness kit can make the aftermath of an emergency or disaster easier for individuals and emergency responders. We hope that this survey will remind Hoosiers of the importance of being prepared and what they can do to improve their level of preparedness."

"Asking Indiana residents how prepared they are for such a disaster is the key to understanding the needs of the population. This survey will help the State gain a greater understanding of how prepared Indiana residents are and how to help increase that preparedness," said Director of Operations of the Survey Research Center at IUPUI Anne Mitchell.

The survey can be found on the IDHS website at www.in.gov/dhs under "Topics of the Day."

Indiana smoking rates have dropped

Less does mean more for Indiana in regards to smoking. For the second consecutive year, the smoking rate for Hoosier adults is getting lower, which means more are getting healthier. According to new data from the 2010 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), the smoking rate in Indiana has decreased by 23 percent from 2001-2010.

This is encouraging news for the State of Indiana, because tobacco free living is cited as one of the most important steps people can take to improve their health. In 2001, the smoking rate in the state was 27.4 percent. State health officials report that the newly finalized 2010 BRFSS data show the smoking rate for Hoosier adults dropped from 23.1 percent in 2009 to a new historic low of 21.2 percent in 2010.

BRFSS is the state-based system of health surveys that collects information on health risk behaviors, preventative health practices and health care access primarily related to chronic disease and injury. Although the change between 2009 and 2010 is not considered statistically significant, the new adult smoking prevalence is the lowest adult smoking rate since the BRFSS began gathering data on Hoosiers in 1984. The overall decrease from 2001 to 2010 is a statistically significant decline.

"We are incredibly happy to announce a drop in Indiana's smoking rate for the second year in a row," said Karla Sneegas, Assistant Commissioner of Tobacco Prevention and Cessation at the Indiana State Department of Health. "Over the past 10 years, the smoking rate dropped from 27.4 percent to a new low of 21.2 percent, but there is still work to be done."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the national median for smoking in the United States was 17.3 percent in 2010. Utah has the lowest smoking rate at 9.1 percent and West Virginia the highest as 26.8 percent.

Last year, 60 percent of Hoosier smokers tried to quit smoking for at least one day or longer. This demonstrates progress in reaching tobacco users to take that all important step of trying to quit. One way Hoosiers can take that step is to sign up for the Quit Now Indiana contest, where adult tobacco users can sign up and make that attempt to quit using tobacco and in the process try and earn the chance to win cash prizes for quitting.

Sneegas said the new 2010 Indiana smoking rate validates the hard work underway in Hoosier committees to end tobacco use. It is important to recognize these reductions did not occur overnight and required hard work and commitment on the part of the Indiana State Department of Health and the efforts of the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, its grantees, and the Quit Now Indi-

ana Preferred Network of healthcare providers and employers.

"Indiana's commitment to community-based work and tobacco policy change together with our outreach directly to smokers through the Indiana Tobacco Quitline is paying off for all Hoosiers," said Sneegas. "By focusing our attention on exceptional local and state programs, we are making a great investment in the health of our state and helping to ensure a better future for our children and Hoosiers everywhere."

For more information about Quit Now Indiana or to enter the contest, please visit the Quit Now Indiana website at <http://www.quitnowindiana.com/>.

To learn more about smoking cessation efforts in the state, please visit the Indiana State Department of Health's website at <http://www.statehealth.in.gov/>.



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Generations received three Aging Achievement Awards from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Laura H. Smith, Generations Executive Director, at left, accepted the awards at the national conference in Washington, D.C. Alma Kramer, Healthy Aging Coordinator, at right, developed two of the projects, Build*A*Basket and Disability Awareness. The third project was Generations' Sunshine Club which raises money for clients' special needs. Smith also was elected as an alternate n4a board member representing Region 5.

Generations program receives three achievement awards

Vincennes University's Generations program announces that three of their special projects have been honored with Aging Achievement Awards by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a). The awards were presented during n4a's 36th Annual Conference and Trade Show in Washington, D.C. from July 16-20.

The three projects receiving awards were: AngelWorx Build*A*Basket in the Volunteerism/Civic Engagement award category; AngelWorx Disability Awareness Program in the Community Living/Livable Communities award category; and Generations Sunshine Club in the "You Name It" category.

The 2011 n4a Aging Achievement Awards recognize aging services programs across the country that provide successful, cost-effective approaches that help older adults live independently in their homes and communities and provide needed support to caregivers of older adults. The honored programs serve as models for other agencies seeking new and effective approaches to address the needs of older residents and their families in local communities.

"Our Build*A*Basket project is a wonderful way for all age groups to provide for the basic needs of Generations' clients while bringing them some holiday cheer,"

said Generations Executive Director Laura H. Smith. "Baskets are filled with everyday necessities and for some may be the only gift they receive."

The Disability Awareness program is an opportunity to fifth graders to experience what life with a disability is like and how individuals with disabilities must adapt in order to live their lives to the fullest.

The Sunshine Club is a discretionary fund operated by Generations' employees. The money they donate or raise is used to provide for client needs not covered by other funding sources. Funds have been used to purchase air conditioners, space heaters, clothing and groceries and to help with utility and medical bills.

Smith has been elected as an alternate n4a board member representing Region 5. As an alternate, she will be attending board meetings, serving on committees and giving input on aging issues on a national level.

She also was elected First Vice President for the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

Generations is the Area Agency on Aging that serves Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin and Pike counties.

For more information, call 1-800-742-9002 or visit their website: www.generationsnetwork.org.

Calendar of Events

St. Anthony Fire Department fundraiser

The St. Anthony Fire Department in St. Anthony will be hosting their annual Firemen's Fest & Car Show Saturday, August 20 at the St. Anthony Community Center. The community center is located at 4465 S Cross Street in St. Anthony. St. Anthony is eight miles east of Huntingburg on State Road 64. The activities will begin Saturday morning with the 15th annual Show & Shine Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and last until noon EST. Awards will be at 3 p.m. There will be food and drinks available all day. All proceeds will be going to the St. Anthony Fire Department. There will be a cornhole tournament with registration beginning at 11 a.m. EST. The Street Fest will begin at 4 p.m. There will be chicken dinners, a beer garden, and entertainment. There will also be a huge raffle.

Shawl Ministry meetings

The non-denominational Woven with Prayers Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, August 15 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church, in Loogootee from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. If you are in need of yarn, needles, hooks, patterns or have any questions, please call Dianna Overall at 295-2639 or Teresa Davis at 295-2947.

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.

Suicide Support Group

The Martin County Suicide Support Group (affiliated with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) will start meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. Meetings will continue every third Tuesday of each month. Meetings start at 6 p.m. If you have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, please come and be with others who are going through the same thing. Refreshments will be served. For further information contact Karen Hickman QPR / Survivor Outreach Volunteer / Field Advocate at e-mail: karenhickmanloogootee@gmail.com If you need a ride, please call 812-247-0751.

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.

SOAR looking for reading tutors

The adult literacy program, Martin County SOAR, will be having training for new tutors September 12 and 15 (Monday and Thursday) from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The location will be the learning center, at the fairgrounds. Previous classes have been four nights, but the class work has been compressed to two, to make it easier to fit into busy schedules. There will be a snack break in the middle to encourage everyone to get to know their fellow tutors. It takes no prior training to be a tutor. Your willingness to reach out to someone who for one reason or another did not learn to read is the only requirement. Students come from a variety of backgrounds and are carefully placed with tutors they can work with successfully. If you attended training in the past and would like a refresher, this is an opportunity for that, too. Please register for the training by calling Vernita Williams at 295-2418. Registration deadline is August 30.

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.

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.

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.

VU art gallery exhibit opens on August 23

An exhibition of works by artist Lari Gibbons will open on August 23 at VU's Shircliff Gallery of Art. The exhibit will continue through September 15. A reception for the artist will be held in the gallery on August 30 from 11 a.m. to noon (EDT). Admission is free to both the exhibit and the reception and the public is invited to attend.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays; 12 to 3 p.m. on Sundays, or by arrangement. Shircliff Gallery of Art is located at the corner of First and Harrison streets inside the Shircliff Humanities Center. For more information, contact Morgan Ford Willingham, Shircliff Gallery director and assistant professor of Art and Design, 812-888-4316.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Gibbons explores ideas from ecology, environmental philosophy, and natural history through printmaking and installation works. She is currently an associate professor of printmaking and drawing at the University of North Texas. Gibbons earned an MFA in printmaking from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a BA in art history from Grinnell College.

RSVP Volunteer Center holds vision screening training



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Those who attended the RSVP Vision Training were Jo Arthur, Colleen Behme, Bob Behme, Joan Buchanan, Bernetta Buchheit, Romona Clinton, JoAnn Dayton, Evelyn Edwards, Rossine Foddrill, Sharon Green, Susanne Kinnett, Iona Lawyer, Freida Malone, Ruby Miller, Sheila O'Maley, Maryann Pierson, Sue Porter, Jan Smith, Freida Tarvin, Judy Treffinger, Shirley Wade, and Mary Woodruff. Also participating this year are Judy Ader, Ann Burch, Margaret Clauss, Janet Fisher, Barbara McFeaters, Sandra Taylor, and LaVerne Welp.

On August 2, the RSVP Volunteer Center conducted the annual volunteer training for children's vision screening.

Throughout the fall, seven teams of volunteers will work with 41 different preschools, childcare facilities, parochial schools and Amish schools to check the vision of approximately 1,500 children.

The children are screened for acuity, amblyopia (lazy eye) and stereopsis (depth perception). Any child who shows that they may have a vision problem is referred to an eye doctor for a thorough examination.

One in 20 preschoolers and one in four school-age children has vision problems. When children don't see properly, they will not be able to fully achieve in school.

RSVP volunteers make a difference in the lives of the children who receive successful treatment for impaired vision.

For children who are not screened at their school, open screenings will be conducted at the Daviess County Health Department immunization clinics on August 16 and October 18 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

Make the most of it!
Colossians 4:2-6

We just went on vacation; time was short, so we tried to do whatever we could in the time we had. Squeezed everything we could into that time. The Bible tells us that we should make the most of our time here. Every moment we have is a gift from God. God tells us we should make the most of our time because it really is a short time we are here on Earth. How should we use our time, what should we be doing to make the most of our time? And, to please God and be blessed in what we do?

Devote yourselves to prayer. This means to be courageously persistent, hold fast and don't let go. Prayer is being alert for specific needs that you bring to God, not vague or unfocused but specific.

You know the things that tempt you to get off the path of following Jesus. Be on guard and alert against these things and pray. It's hard to be down about life if you

have an attitude of thanksgiving. Too many people focus on what they don't have or on the problem rather than on the things we have already.

Begin each day with the attitude of thanksgiving. At the same time, pray that the doors will be opened for you to speak of the mysteries of Christ. The gospel of grace, the free gift of eternal life in Christ.

The Bible tells us to conduct ourselves with wisdom toward outsiders (those who are not in the family of God). Making the most of your time! Make the most of your time by fulfilling God's purpose, lining up every opportunity for useful worship and service. You have been saved, you have been given wisdom; you need to be filled with that wisdom that you might walk in it.

Make the most of your time with your speech. With grace speak what is spiritual, wholesome, fitting, kind, sensitive, purposeful, truthful, loving and thoughtful.

Ephesians 4:29, Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Make the most of the time you have. By prayer, by reaching others, by speech, by knowing what to say, God will open doors for us to be His witness; to live a life of wisdom and purpose. Pray this week that God will help you/us, to take every opportunity to live for Him and you will be blessed..

BUSY WEEKEND!!!!

Friday night, August 12, we will be having Youth Movie Night with pizza, starting at 7 p.m. God has given us a new youth director, Portia Richardson. Portia is planning special fun for the youth. Several youth will also be performing a skit Friday night. This is geared for 12 to 17 year olds; any questions, call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

Saturday August 13, at 9 a.m. to noon the US Ministry will be having the back-to-school distribution of new unopened packs of underwear and socks for school-age kids. We could always use more donations of these things more distributions will be planned for later in school year also. If you have any questions, call Shirley Canell at 709-2525.

Sunday August 14, we will be having special gospel music by Terry Crites, from Bloomfield. A special performance by our youth of Light House Skit, this will be very impactful if you have youth they need to see this. This is our special Double Challenge

Sunday, we are attempting to double our attendance this Sunday. After service we have a dinner planned for everyone who wants to join. You will leave the church Sunday well fed, spiritually and your tummy will be full. If you have any questions, you can call Shirley or Ernie Canell.

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8th Annual Women in the Outdoors at West Boggs

The 8th Annual Women in the Outdoors at West Boggs Park will be held Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's event will offer participants four sessions in which they can choose from the following classes: canoeing, archery, intro to fly fishing, intro to hunting, outdoor cooking, tree identification, natural fiber basket weaving, and natural remedies and nutrition.

The WITO event is open to women (age 14 and up) who want to learn about living in the great outdoors. It is sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation and is held each summer in almost every state in the nation.

Women in the Outdoors events are held across the country using experts and trained professionals to teach outdoor skills in a noncompetitive environment. The Women in the Outdoors program helps members develop outdoor skills and emphasizes the importance of wildlife management and the role of hunters in conservation.

The registration fee is discounted to \$40 if received by August 14. The 'bring a friend' discount for two or more registrations submitted together is \$35 each. All

other registrations received after August 14 is \$50.

To register, or for more information, contact Susan Harrawood at 812-295-3421 or email susan@westboggs.com.

Registration fee includes participation in four sessions of your choice, lunch, and a one-year subscription to the Turkey Country magazine.

Deadline for request for cancellation with refund is required no later than seven days prior to the event.

Some classes are limited in size so register early

Camping is available at West Boggs Park. For reservation information, call Customer Service at (812) 295-3421 or check the website at www.westboggs.com

For more information on the Women in the Outdoors program, visit www.womenintheoutdoors.org/wito/?SUBSITE=wito.



Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has five little Dachshund/Chihuahua mix puppies that are seven weeks old and would be great for the family.

The humane society is still in need of items for their yard sale. If you have some items you would like to donate, call Don at 812-296-0952. If you would like to make a donation to the building fund, send it to: Martin County Humane Society, P.O. Box 537 Shoals, IN 47581. Thanks for supporting the humane society!

Sportsman's Benevolence fund pins available at fish and wildlife areas

Hunters and trappers can help fellow Hoosiers put food on the table by purchasing Sportsman's Benevolence fund collector series pins, now available at DNR Fish & Wildlife Areas. Each collector series set costs \$10 and contains four pins: 2008, 2009, 2010, and an unmarked pin. Proceeds from the collector pins help organizations distribute venison to food banks in need of meat across Indiana.

One such organization is Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, which has 14 chapters statewide. FHH processed 1,200 deer statewide last year, providing more than 152,600 meals. To find a participating deer processor in Indiana and donate venison to feed the hungry, visit www.fhthf.org.

For every \$50 raised, more than 200 meals can be provided to the hungry.

The SBF collector series pins are now available at the following Fish & Wildlife Areas:

-Atterbury, Crosley, Glendale, Sugar Ridge, Wilbur Wright, LaSalle, Jasper-Pulaski, Kankakee, Kingsbury, Pigeon River, Roush, Winamac, Willow Slough and Tri-County

There are several ways to contribute: -Purchase an SBF pin online or at a participating Fish & Wildlife Area.

-Donate online directly to the SBF at <http://www.in.gov/apps/dnr/>.

-Donate online to SBF while purchasing a hunting, fishing, or trapping license online at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-wild/5330.htm>.

Check out more venison donation information at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-wild/2344.htm>

Venison workshops to be held throughout the state in September

Indiana DNR's Division of Fish & Wildlife is partnering with the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service in sponsoring venison workshops in September.

A deer will be skinned, butchered, and prepared in a variety of ways to taste, during each workshop. Food safety and handling procedures, as well as an update on deer health issues will be presented.

Dates and locations are listed below. Register by calling the appropriate phone number.

- September 6 - Fayette County Fairgrounds, Connersville, (765) 825-8502

- September 7 - Howard County Fairgrounds, Greentown, (765) 456-2313

- September 8 - Kosciusko County Fairgrounds, Warsaw, (574) 372-2340

- September 10 - Bass Pro Shops, Clarksville, (812) 218-5500

- September 17 - Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis - register online at www.hoosieroutdoorexperience.in.gov

The workshops at Bass Pro Shops on September 10 and at the Hoosier Outdoor Experience on September 17 are free of charge. Adult admission is \$15 and children are free of charge at the other three locations.

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Reminders about school bus safety

Parents are an important part of a total safety program for children who travel by school bus.

Children need to learn to be safe pedestrians as they walk to and from the bus as well as to be safe riders when they're on the bus. Here's how you can help:

-Have your children put everything they carry in a backpack or school bag so that they won't drop things along the way.

-Attach a piece of high visibility fluorescent or reflective material to their clothing or backpack.

-Make sure they leave home on time so that they can walk to the bus stop and arrive before the bus is due, running can be dangerous.

-Go to the bus stop with a young child and have older children walk in groups. There's safety in numbers because groups are easier for drivers to see.

-If your child must walk in the street, walk single file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as possible.

-Don't let your child play running games or push or shove at the bus stop.

-Make sure your child stands at least 6 feet (3 giant steps) from the road while waiting for the bus.

-If children must cross the street to the bus, remind them to wait for the driver to



signal that it's safe to cross.

-Tell your child if they drop something near the bus they should never pick it up, instead, they should tell the bus driver and follow the driver's directions. Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus, other drivers in a hurry sometimes try to sneak by buses on the right.

-Teach your children to secure loose drawstrings and other objects that may get caught in the handrail or door of the bus as they are exiting.

Remind your children to be good bus riders, they should:

-Talk quietly.

-Be courteous to the bus driver and follow the driver's directions.

-Keep the aisles clear.

-Stay seated for the entire bus ride.



Girls' 8U Little League

-Photo provided

Loogootee Little League's Girls' 8U team has wrapped up their winning season. The girls finished their season with a 9-4 record after reaching the semi-finals at the Frank Roberts Youth League Tournament in Odon. Team members in the front row from left to right are Isabelle Waggner, Kendra Lythgoe, Maria Chestnut, Jaelyn Walker, and Makenzie VanHoy. In the second row, from left to right, are Adie Nolley, Emily Thomas, Madeline Miller, Mckenzie White, and Emily Wade. Not pictured are team members Asia Crim and Jasye Thompson and coaches Nathan Waggner, Will Walker, Leslie VanHoy, and Josh Thompson.



LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY
Breakfast
Monday, August 15
 Pancakes, sausage, applesauce
Tuesday, August 16
 Breakfast pizza, egg, juice
Wednesday, August 17
 Biscuit and gravy, sausage, juice
Lunch
Monday, August 15
 Hot dogs, baked beans, pears
Tuesday, August 16
 Hamburgers, French fries, mixed fruit
Wednesday, August 17
 Turkey and noodles, peas and carrots, applesauce, bread

LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch
Monday, August 15
 BBQ rib or pizza, baked beans, cottage cheese, fruit, salad plate, milk
Tuesday, August 16
 Spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, fruit, green beans, salad plate, milk
Wednesday, August 17
 Chicken fried steak or pizza, mashed po-

tatoes, corn, fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Friday, August 12
 Cereal, buttered toast, string cheese, juice, milk
Monday, August 15
 Cereal, toasted cheese, juice, milk
Tuesday, August 16
 Waffles with syrup, sausage patty, juice, milk
Wednesday, August 17
 Eggs with biscuit and jelly, juice, milk
Lunch
Friday, August 12
 Cheeseburger, baked potato, chilled fruit, milk
Monday, August 15
 Chicken sandwich, French fries, fruit, cake, milk
Tuesday, August 16
 Taco salad with Fritos, sweet corn, fruit, milk; choice 4-12: beef and bean burrito
Wednesday, August 17
 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit, roll, milk; choice 4-12: pizza

School notes

Loogootee JH country practice call-out/correction.

Open junior high cross country practices have begun. If you have not attended yet, or have not been contacted by Coach Sanders, they are at 7 p.m. at the high school track, Monday through Friday.

Beginning August 15, the practice time will change to 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

This is updated from the information sheet handed out at registration, as the first meet is August 22. All athletes must have a physical on file before practicing. If there are any questions, contact Coach Sanders at 295-6273, tsanders@loogootee.k12.in.us

Loogootee PAC meeting

The Loogootee Parent Advisory Council will hold their first meeting Tuesday, August 23 at 6 p.m. in the high school library. Anyone interested in helping out with the council is invited to attend.

Shoals U.S. History Advanced Placement meeting

A meeting will be held for the parents of juniors who are taking Advanced Placement United States History at Shoals Jr/Sr High

School. The meeting will be on Monday, August 15 in room 107 at 6 p.m. Information on class expectations, the advanced placement test, and the dual credit options will be given.

Shoals Adult Booster Club meeting

The Shoals Adult Booster Club will meet on Monday, August 15 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals School Cafeteria. The club will be discussing plans for the upcoming Fall Festival and encourages everyone to attend and be a part of making the 2011 Fall Festival a success.

Shoals School Board

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, August 11 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include fundraiser applications, field trip requests, ISTEP results, school AYP results, sports photos, and the budget.

Loogootee School Board

The Loogootee School Board has changed this month's meeting to August, 22 at 7 p.m. in the superintendent's office meeting room.

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Purdue, NSWC Crane developing energy storage degree program

BY JUDITH BARRA AUSTIN
Purdue University News Service

Purdue University is developing a program in energy storage technology in cooperation with the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Crane Division, located at Crane.

Purdue and NSWC Crane expect the program eventually to lead to a master's degree in chemical engineering.

The development of electrical and chemical-based energy storage devices is a critical component of such modern technologies as electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, solar cells, wind turbines, and diesel and biodiesel generators.

"This new program will train leaders in a technology that is becoming increasingly important in our modern world," said Victor Lechtenberg, interim associate vice president for engagement. "That the first students are from NSWC Crane means this training will be in the hands of people able to develop the technology quickly and for the benefit of our country."

"Expanding the academic education of our talented work force is sure to enhance their ability to better serve our warfighters," said Kyle Werner, division manager for energy, power and interconnect technology at NSWC Crane. "Energy and power requirements on the battlefield continue to grow at near exponential rates. With NSWC Crane as the Department of Defense's largest collection of resources dedicated to electrochemical power sources, developing next generation energy storage solutions is critically important to our mission."

The program began in July with two intensive segments for 16 students at the Crane WestGate Research Park. The summer program is non-credit but will offer a certificate. This fall, the students will take their first credit course.

The courses will be taught through a combination of on-campus and online delivery. They will come from chemical, materials and industrial engineering.

"Through a selection of courses and research/design projects, students will learn fundamentals of both engineering and energy storage technologies," said James Caruthers, Reilly Professor of Chemical Engineering and director of the program. "This program is a clear demonstration of how two of Indiana's leading institutions can partner on a project to increase technical capabilities in the state to address opportunities in energy storage of defense and industrial importance."

The School of Chemical Engineering is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. "Initiating this program to serve our state and nation is an exciting way to commemorate our school's centennial," said Arvind Varma, R. Games Slayter Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering and head of the school. "It also demonstrates Purdue's continuing commitment to its historic land grant mission."

The master's in chemical engineering program is expected to take three years to complete. The initial program will be developed for NSWC Crane's specifications. Other individuals or businesses will be able to participate in future offerings.

Summer classes, programs at the Martin County Learning Center

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

For more information on Ivy Tech classes and to register, contact the Workforce & Economic Development office at 812-330-6044 or the website: www.ivytech.edu/cll.

Free Computer Class - A free Beginning Computer Applications course is being offered at the center by Fathers Forever Coalition. The first class will begin on August 8 and further classes will be determined from that date. This program is geared specifically for those in search of new employment or career advancement. Subjects include: basic computer skills, practical internet savvy, Microsoft applications - such as Word and Excel, résumé writing and professional correspondence. Contact Kris at the learning center to 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 (Monday 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 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.

Suicide Support Group - The Martin County Suicide Support Group (affiliated with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) will start meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. Meetings will continue every third Tuesday of each month. Meetings start at 6 p.m. If you have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, please come and be with others who are going through the same thing. Refreshments will be served. For further information contact Karen Hickman QPR / Survivor Outreach Volunteer / Field Advocate at e-mail: karenhickmanloogootee@gmail.com If you need a ride, please call 812-247-0751.

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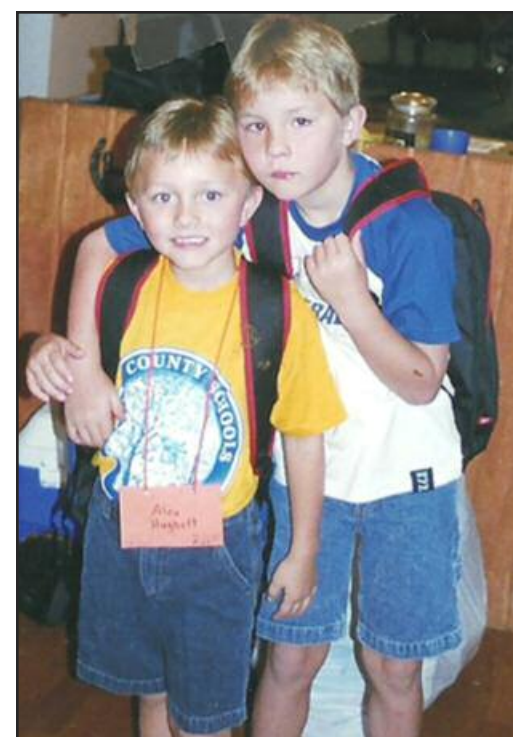


My Point of
VIEW
By Courtney Hughett
Owner/Publisher, MCJ

I cannot believe that my youngest, Alex, starts school on Monday and Wyatt, a week from Monday. The summers keep going by faster and faster and like a time warp my boys are in eighth grade and sixth grade. The thought that Wyatt will actually be in high school next year . . . well, I just can't wrap my mind around it . . . I just gave birth to that child the other day. It seems like I have one birthday every year and my kids have two - I don't feel any older but my boys are growing into men right before my eyes.

I don't know why really, but that first day of school for me was always so nerve wracking. Most of my school-age years I went to Loogootee, so it wasn't like I didn't know who I was going to see on that first day back, there weren't that many of us. Being a kid and only thinking of myself of course, I always worried that my classmates would see that I didn't get new school clothes or new shoes or a new backpack to start the year. We just didn't have the money for that. Those feelings still carry on into my adult life and I over compensate with my boys by fretting over getting them new clothes, shoes, and supplies. When I was cleaning out their closet the other day for my garage sale, I realized they had a pile of nine backpacks in there. A couple of them had broken zippers but for the most part they were perfectly fine, so why do I buy them new ones every year? Scissors, rulers, heck, even crayons are piled up in this house, but like a robot I trek out to Walmart every year and buy new ones.

My boys always have screwed up sleep patterns after summer break, and on top of their nerves, they rarely get any sleep the night before that first day and neither do I. We always get up insanely early after going to bed insanely late. I still take the dreaded first day of school picture every year despite the protests I get. And, I still get teary eyed on my way home after that first drop off - I guess that never goes away along with the



This is the photo I took of Alex's first day of kindergarten in Brown County in 2005 and Wyatt's first day of second grade. Seems like yesterday, not six years ago.

urgent need for 3 p.m. to roll around so I can see how it went.

The first day I have the boys' clothes laid out, all the supplies loaded up and organized, the lunch money and extra milk money lined up on the counter, and breakfast waiting. We usually sit around waiting for time to leave with the boys asking if it is time to go yet every two minutes.

Then, two months in to the school year I am driving the boys to school in my pajamas with my hair all wild barely slowing down as I approach the school entrance. Their breakfast consists of a Pop Tart on the way out the door and I am signing permission slips and reading teacher notes in the car. Their lunch money is a week behind, they are wearing mismatched socks, everyone is grumpy, and 3 p.m. comes way too fast. After weeks of nightly homework arguments, trying to find that elusive missing shoe or library book, literally dragging the child out of bed in the morning, being told they need an item for school that day on the way to school . . . well, it wears on you fast.

I have been lucky though. In all these years I have only missed seeing my boys off to school twice - I was sick in bed both times and Josh didn't wake me up. I could probably count on two hands how many times I wasn't the one to pick them up from school too. I suppose that will change in a few years.

We will manage to get through another "first day" as we have so many in the past along with another school year. They are going by so fast I think this year I will slow down and enjoy this one. After this year I will no longer have a child in grade school. To think of the things that are to come raising teenagers over the next several years actually makes me a little light headed.

Foundation accepting grant applications

The Martin County Community Foundation is pleased to announce its 2011 unrestricted grant cycle. Grants are available for charitable programs and projects that serve Martin County.

Awards will be made in November; non-profit organizations recognized by the IRS as having 501(c)(3) status, educational institutions, and governmental entities are invited to apply for a grant.

Grant application packets are available at the Martin County Community Foundation office located in the community building at 2668 U.S. Hwy. 50, Loogootee. The application is also available online at www.cf-partner.org/mccfgrantshowtoapply.htm.

Completed applications must be returned to the community foundation by 4:30 p.m., September 14, 2011 to be considered for funding.



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