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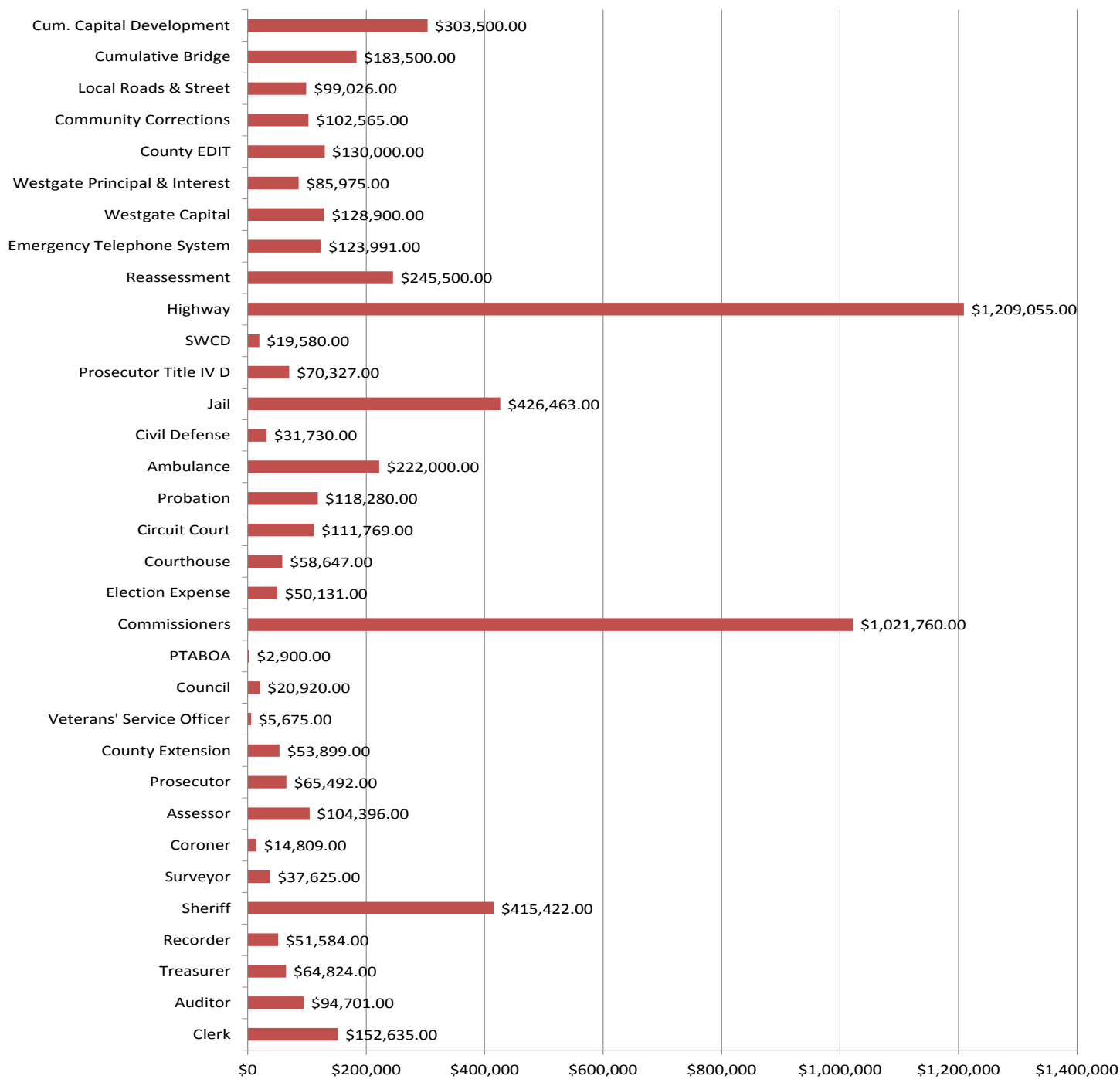
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## Council cuts \$580,000 from county budget



BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

After two days of budget hearings the Martin County Council slashed \$581,900 from the 2011 budget. According to Auditor Nancy Steiner, based on property taxes, the council was recommended to cut \$1.1 million. Steiner said that the state's property tax caps, reduction in EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax), and reduction in COIT (County Option Income Tax), along with the overall state of the economy is the reason for the budget shortfall. She said that according to Kim Chattin with the Department of Local Government Finance next year will be even worse. The county can also not count on timber money from Crane due to its continuous reduction year after year. "It's not good," said Steiner.

By far the largest cut made was from the Reassessment Fund. \$557,000 was requested but only \$245,500 was approved by the council. Assessor Carolyn McGuire requested \$300,000 for professional services which was cut to \$100,000. Other large cuts included \$49,190 from the commissioners' budget, \$48,809 from the jail, and \$51,791 from the sheriff's department. The council decided to cut the sheriff's salary from \$85,000 annually to \$68,000.

The county council spent a considerable amount of time discussing wages for county employees including a raise request from Auditor Nancy Steiner. Steiner stated that for the amount of hours she works and the extra duties she is taxed with, she feels that her annual salary of \$26,597 is not enough. She informed the council that she would be required to take on a part-time job and potentially not be present to take the minutes for the council and commissioners' meetings. Steiner said she receives no extra compensation for attending meetings and has taken the minutes for 50 already this year. She said she has checked around and another neighboring county adds \$1,500 onto their auditor's salary for meetings.

Council member Larry Shaw said he had problems with giving the extra money for fear that it would upset other elected officials whose salary is similar to the auditor. Steiner said that in the counties she spoke to the auditors all made more money than the other offices.

After a lengthy debate the council decided to ('BUDGET' continued on page 2)

### Where does the money go?

-Graph by Courtney Hughett

In the bar graph above a majority of expenses incurred by Martin County are broken down into departments. The above numbers reflect what was approved by the council not what was requested. The total amount requested on the 2011 budget was \$6,804,123. The amount actually approved was \$6,222,223. More cuts may be made during the state approval process.

## Choice Realty comes to Martin County

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County and the surrounding area now have another "choice" for their real estate needs. Choice Realty, owned by Janice Henning, of Loogootee, is ready to take your listings and help you find that home you've been looking for.

Janice received her real estate agent license in 2005 and worked more than two years for Coldwell Banker.

Due to family issues, she placed her license on referral for a few years.

In February of this year, she went back to class and obtained her broker's license. "I want Loogootee to have a 'choice'," said Janice.

Janice and her husband moved to Loogootee in 1980. Over the past 30 years they raised three sons and according to Janice are now enjoying one of the greatest joys of par-

enting - being grandparents.

Choice Realty is a member of the local board of realtors, the Evansville Area Association of Realtors and is a member of the MLS and has homes listed in the Daviess-Martin County Homes guide that is published monthly. "I would be happy to help you with any of the listing in the magazine. If you are looking to buy or sell give us a call and let us tell

you what services we offer and how we can assist you with all of your real estate needs," Janice says.

Janice also owns the Corner Café in Loogootee. Copies of the homes magazine containing Janice's listings are available at the café.

If you would like to speak to Janice about your real estate needs give her a call at 295-3305 or 486-9869.

You can view her listings online at [www.buyhomesnow.com/janicehenning](http://www.buyhomesnow.com/janicehenning).



### \$200 reward for info on theft at Trinity's Mustering Elm Park

On August 27, 2010, at 4:21 p.m., Tony Cundiff contacted the Martin County Sheriff's Department to report vandalism to the shelter house at the Mustering Elm Park. He advised that all of the wire throughout the entire shelter house was stripped.

He said the wires were cut at the breaker box and were ripped from the structure. He also stated that several outlets were broken. Cundiff said that it was regular 12/3 copper wire and there was approximately 150 feet taken.

**REWARD!**

The Mustering Elm Park Fund is offering a \$200 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the individuals involved.

The investigating officer is Deputy Keith Keller with the Martin County Sheriff's Department.



# My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett  
Owner, Martin County Journal

One thing I have noticed since starting the Martin County Journal is the amount of open communication I have with the readers. I have been employed by four other newspapers over the last 12 years – it was never like this at any of them. It seems like the only time I ever heard from a reader, especially at my last newspaper job, was so they could holler at me. It was constant and sometimes I wondered if anyone who read that paper put it down satisfied. Now, I receive phone calls and emails daily. I thought it would fade when the newness wore off, but it hasn't.

I like to think that you guys feel that you can communicate with me about anything. That is a major goal of mine – to make the Journal feel like yours too. I love to receive those emails – even if they are just to correct an error I made. I promise, it doesn't bother me; I want the Journal to be as perfect as possible. Mistakes can be corrected before the archive version is stored on the website. I want it right for historical reasons.

I know I've said it before but I'm going to say it again – I don't do the Journal to get rich. I honestly just do it because I like it. If I wanted to get rich I would charge for subscriptions and jack up the ad cost and charge for every little thing like sending you photos or helping you design your ads and I would slap advertising all over it. I would charge non-profits and churches full price and not bat an eye.

I have this definition of what journalism is, what I was taught many years ago by my mentor, Mary Wayt, and it will be forever lasered in my brain. She taught me that you don't just wake up one day and become a quality journalist – you earn that over many years of experience. Just like you don't decide to up and buy a restaurant on a whim and call yourself a professional chef.

I have my way of doing this publication which is why it's so nice to not have someone over my shoulder telling me the "better" way to do it. I've been in this business for over 12 years – I have my own idea of what is right and what is wrong.

I'll always be honest with you – I have no reason not to be.

For instance, I hate writing sports stories. I think the main reason I hate it is because I'm no good at it. I don't think the coaches

out there that help me out realize how much that means to me. Before this fall's sports season began I made up a game summary form and submitted it to all the coaches of Loogootee and Shoals. Most of those kind souls take the time to fill in the information after each game and send it back to me. From there I can come up with some semblance of a story. Without them – well, it just wouldn't be possible. Again, to be completely honest, the ones who don't cooperate don't get coverage. With so many sports, grades, teams, it is just impossible for one person to keep up with all of it. Someday, maybe, I will find a sports writer. Until then, it is what it is.

As far as government – board meetings, etc. – I run to those. I have no idea why I am so into government. I think it's the idea of "for the people, by the people" that I hang on to. When it comes to sports "for the people, by the people" doesn't apply. That is all decided by a handful of people.

Over the past three years I have gotten to know all of our elected officials. They are not scary people. They are just like you and me – they put their pants on one leg at a time. Sure, it's intimidating to go before a roomful of people and express yourself, but if you don't do it alone it's easier. And, yes, I have witnessed that brave soul go before a board only to be rejected and ignored. Rarely do they come back and try again. The few times when someone has been persistent it's paid off and they got what they wanted. One time usually doesn't cut it. I will go to my grave believing that if enough people stood up things would change – wherever change needs to be made. Until that time everything will remain status quo. One person cannot change the world, or even our little county.

So, please, keep those communication lines open – I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Oh, and for those of you who always want to help the Journal. Please just read through the ads in each week's issue, patron the businesses in those ads when possible, and when you do, let them know where you heard about them. The Journal survives on advertising alone. Advertisers like to know that people are paying attention - keeps them coming back.

And, thanks for all that you do!

# BUDGET

(Continued from page 1)

add \$1,000 in meeting compensation to the auditor's salary for secretarial purposes on behalf of the council and commissioners and not as a per diem for meetings.

The council also decided to add a one percent raise for all county employees excluding the sheriff, surveyor, county council, commissioners, and part-time employees into the budget.

No raises were given last year and the one percent increase was not as much as all the departments requested for their employees. According to figures from county council

members Warren Albright and Lonnie Hawkins the added expense will range from \$15,700 to \$23,000.

Laura Albertson, Solid Waste Management District Director, requested a cost of living increase and a raise for the employees which she said had not happened in five years. The council decided to keep the tax levy the same as 2010 with no increases.

The budget will be submitted to the state who will decide if additional cuts are needed. If so, the council will go back to the cutting table and decide which departments can operate on slimmer budgets.

## Lilly Endowment adjusts scholarship program

Campuses of 28 Indiana colleges and universities are welcoming 216 new Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to their halls this semester. Nominated by their community foundation and selected by Independent Colleges of Indiana, the freshmen have come from all 92 Indiana counties. Over the 13 years of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, more than 3,300 Indiana high school students have received the same honor and have gone on to become teachers and doctors, chemists and lawyers, nurses and engineers, and so forth.

The program provides scholarships for full tuition, required fees and up to \$800 per year for required books and equipment for four years of full-time undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree at an accredited Indiana public or private college or university.

Lilly Endowment has recently announced a grant of \$15 million to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) to support another round of the scholarship program. For the 2011 "class," each foundation will be eligible to nominate at least one recipient for the full-time scholarship. This is a change from previous years, when each county could nominate at least two students. The total number of students in the 2011 cohort will be 142.

When the scholarship program began in 1998, the average cost of tuition and fees for

each scholar was just under \$50,000 for four years of study. For the 2011 cohort, the average cost per scholar is estimated at \$106,000 for four years.

"While we regret that fewer scholarships will be awarded in 2011, we are pleased to continue this important program that helps promote the value of higher education in our state and highlights the vital role community foundations play in Indiana counties," said Sara B. Cobb, the Endowment's vice president for education.

"Every year, the Endowment reviews all aspects of the scholarship program, trying to find ways to maximize the effectiveness of the program while maintaining responsible stewardship of the Endowment resources," she added.

For the 2011 cohort, the number of nominees that a community foundation can submit will be based on the population of each county served by the foundation as follows:

Population	# of Scholarship Nominees
1-50,000	1
50,001-150,000	2
150,001-250,000	3
250,001-350,000	4
350,001-450,000	5
450,001-550,000	6
550,001-650,000	7
650,001-750,000	8
750,001 or more	9

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No one guessed this from last week so here it is again. This picture was taken somewhere in Martin County. Do you know where? Be the first person to email [courtney@martincountyjournal.com](mailto:courtney@martincountyjournal.com) and your name will be announced in this box next week as our "Guess where this is" winner and your name will also be listed on our website.



**Last 'Guess Where This Is' winner: JANUARY ROUSH**

# Obituaries

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

**BARBARA KAISER**

Barbara Kaiser died at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, August 28, 2010. A resident of Loogootee, she was 76. She had been in failing health for several months.

She was born July 28, 1934, in Martin County; the daughter of Thurman "Cap" and Alta Marie (Dye) Crane. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Lotta Marie and Wayne Dages of Chandler, Lisa Ann and Ron Cantrell of Loogootee, and Paula Ann and David Woolston of Mitchell; son and daughter-in-law, Paul James and Tawni Kaiser Jr. of Loogootee; stepsons and their wives, Randall Lee and Linda Kaiser of Loogootee, Rodney Dee and Brenda Kaiser of Merom, and Rick Ray Kaiser of Loogootee; stepdaughter, Robin Kay Hart of Loogootee; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Paul James Kaiser Sr., died in 2003. The last of her family, she was also preceded in death by twin infants.

The funeral was held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, September 1, at Poindexter-Hall and McClure Funeral Home, Odon Chapel, with Pastor Jim Lilly officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

**RICHARD KERNS**

Richard Lee Kerns went to his Heavenly home at 8:20 a.m. Thursday, August 26, 2010. A resident of Loogootee, he was 66.

He was born February 17, 1944, in Martin County, to Floyd and Leona (Hayes) Kerns. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee and attended Jasper High School. He retired in 2002 from Petro's Tire and was also the former owner of Kerns Country Cabin Restaurant in Loogootee. He was member of St. John's Lutheran Church Council and the Park and Spark Car Club.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon (Harder) Kerns, whom he married June 15, 1968; one son, T. Ed Kerns of Loogootee; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Barb Kerns of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ed and Mary Ruth Kerns of Washington; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Sue and Clyde Nichol森 of Jasper, Shirley and Harry Magner of Bloomington, Sharon and Robert Peoples of Shoals, Sandy and Terry

Heeke of Dubois, and Tami and Duane Knies of Celestine; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Leona (Hayes) Kerns; one daughter, Misty Kerns; one brother, David Kerns; and one sister, Phyllis Keller.

The funeral was held Monday, August 30 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. Burial was in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com).

**Obituaries can be faxed to 1-877-471-2907 or emailed to [courtney@martincountyjournal.com](mailto:courtney@martincountyjournal.com). Photos are recommended when available. There is no charge to publish obituaries.**

## Calendar of Events

**Democrats to meet**

The Martin County Democrats will meet, Thursday, September 2, at 6 p.m., at Sandy's Dining Room, on Main Street in Shoals. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

**Loogootee School Board**

The Loogootee School Board will hold their budget meeting Wednesday, September 9, at 5 p.m.

**Commissioners' meeting**

The Martin County Commissioners will meet Tuesday, September 7, at 6 p.m. in the courthouse in Shoals.

**Humane society meetings**

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Loogootee Municipal Building, at 7 p.m. To become a member, contact Martin County

Humane Society, P. O. Box 537, Shoals, Indiana 47581, call Don at 296-0952.

**Recovery support group**

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

**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.

**Soil and Water meetings**

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

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# Public RECORDS

## MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

### Tuesday, August 24

5:03 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on two young individuals walking alongside the roadway on U.S. 150.

5:45 p.m. - A male caller requested an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:31 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak with an officer about his estranged wife who is not securing his children in seatbelts properly.

8:32 p.m. - A male caller reported a vehicle swerved at him on the highway and he then heard shots fired.

8:59 p.m. - Received a call from a female about custody issues.

10:52 p.m. - A male caller advised of a cow in the roadway on County Farm Road.

### Wednesday, August 25

12:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

1:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

6:50 a.m. - Received several calls about a horse in the roadway on U.S. 50, east of the 4-H fairgrounds.

8:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in the Shoals area. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of stolen medication.

12:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Orange County Hospital.

2:40 p.m. - Received a complaint about dogs without water.

2:45 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County Sheriff's Department about an abandoned vehicle in their county that is registered to a Martin County resident.

3:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near a residence.

10:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious subject on Williams Road.

### Thursday, August 26

3:12 a.m. - A male caller advised he had hit a cow on Deep Cut Lake Road.

7:03 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

12:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

4:00 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer about custody issues.

7:00 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer about a dog.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in a driveway.

11:49 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

### Friday, August 27

12:07 a.m. - Received a report of a possible overdose in Loogootee.

3:49 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee.

5:57 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in a business in Loogootee.

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle on U.S. 50, east of S.R. 650.

7:53 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

8:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Cale Road.

10:42 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Leaf Branch Lane.

11:10 a.m. - A female caller reported someone had poured sugar in her daughter's

gas tank.

3:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:21 p.m. - A female caller reported a vandalism.

5:04 p.m. - Received a report of an unattended child in Crane Village.

6:09 p.m. - Received a complaint of a violation of a protective order.

8:00 p.m. - Received an alarm at a business in Loogootee.

8:46 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals.

10:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject in Shoals.

10:15 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, westbound and entering Loogootee.

10:30 p.m. - A female caller reported a deer accident on U.S. 50, just east of Loogootee.

### Saturday, August 28

12:30 a.m. - Received information that there would be a bicyclist coming through Martin County that is traveling from Kentucky to Vincennes.

6:36 a.m. - A female caller advised of an ex-husband that would not leave her property.

7:08 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on U.S. 150 near Mill Road. The officer went to the scene but was unable to locate any vehicle.

8:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:20 a.m. - A female caller reported that she had let subject borrow jumper cables and they had not returned them.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on U.S. 50, west bound from Shoals.

7:56 p.m. - Received a request for assistance from the ambulance for a fall. No transport was necessary.

8:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:15 p.m. - A male caller reported that he had hit a raccoon near Poplar Grove Church.

### Sunday, August 29

12:15 a.m. - Received a complaint about ATVs on Anderson Road and possible shots fired.

3:00 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Loogootee.

3:37 a.m. - Received a report of vandal-

ism to a vehicle in the Scenic Hill area.

7:46 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

10:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:33 p.m. - Received a complaint of loud music.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a trailer fire in Red Wing Trailer Court in Loogootee.

2:03 p.m. - Received a report of a combine fire on East River Road in Shoals.

3:00 p.m. - Received a trespassing complaint north of Loogootee.

3:15 p.m. - A male caller reported that he was pulling a trailer and it hit the back of his truck.

5:24 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Wildman Road.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of youths hanging around a business in Shoals.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Hickory Ridge Road.

6:24 p.m. - Received a report of hay bales on U.S. 50 near the State Highway Garage.

7:26 p.m. - A female caller on S.R. 450 reported shots fired from a large dump truck.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism at the Lakeview Golf Course.

10:33 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Burns City. No transport was necessary.

### Monday, August 30

2:24 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing on private property in Shoals.

5:23 a.m. - The deputy checked several subjects on scooters in Shoals.

5:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Poplar Grove Road for an unresponsive male. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:50 a.m. - Avenue Broadband called about destroyed fiber optic equipment.

2:33 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident.

6:25 p.m. - Received a call from a young male that reported having been threatened.

8:30 p.m. - A female caller requested an officer for a domestic disturbance.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity.

9:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:11 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a possible suicidal subject.

### Tuesday, August 31

1:42 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle with faulty taillights.

1:48 a.m. - Received a report of a battery.

## Fourth suspect arrested in the armed robbery of Dollar General in Rockport

The fourth and final suspect in the December 20, 2009 armed robbery of the Dollar General Store in Rockport was arrested last Wednesday afternoon.

On December 20, 2009 at approximately 8:45 p.m. the Rockport City Police responded to the Dollar General Store located at 499 Jefferson Street, in Rockport in reference to it being robbed. Then on December 22, the Rockport City Police contacted the Indiana State Police Criminal Investigation Division for assistance.

The following Sunday, December 27, 2009 Dollar General Store was robbed again this time by a single male suspect.

Three months later, on March 31, 2010 three arrests were made in connection with the robbery. Brian J. Bough, 18, Evansville, Angela K. Joines, 23, Evansville and a juvenile male from Evansville, were all charged for their involvement in the robbery.

Knowing that a fourth person was involved in the December 20 robbery investigators kept following up on leads. On Tuesday August 24, investigators were able to obtain arrest warrants for Larrod M. Evans, 31, 104 Williamsburg Ct, Apt. C, Evansville for his involvement in the robbery. Evans was arrested last Wednesday at his apartment and charged with armed robbery, theft, obstruction of justice, and battery causing bodily injury. He was taken into custody and transported to the Spencer County Jail without incident.

Investigators are still gathering evidence into the December 27th robbery. They have a person of interest that they believe is responsible for that robbery; however no arrests or charges have been filed.

Indiana State Police Lead Investigator: Senior Trooper Detective Rob Gardner



## Dispatched

The Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to Hoosier Uplands on yesterday after a report of a smell coming from the electrical box. No fire was found but the fire department checked out the location as a precaution.

-Photo by Jessica Lampert

# Loogootee Police log

## Monday, August 23

8:00 a.m. - A female caller requested an officer in regards to her daughter not going to school. Chief Rayhill responded; the probation department was also notified.

9:54 p.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for a male with difficulty breathing.

10:05 p.m. - A Crane officer advised to be on the look out for a speeding vehicle southbound on 231. A Martin County deputy conducted a traffic stop.

## Tuesday, August 24

8:15 a.m. - A female caller requested an officer in regards to her juvenile daughter. Chief Rayhill responded.

9:13 a.m. - A female caller reported two dogs chasing a man who was walking his dog. The owner of the dog later advised one dog was put down and two others were relocated. Chief Rayhill responded.

2:28 p.m. - First responders were requested at Country Place Apartments for a female with difficulty breathing.

## Wednesday, August 25

12:33 a.m. - First responders were requested for a female who had taken a large number of pills.

6:52 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested assistance on Hwy 50 near the 4-H fairgrounds for horses near the roadway. Chief Rayhill responded.

9:58 a.m. - A caller requested an officer at the Loogootee Junior High for an unruly student. Chief Rayhill responded.

## Thursday, August 26

10:23 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a semi tailgating an elderly driver. Chief Rayhill responded and was unable to locate.

8:14 p.m. - A caller reported he heard shots in the Shaded Estates area. Captain Akles responded and was unable to locate

anything.

## Friday, August 27

12:05 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible overdose, officer checked on the subject and everything checked ok.

3:56 a.m. - A female caller requested extra patrol because she was hearing banging around her house. Sgt Norris checked the area.

9:46 a.m. - A caller reported a dog around the Elementary West playground. Captain Akles responded.

11:35 p.m. - A caller reported a domestic dispute on Scenic Hill Road. Officer Todd assisted a state unit.

## Saturday, August 28

1:51 p.m. - First responders were requested in Bowling Trailer Court in reference to assisting with a patient.

8:33 p.m. - A female caller requested an officer in regards to problems from her son. Sgt Norris responded.

11:05 p.m. - A caller reported a dog being a disturbance and barking. Sgt Norris checked the area.

## Sunday, August 29

2:51 a.m. - A caller reported a person making a lot of noise in Sunset Trailer Court. Sgt Norris responded.

3:01 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver. Sgt Norris attempted to locate.

7:41 a.m. - A caller reported a domestic dispute on East Washington Street.

1:02 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a structure fire in Redwing Trailer Court. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

5:32 p.m. - Buehler's reported a shoplifter and requested an officer. The Loogootee officer was busy; state police were notified.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Nicholas C. Conlon**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Scott K. Seals**, of Martin County, Indiana, lot numbered 11 in Block "E" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Harry William Litzler, unremarried widower of Barbara L. Litzler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Crawford**, of Marion County, Indiana, lot numbered 28 in the original Town of Crane, Indiana. Lot number 30 and the West half of lot number 29 in the original plat of the Town of Crane.

**Adam M. Wallace and Kathy M. Wallace**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Monty L. Gregory and Brooke Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana, lot number 14 and the South one-half of lot numbered 15 in Risacher's Fourth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**David King and Lisa King to Home Solutions Partners I REO, LLC**, a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 1.72 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 238 Lynwood Street, Shoals, IN 47581.

**Henry Taylor, Jr.**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Beverly A. Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter lying south and east of the Shoals and Pleasant Valley Highway, being in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, and containing 2 acres, more or less. Also, a tract of land out of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter lying south and east of the Shoals and Pleasant Valley Highway being in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, and containing 2 acres, more or less.

**Carl Gibson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Leslie Wildman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, and containing 4.2 acres, more or less. Except therefrom: A

part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, and containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

**Michael J. Hopkins and Karen A. Hopkins**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Betty L. Hawkins**, of New London County, Connecticut, a part of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying in Halbert Township in Martin County, Indiana and containing 2.00 acres, more or less.

**Rae Greene**, of Martin County, Indiana to **JAP Enterprises, LLC** of Martin County, Indiana lot number 10 in Brooks Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

# Accident reports

## Monday, August 23

3:15 p.m. - Kathy A. Telford was operating a 1996 Mercury on Walker Street. Telford approached the stop sign at West Main and stated her foot slipped off the brake and she collided with a 1996 Chevy operated by Velma K. Nell, of Shoals. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

## Tuesday, August 24

8:02 a.m. - Karie W. Stemen, of Loogootee, was operating a 1990 Pontiac on JFK Avenue. Stemen stated she took her eyes off the road and collided with a 2007 Ford operated by Matt I. Craven, of Odon. Craven was stopped in traffic at the time of the accident. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

## Thursday, August 26

8:55 a.m. - Mariann Wininger, of Loogootee, was operating a 2005 Buick and attempting to cross West Main when she failed to look to the west and pulled into the path of a 2004 Buick operated by Rita L. Ash, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill was the investing officer.

# Martin County Court news

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

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### August 20

Vernon D. Holt, Jr., operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

#### August 20

Jason B. Wagler, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### August 18

Sharon R. O'Connor vs. Richard J. O'Connor, reciprocal support.

#### August 19

Cach, LLC vs. Charles B. Qualkenbush, civil collection.

#### August 23

Tina L. Cundiff vs. Glen A. Cundiff, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### August 24

Founders Insurance Co. a/s/o J. Liles vs. Beth Hovis, civil collection.

First National Bank of Odon vs. James E. Day, Donita Day, Patterson Specialty Hardwoods, Siler Oil Co., Inc., Daimler North America Corp., American Interstate Ins. Company, Millett Hardwoods, Inc., Martin County, Indiana, Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, State of Indiana Dept. of Revenue, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Attorney Southern Dist. Of Indiana, and State of Indiana, mortgage foreclosure.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

#### August 16

Howard E. and Patricia A. Schmitt to Fifth Third Mortgage Company for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$49,035.83.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

#### August 19

Capital One Bank vs. Mary Lett, civil collection, dismissed.

#### August 20

Donna Kessler and Dr. Kurt Kessler vs. Dr. David Gray, civil plenary, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### August 18

Jennifer Carrico vs. Robert A. Mc-

Cormick, complaint.

Kevin Mathies vs. Nancy Reed, complaint.

#### August 24

Waldo Harshaw vs. Shelly Williams Sosh Cleek, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

#### August 23

Mary and Daniel Greenwood to Hoosier Accounts Service in the amount of \$719.56.

Jerry and Julia Sanders to Hoosier Accounts Service in the amount of \$1,960.44.

Terry W. and Stacia Wells to Hoosier Accounts Service in the amount of \$1,450.84.

#### August 24

Dustin Abbott to Crane Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$2,011.98.

Jerry Burris to Crane Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$491.96.

Matthew Carter to Crane Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$777.46.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

#### August 17

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

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

#### August 18 - August 25

Joshua Blackwell, Mitchell, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Billy Boger, Indianapolis, license plates; display and speeding 65 in a 55, \$124.

Jacqueline Davis, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

David Gingerich, Loogootee, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Clayton Helming, Jasper, speeding 67 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$124.

Amanda Jones, Loogootee, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Roxanne Mahon, Oxford, Alabama, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Jon McDowell, Springville, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Dennis Miller, Montgomery, seatbelt violation, \$25.

John Swartzentruber, Loogootee, two counts of child restraint violation-child less than 8, \$25 each; seatbelt violation, \$25.

Cody Woods, Loogootee, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Stephen York, Washington, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

# Martin County arrests

## Tuesday, August 24

Jonathan Waggoner, age 31, of Washington, was arrested on August 25, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. for the following charges: Domestic Battery, Criminal Confinement, Intimidation, False Informing, Invasion of Privacy and Resisting Law Enforcement. Deputy Josh Greene responded to a domestic complaint on S.R. 450 in the early morning hours of August 25th and was advised everything was okay at that time. Waggoner provided a false identity at that time because he was violating a protective order and believed he had warrants in another county. After further investigation Deputy Greene discovered Waggoner's true identity and returned to the residence with Deputy James Pritchard to arrest Waggoner. While

trying to arrest Waggoner, he jumped out of a window at the residence and fled into a cornfield. A short time later Indiana State Police K-9 Diesel and his handler Trooper Lambert, along with the Indiana State Police ERS team and several other troopers arrived and began a search for Waggoner. Five hours and almost three miles later Waggoner was located on Dover Hill Road and taken into custody after another short foot pursuit by Deputy Keith Keller. There were several residents that stated they had seen Waggoner along the way, which assisted in the final arrest of Waggoner.

## Thursday, August 26

9:13 p.m. - Calvin Gibson, 54, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with domestic battery and intimidation.

## ARE YOU INVOLVED IN A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION?

The Martin County Journal has started a "Wish List" for you on our website.

Send us a list of the items you need for your club or organization to [courtney@martincountyjournal.com](mailto:courtney@martincountyjournal.com)



# Martin County **OUTDOORS**

## Get off-road, free, at Hoosier Outdoor Experience this month

However you like to get off-road-and especially if you don't know enough to have a preference-you'll find options to try at the free Hoosier Outdoor Experience.

The event is September 18-19, at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis.

During last year's inaugural Experience, 13,300 children and adults got hands-on opportunities to try more than 50 outdoor activities. Many took participants "off-road" for the first time.

Off-roading this year includes a mountain bike skills trail, UTV riding, rock climbing, hiking, Jeep/ORV rides, even mini dirt bike rides for tots, plus information and staff from the DNR's Redbird State Recreation Area, an off-roader's playground.

"Off-roading is a year-round recreational activity that can be done as an individual and/or family depending on the skill level of the operator and type of off-road machine used," said Nila Armstrong of the DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation. "People return from these rides with smiles on their face."

Eastgate Chrysler Jeep is the presenting sponsor of the OHV riding area.

The Experience has old-school off-roading, too. On horseback. Free, of course.

Rides of a mile-and-a-half will be offered, first-come, first-served starting at 9 a.m. each day with the last ride leaving at 5 p.m. Horses suitable for beginners will be available to suit ages 6 to adult.

"These horses need to be calm to be in a state park," said Tim Hollars, saddle barn owner, manager and operator at the park, explaining why even people with no prior experience can ride.

Hollars said riders should go to the saddle barn early to reserve a spot because they will fill up fast.

Then there's hiking. Of course you can walk just about anywhere, anytime, but at this event you can learn about backcountry hiking and caving, complete with an inflatable cave. A climbing wall will be available for the vertically minded.

Other activities at this family-friendly event include target shooting, archery, kayaking, fishing and much more. Activities will be organized in six areas-aquatics, cultural, equestrian, outdoors, shooting sports and wildlife. Shuttles will transport participants.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Parking, admission, activities, demonstrations and seminars are free to the public,

but advance registration at [hoosieroutdoor-experience.IN.gov](http://hoosieroutdoor-experience.IN.gov) (click on the orange registration icon) helps assure proper staffing. Watch for event updates at the registration website or at [Facebook.com/HoosierOutdoorExperience](http://Facebook.com/HoosierOutdoorExperience).

The Hoosier Outdoor Experience is presented by the DNR and the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation. The goal is to introduce people to outdoor activities they may have never tried.

If you already enjoy outdoor sports and recreation and want to help others learn to enjoy them as much as you do, sign up to volunteer at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5412.htm> or call (317) 233-1002.

## Risk of soybean rust low for Indiana

BY JEANNE GIBSON  
*Purdue University News Service*

The Indiana soybean crop appears to be out of danger of soybean rust infection this year, said a Purdue University crop disease expert.

Soybean rust, first discovered in the United States in 2004, is caused by the fungus *Phakopsora pachyrhizi*, said Kiersten Wise, assistant professor of botany and plant pathology. It is capable of destroying a crop if it establishes itself in a field early. Certain weather conditions can favor the spread of the infection. The fungus uses nutrients manufactured in soybean leaves to support its growth and reproduction, resulting in yield loss.

"Soybean rust development is unique this year," Wise said. "The 2009-10 winter was a cold one in the south, and a freeze killed a large portion of the kudzu in the southern U.S."

Soybean rust survives the winter on this perennial legume weed, and then infects soybeans in the spring, she said. The development of the disease has been slow in 2010, and the disease is currently still confined to the lower tier of states in the south.

The majority of soybeans in Indiana are at or past the growth state where soybean rust would cause yield loss, Wise said. The low risk of soybean rust in Indiana this year does not influence the risk of soybean rust development in 2011.

"This disease behaves differently every year in the United States, so we have to monitor it carefully each year," Wise said.

## Emergency rule aimed at stopping tree disease

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has issued an emergency rule banning the transportation of walnut products from nine western states and Tennessee to prevent the introduction of Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD) that afflicts black walnut trees and other walnut species, including butternut.

The emergency rule, issued by the DNR Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology, became effective yesterday and will help protect Indiana's black walnut trees from the disease.

The rule applies to walnut products from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, and Washington.

Banned products originating from or traveling through the affected states include walnut nursery stock, unprocessed walnut lumber, or any other walnut material, such as logs, stumps, roots, branches, mulch, wood chips, other products created from walnut trees, and hardwood firewood.

Products exempt from the rule include nuts, nut meats, hulls, kiln-dried lumber with squared sides and no bark, and finished products such as furniture, instruments, and gun stocks.

Indiana joins Kansas, Michigan, Missouri and Nebraska in banning the transport of walnut products from the infested states.

Although TCD has not been found in Indiana, it is a major threat to the state's black walnut resource. Black walnut is the most valuable tree in Indiana based on the dollar value of wood produced, mainly walnut veneer, as well as timber and nuts.

There are an estimated 31.5 million walnut trees in Indiana. Approximately 17.7 million board feet of black walnut is harvested annually with a value of \$21.4 million. If all forest walnuts in Indiana were lost because of TCD, it would represent a \$1.7 billion loss. State Forester John Seifert, director of the DNR Division of Forestry, said the estimates do not include the value of urban trees and investments landowners have made for black walnut plantations and tree improvement over the past 30 years.

"We have much to lose from the spread

of TCD," said Phil Marshall, state entomologist and director of the DNR Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology. "It is crucial that we avoid its introduction into Indiana. This rule essentially protects our state, allowing us to prevent potentially infected material from entering Indiana."

Forest landowners do not need to harvest or cut their black walnut trees as a result of the disease or the emergency rule. If you notice a suspicious decline in black walnut trees or otherwise suspect an infestation of TCD, call 1-866-663-9684 (1-866-NO EXOTIC). If approached by individuals offering to cut a black walnut because of the disease, contact the DNR or a consulting forester to have the tree checked for disease.

Originally found in Arizona, TCD affects many types of walnut trees to varying degrees but is lethal to black walnuts, which often are grown in plantations in Indiana but also are common in the state's urban and rural forests.

TCD is spread by walnut twig beetles carrying a newly identified fungus. Smaller than a pinhead, the beetles bore into walnut branches, feeding on the tree's tissues and depositing the fungus that creates a canker, or dead area, under the bark. Multiple feedings cause the formation of thousands of cankers under the bark and destroys the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Gradually, branches die, and then the entire tree.

Walnut trees affected by the disease typically die within two to three years after symptoms are noticed.

"It is amazing that this much destruction could come from such a tiny beetle," Marshall said. "The walnut twig beetle is just the latest invasive pest to threaten Indiana's forests and our \$8 billion timber industry. Indiana already has issues with the gypsy moth and emerald ash borer. It's fairly simple. To preserve our forests, people must not bring destructive insects and diseases into Indiana, and we need to do our best to inform the public and take management steps to protect our forests."

More information on TCD can be found at [www.dnr.IN.gov/entomolo](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/entomolo) or at [www.ppd.l.purdue.edu/PPDL/current\\_interest.html#WTCD](http://www.ppd.l.purdue.edu/PPDL/current_interest.html#WTCD).

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# State reveals one-stop transparency website

What started with the implementation of a totally integrated financial system less than a year ago is moving to another phase: a one-stop online portal for state government information. The dynamic website, which can be accessed at [www.transparency.in.gov](http://www.transparency.in.gov) will provide Hoosiers with 24/7 access to information about how Indiana is utilizing its resources.

The web site includes all state contracts, employee salaries, an interactive budget section, revenue data, state debt authority overview, financial statements for both local governments and state government, performance information along with recovery and reinvestment act information.

"Today we have compiled more data and information in a single location than any other unit of government in Indiana - and we aren't done yet. We have more items to be released in the coming months, and we want to hear from Hoosiers on what they would like to see on this site moving forward as well," said state auditor Tim Berry. "Over the past two legislative sessions we worked with members of the General Assembly to enact transparency legislation that unfortunately did not pass. As a result our office along with the offices of budget and technology, have taken the initiative to provide this on our own."

Later this year, the site will be updated to include the complete list of local government financial reports and an expenditure search tool for state government. Additional upgrades will include program performance results, and an integrated budget, expenditure and performance results comparison. The site also includes a suggestion box to encourage feedback from taxpayers about how to improve the portal.

"It is vital for government to be transparent and accountable because it isn't the state's money, it is taxpayer money and Hoosiers deserve to have the best tools available to know how their dollars are being spent," said Auditor Berry.

What the Indiana Transparency Portal offers that is "new" to [IN.gov](http://IN.gov):

One-stop shop. The Indiana Transparency Portal serves as a one-stop shop or single reference point for the public to find information as it relates to the state's finances and performance. The site provides data including: state contracts, employee salaries, budget information, revenue data, local government information, debt overview, performance information, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) information, state employee salaries. Look up State Employee salaries by agency, first or last name. Gross salaries will be updated each payroll cycle; interactive budget. The FY2010/FY2011 As-Passed budget is available in excel format. Users can utilize the pivot table to select the specific agencies or programs they are interested in viewing. The data can also be downloaded; local government annual financial reports. Every local government entity is required to submit an annual financial report to the State Board of Accounts. Those received electronically are currently available. Those received via alternative methods will be posted in September; quick figures. Charts offer users a quick summary of the State's fiscal picture. Graph data is downloadable in multiple formats (.csv, .png, .jpeg, .svg). Graphs depict the total revenues, expenditures, budget information, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) spending

and allocation, state employee trends, etc.

Coming soon: Q4 2010, local government annual financial reports. While the majority of the local government annual financial reports will be available initially, reports that were not submitted electronically to the State Board of Accounts will be converted to an electronic format and added to the Local Government Annual Financial Report database; expenditure search tool. This tool will allow users to view payment information for goods, services and program disbursements by State Agencies. This capability will be added to the Expenditure page and will provide users with current and historical expenditure information. Q1 2011: program performance results. Performance measures by program will be available. Users will be able to view the program's results and associated budget by agency or program.

Q2 2011: budget, expenditure, results integration. By completing a single search, the user will be able to view a program's budget, actual expenditures and performance results in a side-by-side comparison.

Long-Term Future Projects (some of which will require additional data collection): state university spending, K-12 spending.

Information now available on the Indiana Transparency Portal:

- I. State contracts
  - State Contract Portal
  - Quantity Purchase Agreements (QPA's)
- II. Employee salaries
  - Link to Employee Salary Search tool
- III. Budget information
  - Biennium Budget Data
  - FY2011 As-Passed Interactive Budget
  - Fiscal Year Close-Out Statements and Reversion Details
  - Administrative Action Minutes
  - Budget Committee Minutes
  - Board of Finance Minutes
- IV. Revenue data
  - Revenue Forecast and Collection Reports
  - December 2009 Revenue Forecast
  - Current fiscal year (FY2011) monthly revenue collection reports
  - Monthly Report of Net Tax Collections
  - Annual Financial Reports
  - Tax Expenditure Report
  - Delinquent Taxpayer Database
  - How are your taxes distributed?
- V. Local Government information
  - 2009 Per Capita Expenditure Report
  - Detailed Annual Financial Reports
  - School Corporations
  - Property Tax Summaries by County (2008 - 2009)
  - Local Referendum Calculator
  - 2010 Certified Tax Rates(Excel)
  - 2009 Effective Tax Rates
  - Adopted Budget History 2006-2010
  - Certified Budget History 2006-2010
  - Local Budget Hearings
  - State Board of Accounts (SBOA) Audits
- VI. Debt Overview
  - State of Indiana Debt Overview
- VII. Performance Information
  - Results.IN.gov
  - Dollars to the Classroom
  - State Agency Audits
- VIII. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) information
  - <http://invest.in.gov>
  - [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)
- IX. State Expenditures
  - Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
  - Annual Financial Report Volume II

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



### Education News Keeps Coming

As you can tell if you've been reading my column this summer, education has been a reoccurring theme at the Statehouse recently.

Now, as we head back to school, it's at the forefront of state officials' agendas more than ever... and it will continue to be one of the main things we discuss next year as we craft a state budget.

First, we learned some great news about my alma mater, which was just recognized in the U.S. News & World Report annual university rankings. Purdue jumped from 22 to 18 in public university standings and from 61 to 56 among all universities. The College of Engineering and Krannert School of Management earned overall rankings of eighth and 19th, respectively, and both had several highly ranked specialty programs.

In addition, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Bennett gave Indiana's first ever State of Education speech last week. As you might guess, he spent most of the 45-minute address discussing how to improve the academic performance of classrooms full of little Hoosiers.

But he talked even more about how to properly support, and evaluate, the person at the front of the room: the teacher.

According to Dr. Bennett, research tells us that students from low-income or minority households are the least likely to have great teachers.

He referred to recent ISTEP scores, which showed dramatic improvement this year, and then pointed out that during 14 consecutive years of education funding increases by the state, academic gains were small.

Now, when money is tight, our students have seen some of the biggest improvements in the state's history.

I personally believe this year's great scores were a perfect example of the innovation of Indiana teachers. When faced with a tough year fiscally, the majority of them responded with renewed dedication and creativity and schools did better than ever before.

Still, said Dr. Bennett, the stakes are too high to continue putting adult interests ahead of our children's needs.

He added that after meeting individually with leadership in each of the ten corporations that are home to these lowest-achieving schools, he was startled. In some cases, numbers like 60 percent and 75 percent were used by administrators to describe the percentage of ineffective teachers in those schools. Some did not even conduct performance reviews. Clearly, we can't expect students to grow when we have extremely low- or no- expectations for teachers.

At the same time, we have to give every support we can to those enthusiastic and effective teachers who really do want the best for their students.

We are very fortunate, in our area, to have some of the best performing students - and teachers - in the state.

Last year, the Department of Education eased the relicensing process. It also made changes which will help encourage prospective teachers to switch from other professions into teaching, to help fill the voids in science and math teaching professions.

And next week, legislators will meet in small groups to jump start the process I mentioned earlier: the process of starting on the state budget when it comes to education funding.

The School Funding Committee, which will meet next Monday at 9 a.m. and can be viewed live via webcast, will look at the formulas used by other states. Then, they will take public testimony, asking two questions: "What efficiencies have schools made to cope with current funding levels?" and "What changes can the legislature make to improve K-12 funding mechanisms?"

Then on Tuesday, the Education Committee will discuss the problem of absenteeism.

If you are curious about these topics or the way the state plans to handle them, I'd highly encourage you to tune in via webcast. It's free, easy, and eye-opening.

Visit <http://www.in.gov/legislature> to watch education policy being made.

### "Bridges out of Poverty" workshop to be held

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2008 Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, it was estimated that more than 660,000 people were homeless on a single night in January 2008. Due to these challenging economic times, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center along with support from the Memorial Hospital Foundation is inviting members of the community (businesses and individuals) to gain a better understanding of those affected by poverty.

The "Bridges Out of Poverty, Strategies for Professionals and Communities" training builds a new consciousness of economic diversity and presents the interlocking nature of the problems faced by people in poverty and communities as a whole. "Bridges" reaches out to the providers and businesses whose daily work connects them with the lives of people in poverty, as well as indi-

viduals and groups who are interested in communicating effectively and assisting people living in poverty to succeed. This training will profoundly impact your understanding of the poor and homeless in our communities and the "how to" of dealing with them.

Presenters for this free program are Annette Lawler, Harrison County Extension Educator, and Karen Hinshaw, Huntington County Extension Educator. Both are certified trainers for the Bridges Out of Poverty curriculum.

The program is from 1 to 4 p.m. on October 1 at the Memorial Southside Office located at 1100 W. 12th Avenue in Jasper. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, September 15. For more information or to register, contact Pat Evans, Patient Representative at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, at 481-8513 or [pevans@mhcc.org](mailto:pevans@mhcc.org).



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## Weekly message by Pastor Ernie Canell

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So what is required of us to be children of God? Well, just like our daughter, we require certain things for her. She goes to school, has to do homework, is expected to learn; she has to live by the rules of the house, keep herself clean, keep her room clean, and help around the house. She is required to do the things she is told and do the things we ask her to do. If she doesn't, there are consequences and some privileges taken away.

Why do we think that it would be any different with our heavenly Father? In fact, the obedience and direction and decisions we make should be even more important because of the eternal consequences and the blessing we receive in this life.

The sermon this week was from 1 Samuel,

when David was chosen and anointed to be King. God gave Samuel some unusual instructions. And he does that with us from time to time. Samuel's first reaction was one of fear of being killed by Saul, not in God's direction as a prophet to get a new king anointed by God. Sometimes that's our reaction to God's unusual request of us. We fear the reaction instead of praising God that he has a plan and purpose for us. By the power of the Holy Spirit God directs us to go beyond what we think is our comfort zone.

If we will let Him, God will guide us to the right choices. Giving your life to Christ is the most important thing you could ever do for yourself and your well-being; just as He showed Samuel the right choice for king. But the question is, when God does give us instruction, are we willing to follow them? The Bible says blessed/happy are those who are living for the Lord and letting God lead them to right choices.

God doesn't choose people from outward appearance, life situations, how good or how bad you have been. He doesn't choose those with some special high knowledge, but he chooses those he loves. He has cho-

sen you. Matt 22:14 says: For many are called but few are chosen. He has chosen you for a higher purpose.

It's time for God to move or to move us. We have to get past the inner focus and start looking at God's plan and purpose. The days of one foot in the boat and one on the shore are over. The boat has left the dock. You are either doing God's will or you are not. And if you are not, you miss all the joy and peace that goes along with it. The blessing that God gives to his children, living and doing for him, are not yours.

So where are you if God has Chosen you. David, after he was chosen, went out and slew the giant Philistine. We all have giants in our lives that need exterminated. The only way to do that is to give your life to Jesus Christ and live in the power of the Holy Spirit. You have to decide as the end draws near.

If you have questions about how you can live your life as God has chosen you to, call Pastor Ernie 812-709-0258 or stop by on Sunday morning for the Sunday service at 10 a.m.

On September 12 we will be celebrating our three year anniversary with food and

friends. We invite everyone to come and join us.

## Upcoming events at local churches

### Coat drive

Loogootee United Methodist Church is looking for all sized coats in good condition for a coat drive that will be held on Saturday, October 9 at the church. If you wish to donate a coat you can bring it to Loogootee United Methodist Church at 208 W. Main Street during the week between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and on Sundays someone will be in the church. Or call the church at 812-295-3049 or Kelly VanMeter at 812-644-7422.

### Hindostan Ice Cream Social

The Hindostan United Methodist Church will host an Ice Cream Social Monday, September 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine. Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, homemade ice cream, desserts, tea, and lemonade will be served. Those attending can also shop at the "Country Store" for crafts, jams, and jellies.

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## Shoals Soccer gets first win, beats Owen Valley 1-0



Shoals' Scott Johnson, #5, stands face to face with a North Knox player awaiting the ball to descend from the air. #20 Tyler Price looks on.

-Photo by Christy Farhar

The Shoals High School Soccer team won their first game of the season against Owen Valley Saturday, August 28, at home by a score of 1-0.

The game was even from start to finish and both teams had an equal amount of chances at the goal. Shoals had 10 shots to Owen Valley's eight.

"We started off very well. We had good energy, good movement off the ball, and good communication," said Coach Cody Douglas.

The game was deadlocked at zero at the half with the lone goal coming with 8:30 left in the second half by sophomore forward Jeffery Dorsey.

"He did very well with his first touch which set him up with a good shot at goal and he was able to put it away with a very well low struck shot into the corner," said Coach Douglas.

"Our defense did very well for us as it has all season so far. We had a couple key senior defenders out this game and had Matt Bruner and Nick Gerkin in at defense to fill the spots. They both stepped up to the challenge and did very well for us. Our other two defenders Tristan Bennington and Tyler Price had another solid game today. Our defense has not been our problem so far in our first five games it's been finishing in front of the goal and I have been looking for some one to step up and score for us. Today we got that from our sophomore Jeffery Dorsey," added Coach Douglas.

Coach Douglas went on to say that it feels good for the team to get their first goal and first win of the season.

The team travels to Dubois tomorrow night, September 2. The game begins at 4:45 p.m.

### Loogootee Junior High Cross Country results

The Loogootee Boys' Junior High Cross Country team traveled to Dubois Tuesday, August 31, for the Dubois Invitational.

The Lions finished 7th out of 13 teams. The following runners earned top 50 ribbons: Mac Osborne (31), Ryan Howell (44), and Landon Bell (47). Chase Wilcoxon (19) received a ribbon and a top 20 medal. Wyatt Nonte (58), Kaleb Lyon (63), and Jayden Wagoner (71) rounded out the Lion top 7.

The boys' team also traveled to Southridge on August 26 for a three-way meet with Southridge and Forest Park.

Loogootee won the meet with a score of 26. Forest Park was second with 40, and Southridge was third with a score of 71. Chase Wilcoxon (2), Mac Osborne (3),

Ryan Howell (6), Landon Bell (7), Wyatt Nonte (8), Kaleb Lyon (12), and Jayden Wagoner (13) all earned 1st place team ribbons.

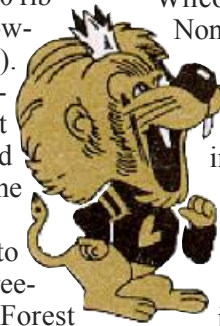
Wilcoxon, Osborne, Howell, Bell, and Nonte also earned individual ribbons for their places in the top ten.

The team record is now 3-1.

The junior high girls competed individually, as there are not enough girls to compete as a team. Mikayla Wolf finished 19th, and Taylor Kaiser finished 31st.

Every member of the Lions teams improved on their time from the previous meet.

The junior high's next meet is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, September 2, at home with Jasper Middle School and Shoals. The meet begins at 4:30 p.m.



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Participants will learn about wildlife conservation, hunter ethics, firearms safety, shotguns, rifles, archery, survival, and much more.

There is no charge for attending the class. All instruction will be done by Indiana Conservation Officers and certified Indiana volunteer hunter education instructors.

Hunter education certification is required for all persons born after December 31, 1986 who wish to purchase an Indiana hunting license.

To register, call 812-295-3421. The classes are sponsored by Dover Hill Christian Union Church and West Boggs Park.

### Shoals Volleyball scores

High School

The Shoals Jug Rox upped their record to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Blue Chip Conference with a 25-17, 25-11, 25-21, win at North Knox on August 24.

Shaelin Adams, Michaela Brockman and Nicole Harder had seven kills each for the Jug Rox. Rachel Harder had 18 service points. Adams added 14 service points and Mandi Stewart had 17 assists for the Jug Rox.

Junior High

The Shoals 8th Grade Volleyball team fell to Vincennes Rivet last Thursday, August 26 at home. The final scores in the three sets were 21-25, Rivet; 25-23, Shoals; and 11-15, Rivet. Leading scorer for Shoals was Brittany Bauernfiend with eight points. Taylor Atkinson had three kills.

The Shoals 7th Grade Volleyball team landed a win however over Rivet in two sets 25-12 and 25-14. Christian Hovis led Shoals in scoring with 10 points. Hope Baylis had one kill.

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# Loogootee and Shoals School Lunch Menus

## LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY WEST Breakfast

**Thursday, September 2**  
Sausage biscuit, applesauce, milk  
**Friday, September 3**  
Cereal, toast, peaches  
**Monday, September 6**  
Labor Day – no school  
**Tuesday, September 7**  
Breakfast pizza, applesauce, milk  
**Wednesday, September 8**  
Biscuits and gravy, sausage, milk

## Lunch

**Thursday, September 2**  
Chicken nuggets, green beans, mixed fruit, bread  
**Friday, September 3**  
Hamburgers, baked beans, apples  
**Monday, September 6**  
Labor Day – no school  
**Tuesday, September 7**  
Chicken sandwich, corn, peaches  
**Wednesday, September 8**  
Ham and cheese sandwich, scalloped potatoes, banana pudding

## LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE

## AND HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

**Thursday, September 2**  
Chicken fried steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, fruit, green beans, salad plate, milk  
**Friday, September 3**  
Popcorn chicken or pizza, salad, mixed vegetables, fruit, salad plate, milk  
**Monday, September 6**  
Labor Day – no school

## SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

**Thursday, September 2**  
Cereal, muffins, string cheese, juice, milk  
**Friday, September 3**  
Breakfast sausage, potatoes, biscuit, milk  
**Monday, September 6**  
Labor Day – no school

## Lunch

**Thursday, September 2**  
Country steak, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, milk; choice 4-12: pizza  
**Friday, September 3**  
Mozzarella cheese bread sticks with spaghetti sauce, buttered corn, cobbler, milk  
**Monday, September 6**  
Labor Day – no school

# Learning center mid-summer classes and programs available

Did you know that the Learning Center has multiple computers available with internet access? If you need to use a computer, please come by the center during office hours and sign the computer usage agreement form. Test proctoring and college placement testing are also available at the center for commuters and distance learners.

The MCCLC is dedicated to meeting the needs of our community. The center is a great place for meetings and seminars, as well as credit and non-credit courses. If you are interested in becoming an instructor or have suggestions for classes please contact Kathy at 812-295-2674 or email [kkerr8@ivytech.edu](mailto:kkerr8@ivytech.edu).

Vincennes University-Jasper Campus is offering ENGL101, English Composition I, at the center this coming fall on Wednesdays. Classes are scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. It's not too late to sign up! For registration, call LuAnn Gilbert at 812-481-5906.

Fathers Forever Coalition, along with the Marriage & Family Alliance, is offering a free Computer Applications Course at the center. It is scheduled Tuesdays, September 7 to October 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. This program is geared specifically for the 'breadwinner' of the family 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. For registration call Warren Crawford at Father's Forever, at 812-583-5278 or Kenny Bundy at 812-545-1061.

Unemployed? Endeavoring to make a career move, perhaps to a contract or government position at CRANE? Well, let's talk. How is that résumé? Instructor Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting has developed two excellent prep classes for those in the job hunt. Résumé Assistance-Level One shows students how to search for various position openings at NSWC Crane (including both contractor and government) and how to work up a great résumé. The course will be offered twice on September 9 and September 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost for the course is \$25. For registration call Darlene at 812-295-4236. Résumé Assistance-Level Two and the life-planning course "Breaking Ground" may be offered at a later date based on level of interest.

Indiana Drug Education and Awareness Solutions are conducting an ongoing Overcomer's Recovery Support Group at the center. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening

from 6 to 8 p.m., and newcomers are heartily invited. There is no cost for participation. For further information, contact Jason Underhill at 812-653-1908.

How would you like to help someone become able to read? Southern Indiana ranks among one of the highest regions for adult illiteracy in the nation. For Martin County, our illiteracy percentage is nearly a third of our population. Do you know someone who could use some help with his or her reading skills? Anyone interested is heartily encouraged to contact SOAR! at 812-639-8485 for further information.

For GED-Adult Basic Education, call Jan Armstrong at 812-278-8711.

Two sessions of SAT preparation workshops for college-bound high school students will be offered at the center by Karen Whorral. This class will assist preparing students in securing competitively high scores for placement. Session one is scheduled on Wednesdays, October 6 through October 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. Session two is scheduled on Wednesdays, January 5 through January 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost for each session is \$25. Seats are limited! For registration or further information, contact Kathy at 295-2674.

The MCCLC would like to send out a big "thank you" to all who have supported and contributed to our funding. We are pleased to announce that additional funds have been procured that will allow us to keep our doors open through June 30, 2011! While this goal has been met, we still need to be thinking long-term.

Please help us keep the doors open and programs operating by either making tax-deductible donations for the center to the Ivy Tech Foundation, Inc. or supporting us on the newly developed local advisory board-writing grants, marketing and fundraising.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact Rick Cunningham, Executive Director of Resource Development, Ivy Tech Bloomington, at 812-330-6067.

You will feel good knowing that you are making one of the most worthwhile investments for the community.

The center is open Monday - Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m., and Fridays by appointment only. Kathy Kerr, coordinator, is more than happy to assist anyone interested in learning more about the center and its wide spectrum of services. Give her a call at 812-295-2674 or email [kkerr8@ivytech.edu](mailto:kkerr8@ivytech.edu) to schedule a time to discuss your current possibilities.

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## VU John Deere Ag/Diesel building dedicated last week

Citing a growing need for skilled technicians, industrial and farm leaders saluted Vincennes University for opening its \$2.5 million John Deere Ag/Diesel building on Aug. 25.

Located at the Southwest Purdue Ag Center just north of Vincennes, the facility was hailed for the partnerships that will lead to promising careers.

"I congratulate the visionary people with John Deere, the visionary people at Vincennes University and its Board of Trustees for approving this," said Don Villwock, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau. "In today's high tech world in agriculture, we need the best and brightest students."

Villwock said that farm machinery breakdowns can cost farmers \$1,000 per hour. "If it were not for this program, we could sit many, many hours waiting for someone to be there to help us," Villwock said.

Craig Hansen, who represented the John Deere Corporation at the dedication, said that there is a great need for qualified technicians. "[the need] is going to continue to grow in the future. We have an aging technician population and we will need well-educated students to replace them," Hansen said.

Because of the company's commitment to provide a quality customer experience, Hansen said that it is important to hire well-trained technicians. "The technician is our face to the customer," Hansen said.

The 34,000 square-foot facility features two classrooms, a conference room, a John Deere Lab, a diesel technology lab, and related offices, including facilities for the Purdue Extension Office.

"We have an excellent facility that is well equipped thanks to our partners such as John Deere, and this will have long-term benefits for our students. We have expectations that this program will grow from this day forward," said VU President Dick Helton.

Villwock agreed that the facility should boost enrollment. "As future students tour campus and this facility, I believe they will be amazed. Enrollment will go up, and they will become proud alumni of Vincennes University. This building will be here for many years, will help educate many students, and will move Indiana agriculture forward."

Speaking about the diesel lab, Bud Myers, general manager of Indiana Truck Sales, Inc., said, "This is pure state of the art. All I can say as I look around is 'Wow! What a job.' It could not be better." Myers said that graduates will find excellent careers. "There is a tremendous need for the talents you students can provide."

Art Haase, dean of the VU Technology Division, thanked all of the partners who made the new building possible, saying, "This is all about teaching students the new technology. From the faculty's perspective, this is a dream come true."



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Shown above is the new John Deere Ag/Diesel building. The VU Board of Trustees approved a lease agreement with Purdue University on May 27, 2009, to construct a \$2.5 million building to house the program on a 6.7-acre tract at the Southwest Purdue Ag Center. The center is located 3.5 miles north of Vincennes on U.S. Highway 41. Under the agreement, VU will lease the site from Purdue for \$1 per year with the initial term of the lease for 20 years with options to renew. Construction began last summer on the 34,300-square-foot building which includes two classrooms, a conference room, a John Deere Lab, a diesel technology lab, and related offices.

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## The City of Loogootee is now accepting applications for PART-TIME POLICE DISPATCHER

All applicants that will be considered for appointment must be:

- A. A citizen of the United States
- B. Have received a high school diploma or G.E.D.
- C. Free of a felony conviction
- D. Have good communication skills
- E. Must pass a mandatory drug-screening test
- F. Willing to work weekends and 3rd shifts
- G. 18 years of age

City of Loogootee does not discriminate against persons on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, or political affiliation. City of Loogootee is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Applications may be picked up at the Loogootee Police Department at 401 JFK Ave. during normal business hours. Deadline for this process is 4 p.m. on September 3, 2010.

# Just for FUN

## Hey Kids - September is Read a New Book Month COLOR THE READING BEAR Newbery Medal children's books



Hey kids, stop by the local library or your school library and see if they have copies of the books below. These books all won the John Newbery Medal.

The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year. On June 22, 1921, Frederic G. Melcher proposed the award to the American Library Association meeting of the Children's Librarians' Section and suggested that it be named for the eighteenth-century English bookseller John Newbery. The idea was enthusiastically accepted by the children's librarians, and Melcher's official proposal was approved by the ALA Executive Board in 1922. In Melcher's formal agreement with the board, the purpose of the Newbery Medal was stated as follows: "To encourage original creative work in the field of books for children. To emphasize to the public that contributions to the literature for children deserve similar recognition to poetry, plays, or novels. To give those librarians, who make it their life work to serve children's reading interests, an opportunity to encourage good writing in this field."

The Newbery Award thus became the first children's book award in the world. Its terms, as well as its long history, continue to make it the best known and most discussed children's book award in this country.

2010: When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead (Wendy Lamb Books, an imprint of Random House Children's Books)

2009: The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman, illus. by Dave McKean (HarperCollins)

2008: Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village by Laura

Amy Schlitz (Candlewick)

2007: The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron, illus. by Matt Phelan (Simon & Schuster/Richard Jackson)

2006: Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins (Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins)

2005: Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata (Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster)

2004: The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick Press)

2003: Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi (Hyperion Books for Children)

2002: A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park (Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin)

2001: A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck (Dial)

2000: Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (Delacorte)

1999: Holes by Louis Sachar (Frances Foster)

1998: Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse (Scholastic)

1997: The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg (Jean Karl/Atheneum)

1996: The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman (Clarion)

1995: Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech (HarperCollins)

1994: The Giver by Lois Lowry (Houghton)

1993: Missing May by Cynthia Rylant (Jackson/Orchard)

1992: Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (Atheneum)

1991: Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli (Little, Brown)

1990: Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Houghton)

### BOOKS I WANT TO READ

This list belongs to:

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Take this list along with you to your school library or public library throughout the school year. See how many books you can read from your picks above.

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| BIOGRAPHY            | BOOKMARK        |
| BOOK REPORT          | CHILDRENS       |
| DIARY OF A WIMPY KID | FICTION         |
| HARDY BOYS           | HARRY POTTER    |
| IMAGINATION          | MYSTERY         |
| NONFICTION           | NOVEL           |
| READING LAMP         | SCIENCE FICTION |