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Shoals enrollment down 26 students

Minutes from this meeting provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, superintendent secretary
Dr. Nonte reported to the Shoals School Board last Thursday, September 8, how many students have withdrawn from Shoals Schools as well as those who are newly enrolled for the current school year. Current enrollment is down by 26 students from this time last year.

Tiffani Stemle, new yearbook sponsor, addressed the board concerning the possibility of developing a separate yearbook for the elementary school as well as changing to Josten's for the printing and binding of both yearbooks. Mrs. Stemle stated that she would like to change to Josten's for several reasons, including that their software is much more user friendly, they print yearbooks in full color, they assist with marketing, no additional software is required, and they allow online design both at school as well as at home. They also have a lower minimum quantity ordered requirement than

the current printer.

Mrs. Stemle explained that less than 20 yearbooks were purchased by elementary students last year. She stated that by printing a soft back yearbook for only elementary students, the price could be reduced from more than \$30 to only \$10 per book. The majority of parents who responded to a questionnaire sent home last spring indicated that they would be in favor of purchasing a separate elementary yearbook if one was available.

The board looked at some examples of yearbooks that were developed by Josten's for other area schools as well as a soft back elementary yearbook similar to what is being proposed. Following discussion by the board, they agreed by consensus to switch to Josten's for yearbook production as well as offer a separate junior/senior high and elementary yearbook for the 2011-12 school year.

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Council members spar over legality of budget committee

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council met Monday morning, October 12 in their regular meeting prior to the start of the budget hearings. Council member John Stoll started off the meeting questioning the legality of the committee that was formed at the last council meeting to review potential ideas for cuts in the county budget.

"The bottom line is that no one was trying to supersede the authority or powers invested in the county council but for some reason you deem that they are."

-Martin County Council Member Lonnie Hawkins

Dan Gregory had approached the council last month about forming a committee consisting of himself, council members Lonnie Hawkins and Warren Albright and two to three citizens to discuss budget reduction

ideas to bring back to the council. The council, all but Stoll, gave their consent. At Monday's meeting, Stoll said that if the committee was legal, it would have to adhere to the open door law and not be a closed meeting as it had been. He said that since it wasn't legal, no

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Jackson Young coming back to Loogootee to help benefit a cause close to his heart

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Jackson Young will return to his hometown of Loogootee again Saturday, September 24 to perform a concert with a portion of the proceeds going to the "I Can Dream Scholarship" in memory of his classmates Willie Walton and Ben Trout. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the LHS Auditorium. Cost of tickets is \$20 for one or \$35 for two and can be purchased at German American Bank in Loogootee or by calling Ron Gilbert at 812-247-0696.

"This concert came about because fine arts are suffering country wide. Without the pen, the lyric, the



melody, the picture, and imagination... the world would not exist. It's our job to preserve our culture and its heart beats in our fine arts programs," said Jackson.

Jackson said that he hopes the concert is successful enough to make it an annual event.

Jackson was born in Evansville, and raised by his grandmother Wendy Duvall and has six siblings. His grandfather is the late Jack Duvall. Jackson moved to Loogootee for the second time in the eighth grade and remained until graduation. After graduating in 1997, he attended Vincennes University for awhile before joining the Army. He then attended Indiana State

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Not forgotten

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

A balloon release remembering the more than 2,900 innocent people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 was part of the Remembrance events at West Boggs last weekend. One helium-filled balloon was released for each person who was killed on that day-white balloons for innocent civilians, red balloons for innocent fire-fighters, blue balloons for innocent policemen and purple balloons for innocent military personnel. More photos of the service are on page six.

County officials work to slash \$720,000 from General Fund

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The Martin County Council started off their budget hearing Monday morning, September 12 with the report from Auditor Nancy Steiner that there was an overspend in what was submitted by all the departments. She said that based on the tax rates, the county would have excessive spending of \$720,000 for 2012. She explained that the state sent back the general fund budget last year after it was submitted with overages. "All they want us to do is be able to support ourselves as a county," she said. "If they tell us to cut \$720,000, that's what they mean."

Council President Rich Summers said that the council has a figure they are going to work with. "In the past years we probably haven't made too many friends and I'd say we won't make any today," he said. "We're going to roll on just like we have."

Commissioners Paul George and Dan Gregory were present to talk about the commis-

sioners' budget. Commissioner George expressed his concern with paying for the county insurance. Last year, the council lowered the amount in the commissioners' budget for health insurance, taking the remaining \$338,000 out of the Rainy Day and EDIT Funds. The total cost of health insurance, including payments to employees for the health savings accounts per year is around \$750,000. With the Rainy Day Fund containing only \$97,000 and the EDIT Fund at \$338,000, the insurance cannot be paid out of these funds for another year at the current plan. Commissioner Dan Gregory said that the insurance was certainly going to have to be looked at whether it be a higher deductible or more of the premiums being paid by employees. Employees currently pay one dollar every two weeks for health insurance. Family plans carry a \$5,000 deductible but \$3,500 is paid to the employee over the course of a year to make up much of the difference. After discussion, the council decided

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COMMITTEE

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one on the committee would allowed to stand up at the budget meetings and discuss what went on with the committee and the council use that information. "You don't start a new committee just to bypass the open door policy," he said.

"I don't believe that was the intent of the committee John," said council member Lonnie Hawkins.

"I don't care what the intent was, that's what happened," said Stoll.

"Well, you were opposed to it from day one and I'm not questioning why," said Hawkins. He went on to tell Stoll that he could have taken his seat on the committee because he didn't want to serve on it anyway. Stoll replied that he didn't know anything about the committee prior to last month's council meeting. "I know that something went on before the meeting," he said.

Hawkins said that there were no votes taken in the committee meeting and no decisions made. "I don't know what your point is," he said.

"The point is just read the code and you'll

find out," said Stoll referring to Indiana code on the open door law.

Stoll said that the council was created because the commissioners were spending money out of control. He said that the committee, consisting of two county council members and three commissioners, automatically gives the commissioners an advantage.

Council member Warren Albright who served on the committee with Hawkins told Stoll that Dan Gregory was the only commissioner to serve on the committee. "As far as us meeting, you can do that without a vote because there is not a quorum of any one of us," said Albright.

Stoll said again that if the committee was legal then they must advertise and honor the open door law just like every other committee. "I got that word straight from the state," he said.

"Who'd you talk to at the state?" asked Hawkins twice.

"Who cares? I got it from the state," replied Stoll.

"Well, who'd you talk to? You want to make this a matter of public record so,

who'd you talk to?" asked Hawkins.

Stoll replied that Eddie Williams was one person he spoke with.

"The bottom line is that no one was trying to supersede the authority or powers invested in the county council but for some reason you deem that they are," said Hawkins.

"Deem it? I know it," replied Stoll.

Council president Rich Summers put an end to the discussion by moving on to the next agenda item.

Sheriff Rob Street approached the council with amendments to the police pension. He said that it will not affect the funding or the qualifications for the plan; only changes that needed to be approved by the county council and commissioners.

Sheriff Street also revisited the issue of the substance abuse counselor at the jail. He said that at last month's meeting the council approved half of the salary of the counselor to continue the program however that approval was not listed in the minutes. He brought forward the contract with the counselor for another approval by the council. The amount for half of the salary was \$4,800 and would be retroactive from July 1 of this year. The money is to come out of the county's misdemeanor fund this year

and put in the jail budget for 2012. The council approved the amount.

Auditor Nancy Steiner gave the council an update on the remaining balance of some of the county funds. She said the Rainy Day Fund contained \$156,995, the General Fund held \$200,227, and the Riverboat Fund contained \$24,000. She said that the additional appropriations slated for that morning's meeting were advertised to come from all three accounts and she especially wanted to note the little amount remaining in the Riverboat Fund.

Out of the Riverboat Fund, it was decided first to take \$7,000 for the tax sale, \$5,704 for the DSL Internet, \$3,000 for legal publications, and \$2,500 for unemployment leaving \$5,796 in that fund. The \$7,000 for the tax sale will be repaid once the sale is complete. The \$25,000 for the payment to juveniles in institutions that was slated to come out of the Riverboat Fund was changed to come out of the Rainy Day Fund along with the additional needed for employee health insurance of \$34,000 leaving the Rainy Day fund at \$97,995.

The additional appropriations for janitorial supplies for \$1,000 and computer for \$1,080 were approved to come from the General Fund.

SHOALS

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The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Wanda Pruett hired in cafeteria position consisting of 3-1/2 hours daily
-Resignation of Melisa Sorrells from position of Rockettes/Dance Team Coach

-Resignation of Tiffani Stemle from position of fall/spring play sponsor for 2011-12 school year due to lack of student participation

-Approval of Leeza Adams, Betty Meador, and Penny Waggoner as substitute teachers for the 2011-12 school year

-Melissa Dobson to serve as cafeteria substitute for the 2011-12 school year

-Approval of Floyd "Lonnie" Hawkins as substitute CDL/ECA bus driver for the 2011-12 school year

-Estel Emmons as CDL/ECA bus driver

-Charlene Breidenbaugh as Title I Instructional Assistant for the 2011-12 school year

-Krystle Knisley to serve as substitute teacher during the maternity leave of Jill Holt

Rachelle Atkins, Bill Berry, Clyde Jones, and LaTrisha McKibben to serve as substitute teachers

-Peggy Wadsworth as substitute school nurse

-Leeza Adams to serve as substitute for Krystle Knisley during the maternity leave of Jill Holt

Coaching recommendations were approved as follows: Tom Sowders - girls' varsity assistant/JV basketball, Ed Farhar - high school girls' basketball volunteer, Aimee Farhar - high school girls' basketball volunteer, Kelly Springer - girls' varsity basketball attendant and girls' JV basketball attendant, Pat Garrett - girls' 8th grade basketball, Brian Self - girls' 5th grade basketball, Amanda Turpin - 5th and 6th grade cheerleader sponsor, - Brad Otero - junior high soccer volunteer, and Cathy Royston - junior high volleyball volunteer,

The board approved the following facility usage requests:

-Good News Club requests use of the cafeteria with all fees waived for meetings after school on Wednesdays for eight weeks beginning in January and ending in March of 2012

-Boy Scouts requests use of the high school art room with all fees waived on the 1st Thursday of each month for their district meeting

The board approved the following field trips:

-Miss Crews' class to Jay C Food Store on Tuesday mornings for community-based instruction

-Cross country team to Boggs Park on Friday, August 19, 2011

-4th grade to Martin County Fairgrounds on Thursday, August 25, 2011

-Miss Crews' class to G & R Variety Store every other Monday morning for community-based instruction

-English 11 Drama Class to theater in Indianapolis on Friday, September 30, 2011

-English 12 Class to theater in Indianapolis on Saturday, December 14, 2011

-2nd grade to Marengo Cave on Thursday, April 5, 2012

-High school band and chorus to Castle High School for contest on Saturday, April 14, 2012

The board approved the music department to sell cheese and sausage through Century Resources September 15-26, 2011 and the Beta Club to sell Tom-Wat catalog items beginning September 23 and ending October 18, 2011.

Dr. Nonte provided the board with a report including the AYP and P.L. 221 scores as well as the details of both programs. He explained what statistics were used to determine the score for Shoals schools. Shoals Jr. Sr. High received a letter grade of C, Shoals Elementary received a letter grade of D, and the Shoals Community School Corporation received a letter grade of D.

Dr. Nonte asked for direction from the board concerning the school bus crossing arm project that is currently underway. He explained that the company the school is working with to install the crossing arms wishes to change the process on the installation of the stop arms from what was agreed upon when the project began. Dr. Nonte asked the board if they wished to continue with the installation of the crossing arms or if they wished to abandon the project. They agreed by consensus that they wanted to continue the project with a crossing arm installed on every bus, without paying any additional cost.

Dr. Nonte reported to the board that he continues to work with the architect and contractors concerning the repair of the air handler units in the practice gymnasium.

The board approved Series 3000 of the board policy handbook including corrections noted at the August 11, 2011 meeting. Series 4000 of the board policy handbook will be reviewed by the board at the next regular meeting.

At the start of the meeting, Tony Cundiff, Board President, suspended the regular session and opened the public hearing on the 2012 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and School Bus Replacement Plan. Following no comments from patrons, he closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular session. Approval of the 2012 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and School Bus Replacement Plan will be on the agenda of the October 13, 2011 regular meeting of the board.

The next meeting of the board will be on October 13 at 5 p.m.

BUDGET

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to put in the commissioners' budget \$47,000 for insurance with money from the EDIT Fund to supplement. A meeting will be held at a later date to decide what to do about the 50 percent shortage. The commissioners' budget was therefore reduced in total by \$452,978.

The department heads also put in an average of 10 percent in wage increases for themselves and their employees. No raises were approved by the council. The subject of varying salaries between departments was a constant. The council discussed the fact that some departments are taking salaries from more than one fund thereby causing a salary gap. Although it was the consensus that this has been going on for several years, some of the council member felt, in fairness, that this needed to be stopped. No decision was made on changing the current set-up.

The council had appointments for two days with department heads to go through their budgets line by line and cut wherever possible. Assessor Carolyn McGuire helped by removing \$58,682 from her budget; mostly from transferring \$40,000 into another fund and freeing up the General Fund.

Sheriff Rob Street took a hit by losing \$5,000 for a part-time position to which Street said he needed to provide complete, overall police coverage to the county. He also put in the budget for two new automobiles. Vehicles in the sheriff's department average 105,000 miles. The council cut one of the vehicles saving \$8,000 on an annual lease payment. After going through the sheriff's entire budget, the council eliminated \$38,512.

The clerk's office was cut by \$32,028 which included the denial of salary for another full-time staff member. Many of the other cuts coming out of departments were a result of the council denying raise requests. The auditor's office was reduced by \$734, treasurer by \$6,613, recorder by \$8,883, surveyor by \$5,675, coroner by \$1,634, prosecutor by \$11,082, county extension by \$2,247, veterans' service office by \$2,106, circuit court by \$11,259, probation department by \$25,780, civil defense by \$20, the jail by \$30,473, and soil and water conservation district by \$2,699. Also cut were the election expenses in the amount of \$1,053 and the courthouse budget by \$27,362. The county council's budget along with the cost of ambulance service stayed the same as last year.

The humane society was reduced from \$500 to \$50. The park board had been proposed at \$1,000 but was taken from \$900 in 2011 to \$500 for next year. Four Rivers had requested \$4,000 but stayed at the same amount as last year at \$2,500. The fair board

was proposed at \$8,500 but they also received the same as last year at \$4,500.

Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) had requested \$3,500 for next year but were given \$1,600 - \$100 more than this year. Ride Solution asked for \$1,000 but was kept at \$300. The veterans' van was proposed at \$1,000 for next year but the council voted to give \$750, down from \$850 this year. SOAR! stayed at \$1,000 and the Martin County Community Foundation at \$5,000.

Other items discussed included the implementation of the LOIT tax (Local Option Income Tax) which the council will be looking into getting started. The deadline for the tax to go into effect prior to next year is November 1. Also discussed was the development of a resolution to stop the accumulation of comp time for county employees. Currently, there are 3,219 hours accumulated through five departments, 2,332 of those are from the highway department. Highway superintendent Jim Williams had included \$34,000 in next year's budget to cover the comp time if it needed to be paid out but the council took it away. The resolution discussed would require employees to use up comp time accumulated by the end of each calendar year.

YOUNG

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University and after 9/11 elected to go into active duty and was stationed at the 101st Airborne Division 1/502nd Infantry Battalion. After an honorable discharge he made his way to Nashville, Tennessee.

He signed a songwriter's deal with ABET International Music Group, Inc. and a recording contract with Platinum Planet Music, Inc. His first stop in the studio was for the commercial/jingle production house, OTC Creative, and the result was voiceover ad currently airing in Kansas. Shortly thereafter, he began recording his own project at the Sound Shop alongside musicians Chester Thompson, Boh Cooper, Michael Rhodes, Chris Leuzinger along with Grammy award-winning engineer Mark Capps. He also worked with noted producer/publisher/songwriter, Justin Peters.

Jackson released his first music video "Summertime Kinda Girl" earlier this year and it can be found on YouTube.com. More information on Jackson can be found at www.jacksonyoung.com or on facebook.

Opening up for Jackson will be Copperhead Creek. Band members Kevin Charles, Chris Main, Joe Vonderheide, Doug Marrs and Mark East perform contemporary-style country music and southern rock. For more information, visit www.copperheadcreekband.com or find the group on facebook.

OBITUARIES

LUCILLE "LUCY" WOOD

Lucille "Lucy" Wood passed away at 3:07 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at the West Point Care Center. A resident of Fort Madison, Iowa, she was 92.

She was born on October 3, 1918 in Glendale; the daughter of Harley and Pearl Massey Wratten.

She married Robert Moses Wood in Shoals on July 23, 1940 and they later divorced.

Lucy was a dietary aide at Prairie Village



LUCY WOOD

Nursing Home and Fort Madison Community Hospital. She also was a clerk at Shopko. She was a member of Holy Family Parish and also worked at the Lee County Historical Society.

Lucy enjoyed crocheting, playing bingo, gardening and flowers and loved helping her

family and friends.

Survivors include three daughters, Cecilia (Norbert) Lindauer of St. Henry, Indiana, Kathy (Rick) Blint and Kristy Wood, both of Ft. Madison; four sons, Dennis (Catherine) Wood of Litton, Indiana, Mike (Rita) Wood of Seymour, Jim (Vicki) Wood of Plainfield, and Dana (Linda) Wood of Glendale; nineteen grandchildren, several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; one sister, Mary Lois Elliott of Bloomington.

She was preceded in death by parents, a daughter Roberta, two brothers and two sisters.

Per her wishes her body has been cremated and a graveside service were held on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at St. John's Cemetery in Washington.

King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of the arrangements.

A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

City attorney finalizing lease for humane society

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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With the Martin County Humane Society set to start construction on an animal shelter in October, Mayor Don Bowling discussed with the Loogootee City Council Monday night, September 12 about the lease agreement status. The lease, approved by the city council several months back, provides the humane society with a piece of ground in Industrial Park for 30 years for one dollar a year. Mayor Bowling said that City Attorney Mark Jones currently has all he needs to finish up the lease and upon its completion will be presented to the humane society for signatures. Society President Don Greene also reported that he is working with city employees to help mark the water lines, etc. on the property.

In other business, the mayor updated the council on the status of the state's change to the gun control statute. At a past meeting, the mayor had stated that the state's change may require the city to adjust their ordinances on gun control to comply. At Monday night's meeting however, Mayor Bowling said that the change was the removal of the word "use" in a very specific part of the regulation. He said that with that change, "political subdivisions", or cities and towns, still have the authority to locally regulate the use or discharge of a firearm. He said that after going over the city's current ordinances, nothing is in conflict with the new Indiana State statute, therefore no changes are required.

In old business, Mayor Bowling reported that the repairs to the JFK Avenue railroad crossing have been completed. He stated that the siding section of the crossing was totally removed and replaced with a complete new section of ties and rails. He added that the finished product is well done, much smoother, and much more vehicle friendly.

The mayor also reported that the SummerFest Committee held their wrap-up meeting last week to go over the final financial report and discuss the event from start to finish. He said that the city owes the committee a thank you for all they have done in the past and their efforts to move forward and improve the festival. He also noted that those interested in volunteering are encouraged to come forward.

The mayor also reported that the new drive-thru drop box for utility payments at the municipal building has been installed and is working well.

Also discussed was the new arrangement with the Martin County Sheriff's Department to take over a portion of the city's dispatch calls. The mayor said there were a few glitches in the beginning but they are getting worked out. The mayor also reported that the outside 911 telephone for walk-up emergencies at the municipal building has been ordered but has not been received to date. It was originally scheduled to be in on September 8 or 9 and Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said they expect it very soon.

Mayor Bowling announced that the city employees have again been honored with a safety award for 2010 by their insurance carrier Indiana Public Employer's Plan. He said that this award has been received every year since 2004 and is the seventh award in a row. He congratulated the city employees for working safely through 2010 and so far in 2011.

Attorney Jones opened the paving bids for the city from Calcar Paving, Inc. and Dave O'Mara Contractor and bid amounts were given and compared to last year. In the end the council voted to hire Calcar Paving, Inc. formerly Tri-County Paving - who was contracted last year. There is \$36,000 available for paving with possibly a few thousand from the Riverboat Fund.

The council voted to repeal the ordinance that closed the portion of Church Street in front of the former Elementary East building during drop-off and pick-up of students and recess. With East no longer being an elementary school, Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said the ordinance is no longer needed so it will come off the books. Council member Rich Taylor asked if the stop sign was needed at the intersection of Church and Kentucky Avenue coming from the East building. It was discussed that children are still dropped off at East and as a safety precaution, it should be kept.

The council approved the following building permits:

-Habitat for Humanity house at 207 Bridgewater Street

-James Jeffers at 209 SE 1st Street for a new porch with a handicap ramp and a new fence

-Rebecca Jones at 527 Church Street for a modular home

The council approved a transfer of appropriations in the park and recreation department from the new machinery and equipment fund to the lifeguard wages fund in the amount of \$1,854.42.

The council approved an additional appropriation for the Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Fund. Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that she failed to include in the 2011 budget enough money to pay the wages for laborers. She said that after speaking to the state, they suggested she move the \$25,000 from the EDIT Fund which is the reason for the additional appropriation request.

During the board of public works meeting, Rich Taylor, who was in the audience, asked the board about what steps have been taken on the removal of a tree at a residence on North Line Street. Mayor Bowling stated that a letter has been sent to the property owner from the city attorney and they are waiting to receive a response from that. He also stated that the property owner was uncooperative. Taylor said that the letter should have given 10 days for a response and it has gone beyond that. Police Chief Rayhill said that the resident will be cited for each day over the 10 days without action. Taylor asked if the tree should be removed by the city and the bill sent to the property owner. "It's been long enough," said Taylor stating that the sidewalk with the tree has not been usable for five or six years. "There's things we can do that I think we need to be doing."

"I agree," said Mayor Bowling. "We're still working on it."

Prior to the start of the city council meet-

ing, a public hearing was held on the matter of an additional appropriation request for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$20,000.

\$12,196.77 will be used to pay the street sweeper payment, and \$4,000 is to be put under a new line item for paving materials. Jones said that a little has already been used for maintenance supplies so the remaining money will go into that fund. She asked Street Superintendent Donnie Grindstaff and the council if they would prefer to split the money between paving supplies and paving contractor. After discussion, it was decided to change the name of the line item to paving supplies and materials as to include anything associated to street paving and to be used for that purpose.

A public hearing was also held regarding the 2012 budget. No input was given.

Jones also reported that the city now has paid internet and she neglected to add that into the 2012 budget. She said that the total amount appropriated was \$1,800 which will include the internet and fax line for the year.

The council approved Jones to dispose of two old, unused typewriters. She said she would try to sell them and if not, they will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

In a final order the business, the council voted to make Halloween Trick or Treating in the city on Monday night, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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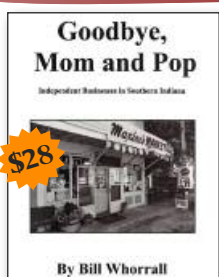




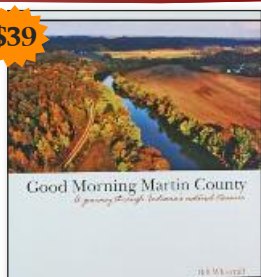

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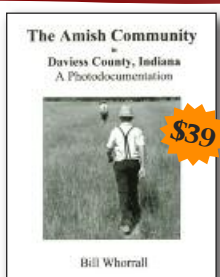
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, September 6

9:10 a.m. - Received a report of a found wallet. The owner was contacted.

10:55 a.m. - Received a report of a pile of metal on the railroad track in the tunnel at Willow Valley.

11:22 a.m. - Received a report of a theft at a residence in Loogootee.

1:25 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol on Hollow Lane.

3:17 p.m. - Received several calls reporting a tree down on the roadway on Spout Springs Road.

5:48 p.m. - Received a call regarding lost property.

6:02 p.m. - Received a report of a tree that has nearly fallen onto the roadway on U.S. 231, just north of Haysville Bridge.

Wednesday, September 7

12:07 a.m. - A male caller reported someone in the bushes at his residence in Crane.

1:19 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Trinity Springs.

5:53 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle with the gas cap open on Williams Road.

7:46 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on Williams Road.

9:16 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a Loogootee officer regarding a complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

2:06 p.m. - A female in Shoals reported property damage and vandalism.

2:24 p.m. - Received a report of possible runaways in Shoals.

4:35 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver southbound on U.S. 231, nearing Loogootee.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of a car fire in Lost River Township.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in progress in Shoals.

9:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible missing person from a residence on Brooks Bridge Rd.

10:49 p.m. - Received a complaint of barking dogs in Loogootee.

Accident reports

Friday, September 9

9:32 a.m. - Amos Graber, of Montgomery, was backing his 2005 Ford from a parking spot at the Marathon and backed into a 1997 Olds operated by Helen Gibson, of Shoals. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

1:34 p.m. - Joshua Wagner, of Springville, Ohio, was on Broadway Street stopped waiting for another vehicle to turn. James C. Like, of Loogootee, operating a 1997 Ford could not get stopped and struck the rear of the Wagner vehicle. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

Saturday, September 10

11:30 a.m. - David A. Atkinson, 56, of Corydon, was traveling on U.S. 150, westbound near the intersection of Asbell Road, in a white 1999 International semi. Atkinson stated that the truck began to slide and he lost control of the truck and trailer. The truck and trailer jack-knifed and went off the roadway, striking a tree and going partially down an embankment. The truck and trailer had to be towed out with a large wrecker and during the tow there was damage to the roadway in several spots directly caused by the wrecker. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Hale.

Sunday, September 11

12:16 p.m. - Carla L. Braun, 75, of Shoals, was traveling westbound on U.S. 50, in Shoals, attempting to make a left turn onto High Street, in a burgundy 1992 Mercury Cougar. Richard L. Dobson, 52, of Shoals, was eastbound on U.S. 50 on a gray 2007 Harley Davidson. Braun turned left, turning in front of and striking Dobson's motorcycle. He was thrown from the motorcycle and landed on the roadway. The investigating officer was Corporal Steve Nolan.

11:46 p.m. - Received a call regarding a suspicious subject at the IGA Store in Loogootee.

Thursday, September 8

1:06 a.m. - A female caller in Shoals advised of a dispute with a neighbor regarding a barking dog.

8:13 a.m. - Received a call regarding a property dispute.

8:35 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection.

8:43 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle with no one around it on Chicken Farm Road.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle at a business in Loogootee.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231 near West Boggs Golf Course.

3:39 p.m. - Received a call regarding a property dispute.

5:29 p.m. - Received a call regarding a domestic on Dover Hill Road.

7:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Kale Cross Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:51 p.m. - Received a call regarding juveniles burning trash in Shoals near the ball-park.

11:44 p.m. - Received report of a car off the roadway on U.S. 50, just west of Shoals.

Friday, September 9

12:41 a.m. - Received a report from On-Star of a property damage accident on U.S. 150 near Asbell Road.

2:13 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on Dover Hill Road.

2:50 a.m. - Received a call regarding harassment.

9:32 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of possible child abuse.

12:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:39 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 50, in front of CVS, in Loogootee.

2:09 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance on Nolley Lane.

2:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Greene County. Greene County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

2:45 p.m. - Received a request to attempt to locate a missing juvenile from Orange County.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of telephone harassment.

8:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:32 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer regarding neon lights on vehicles.

11:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

Saturday, September 10

12:30 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, eastbound into Shoals.

12:45 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Shoals.

1:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Dunn Memorial Hospital.

8:13 a.m. - Received a call regarding possible drug paraphernalia.

11:31 a.m. - Received a call regarding child custody issues.

11:33 a.m. - Received a request to assist with traffic control in Loogootee for a Relay for Life motorcycle ride.

12:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Beard Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:16 p.m. - Received a call regarding an abandoned vehicle in a ditch on Buckley Road.

2:23 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

4:34 p.m. - Received a report of a four-wheeler accident on Butler Bridge Road. Air Evac transported to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

7:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 150.

8:53 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Crane Village.

9:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute in the Scenic Hill area.

Sunday, September 11

7:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. No transport was necessary.

9:44 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Bramble. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:02 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver eastbound on U.S. 50, nearing Shoals.

4:46 p.m. - Received a call regarding a property dispute.

ISP makes 363 DUI arrests in statewide campaign

On Friday and Saturday, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., the Indiana State Police conducted a statewide driving under the influence enforcement project. Enforcement personnel throughout Indiana were assigned to this detail to aggressively seek and arrest impaired drivers.

Impaired driving remains one of America's deadliest problems. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2009, 33,808 people were killed nationally in motor vehicle crashes. That same year, 10,839 people were killed in crashes that involved a driver or motorcyclist with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. That means every 48 minutes someone died in a crash involving an impaired driver. In Indiana, in 2009, there were a total of 189,676 crashes, 8,855 of them were alcohol related, resulting in 168 deaths.

The purpose of the two-day enforcement campaign was to remove impaired drivers from Indiana roadways before they caused

Monday, September 12

7:38 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50, near the fairgrounds.

9:53 a.m. - Received a report of theft of video games and medication.

11:13 a.m. - A male caller reported that he has had checks stolen and written against his account.

1:13 p.m. - A male caller reported that his ex-wife will not return his checkbook and is writing checks against the account.

2:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Health Care. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, in Rutherford Township. No transport was necessary.

2:28 p.m. - A male called to speak with an officer regarding custody issues.

2:30 p.m. - A female caller reported vandalism to property she owns in Martin County.

4:53 p.m. - A female came on station to speak with an officer regarding a battery case.

needless pain, suffering, and death to innocent victims. The Indiana State Police is committed to reducing the number of impaired driving crashes. As of August 1, 2011, the Indiana State Police has made 5,364 impaired driving arrests. In 2010, troopers arrested 9,528 impaired drivers, which were 133 more arrests than in 2009.

Statewide, the two-day enforcement campaign resulted in 363 impaired driving arrests. Troopers also issued 3,330 traffic citations and 6,518 warnings. Officers also made 447 arrests for various criminal violations. In the Indiana State Police Jasper District there were 17 impaired driving arrests made. Officers issued 98 traffic citations and 334 written warnings. Troopers at the Jasper Post also had 36 criminal arrests through the patrol.

Motorists are encouraged to report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911. Give a vehicle description, location, and direction of travel. Never follow an impaired driver.

Martin County real estate transfers

Donald H. Smith, of Marion County, Indiana to **Georgia P. Mathews**, of Marion County, Indiana. Tract I: a part of the south half of fractional Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 1.00 acres, more or less. Tract II: a portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West and containing 0.89 acres, more or less.

Georgia P. Mathews, of Marion County, Indiana to **Donald H. Smith**, of Marion County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot 16 in Riverfront Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana. Tract II: a portion of the south half of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Brett A. Lemond and Andrea D. (Jones) Lemond, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua L. Franklin**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lots Numbered 53, 54, and 55 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Paul J. Ader, of Sullivan County, Indiana and **Stephen C. Risacher**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Donnie Butler and Dena Butler**, of Brown County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 0.413 acres, more or less.

Paul G. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana

to **Larry Smith and Ruth Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 9.77 acres, more or less. Except a section containing 0.9972 acres. Leaving, after said exception, 8.77 acres, more or less.

Thomas L. Eversman, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Thomas L. Eversman, Trustee of the Thomas L. Eversman Revocable Trust**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 4 West and containing 35 acres, more or less.

Rebecca Monroe, of Grant County, Indiana; **Ernest Greg Potts**, of Martin County, Indiana; **Kathy Leigh Potts**, of Monroe County, Indiana; **Stephanie Ann Beasley**, of Monroe County, Indiana and **Joe Potts**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Kenneth R. O'Connor**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: a portion of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 0.186 acres, more or less. Tract II: a portion of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 1.907 acres, more or less.

Loogootee Police log

Monday, September 5

11:02 a.m. - First responders were requested at the Lakeview Golf Course regarding a golf cart that had turned over.

12:45 p.m. - Caller reported a lease law violation on Indiana Avenue.

11:26 p.m. - Caller reported possible underage drinking on North Line Street.

11:30 p.m. - Caller reported a possible fight on North Line Street. Sgt. Norris investigated.

11:49 p.m. - Caller reported his brother was drinking and had a cut on his neck. Sgt. Norris responded.

Tuesday, September 6

12:02 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

8:56 a.m. - Caller reported he was having problems with another male. Chief Rayhill responded and advised the male in obtain a protective order.

11:22 a.m. - Stacey Weikert, of Loogootee, reported a theft from her residence. Chief Rayhill completed a case report.

12:10 p.m. - Female came on station and requested a transient voucher.

1:47 p.m. - Female caller advised she was involved in a minor traffic accident. Chief Rayhill responded and both parties exchanged information.

2:10 p.m. - Caller reported illegal burning on East Main Street.

8:43 p.m. - Caller reported an underage child operating a vehicle on Church Street. Captain Akles was unable to locate.

8:56 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Butcher Boulevard and traveling towards Daviess County.

Wednesday, September 7

8:35 a.m. - Female came on station to report several nails in her driveway.

1:57 p.m. - Female caller requested to speak with an officer in regards to a violation of a protective order.

4:35 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231. Officer Nolan located the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.

6:07 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on North

Line Street.

9:19 p.m. - Caller reported a damaged moped in the alley behind her residence.

10:49 p.m. - Caller reported a dog barking on North Line Street.

Thursday, September 8

6:45 p.m. - Caller reported her friend was being harassed by her ex-husband. Officer Nolan spoke with the female.

Friday, September 9

2:50 a.m. - A male called and advised he was being harassed by another male. Officer Nolan was advised.

12:49 a.m. - First responders were requested on Indiana Avenue regarding lifting assistance.

3:56 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Park Street.

4:17 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a civil matter.

6:03 p.m. - Caller reported illegal parking on JFK Avenue. Officer Greene responded.

8:20 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on North Line Street. Officer Greene responded.

9:32 p.m. - Female requested to speak with an officer regarding vehicle equipment.

Saturday, September 10

12:30 p.m. - Female came on station to report a civil dispute.

1:26 p.m. - Female caller reported a leash law violation on Indiana Avenue.

2:36 p.m. - Caller reported reckless drivers on Sheridan Street.

3:50 p.m. - Male caller requested an officer be present at a residence for a property exchange. Captain Akles assisted.

4:14 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Shaded Estates.

5:14 p.m. - Female caller reported a civil dispute.

Sunday, September 11

2:59 p.m. - Female caller reported being harassed by a male. Captain Akles was advised.

2:05 p.m. - Female requested an officer assist her in obtaining personal items from another residence.

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 29

Holly G. Norris, interference with medical services, a Class C Felony; theft, a Class C Felony.

September 2

Denny Junior Childress, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Steven R. Sergent, battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Class C Felony; sexual battery, a Class D Felony.

September 7

Steven Holt, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Sonya D. Davis, battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Robert A. Buss, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

August 1

Terry L. Clark, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 323 days suspended. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

August 26

David L. York, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 351 days suspended. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Steven C. Holt, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for 60 days including day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Court suspended zero days. Defendant received no probation.

August 30

Nicholas Dosch, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 362 days suspended. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Timothy M. Henson, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve four days in the Martin

Jasper man in Martin County Jail on drug charges

A late night traffic stop in Martin County leaves a Jasper man behind bars. Last Thursday at approximately 10:35 p.m. Trooper Jarrod Lents was on patrol on US 50 near Stiles Road when he observed a beige Ford van traveling in excess of the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle, which was being driven by Lyle C. Recker, 28, of Jasper. While speaking to Recker, Trooper Lents detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A search was conducted and approximately 15 grams of marijuana was located in a pouch behind the front passenger seat.

Recker was arrested and transported to Daviess Community Hospital where he was determined to be under the influence of drugs. He was then transported to the Martin County Jail without incident.

He was charged with possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating while intoxicated controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

County Security Center with credit for four days including day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received no probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

September 1

Roger A. Terry, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Nathan L. Wall, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

September 6

David S. Holt vs. Shane Service c/o Spec. Needs Int., complaint.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

August 31 - September 6

Ernest Canell, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Heather Fox, Loogootee, driving while suspended, \$120.

Jacob Fox, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Scott German, Delphos, Ohio, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Russell Hutchens, Bedford, violation of 70-hour rule, \$120.

Kecia Taylor, Shoals, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Jail bookings

Tuesday, September 6

5:37 p.m. - Richard Ervin, 52, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with habitual traffic violator.

12:27 a.m. - Ryan Terry, 18, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with illegal possession and consumption.

Thursday, September 8

11:15 p.m. - Holly Norris, 29, of Jasper, was arrested and charged with interference with medical services, theft, and driving while suspended.

Friday, September 9

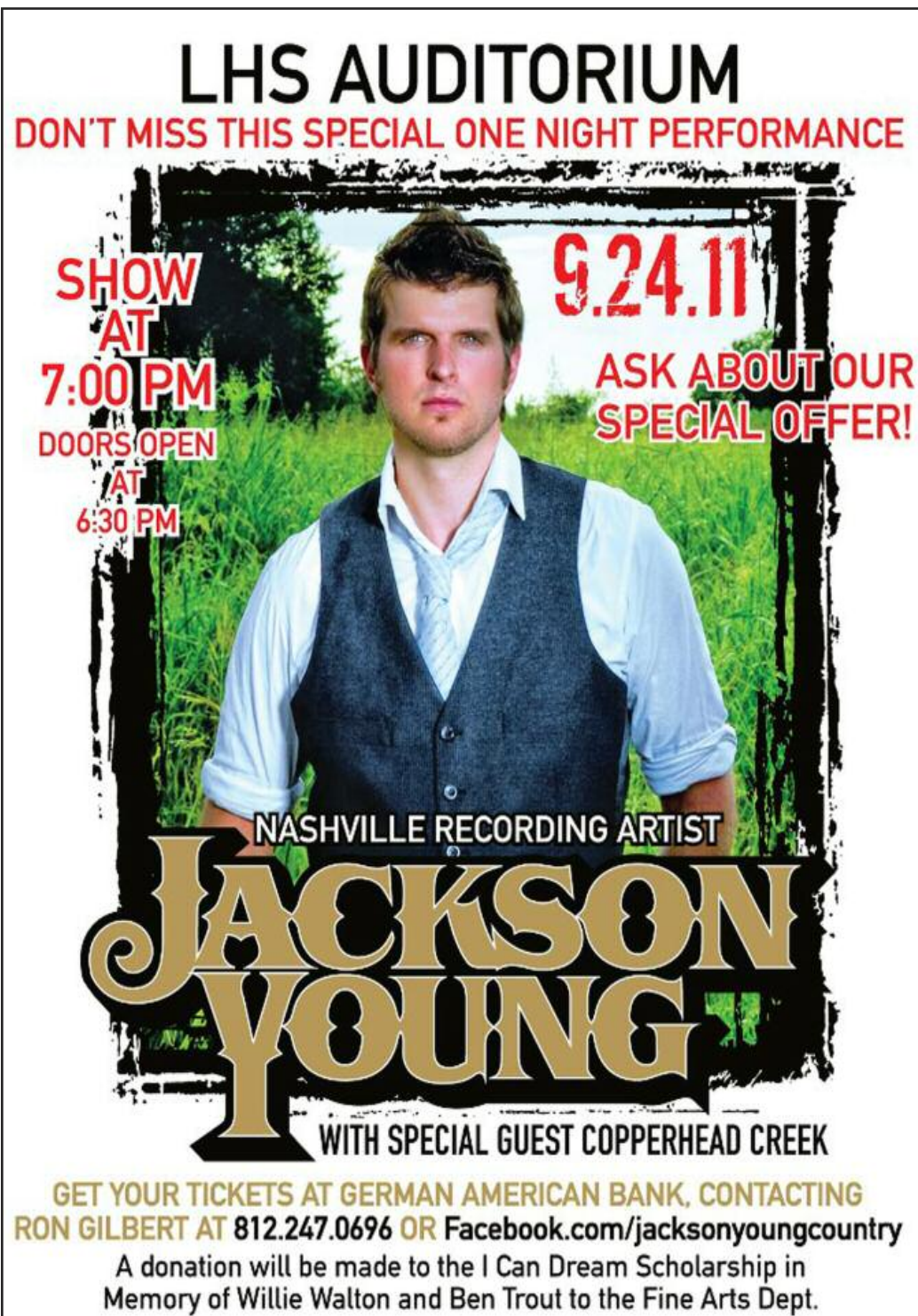
12:45 a.m. - Lyle Recker, 28, of Jasper, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and operating while intoxicated.

Saturday, September 10

5:51 p.m. - Robert Allen, 52, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

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Remembering 9/11



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The American flag was lowered and then raised again to half staff during the Remembrance ceremony



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Mr. John Smith played the bagpipes for the memorial service on Sunday.



-Photo by Renee Street

Reverend John Simmons, at right, read a prayer prior to a few words by the American Legion Post 63 Chaplin, at left.



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The color guard and firing squad were members of the American Legion Post 63 in Shoals.

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Southern Indiana's own Kirby Stailey was the music entertainment at Sunday's event. Kirby performs country-gospel, contemporary Christian, and modern country.

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The police detail was provided by the Daviess County Sheriff's Department. The officer in the center of the formation above is Daviess County Sheriff Jerry Harb-streit.

STATE GOVERNMENT

House republicans seeking interns for the 2012 legislative session

Graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in state government and the legislative process are strongly encouraged to apply for the spring internship. All academic majors are accepted.

"The intern program is a great way to get involved in state politics," said Rep. Cindy Kirchhofer (R-Beech Grove). "Interns will have the opportunity to work directly with state representatives while gaining valuable real-world experience."

Applicants can apply for one of four different departments within the internship program:

Member Services - Interns will be working directly with an assigned group of three state representatives. They will be responsible for assisting in research, tracking legislation and working with constituents.

Media - Interns will be working directly with an assigned group of eight state legislators. They will be responsible for writing news releases, guest columns and contributing to various publications. In addition, interns will gain firsthand experience with the member's media on a daily basis.

Computer/Technology - The IT intern will work with the entire caucus with any troubleshooting needs by providing technical support.

Policy/Fiscal - The policy intern will be

working with our legal team to research, track and analyze legislation. The policy intern will also prepare committee reports for legislators.

Applications are now being accepted until the October 31st deadline. Interviews will be conducted as applications are received. The internship starts January 2012 and ends in March. Applicants are encouraged to work with their school in order to obtain academic credit for the internship - most colleges and universities in Indiana offer class credit.

This internship is full-time, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Statehouse, located in Indianapolis. Interns will be compensated with a \$700 bi-weekly stipend and will also be eligible to apply for a competitive \$3,000 scholarship. The scholarship is for educational expenses, which can be applied toward current or future undergraduate/graduate expenses.

"The internship allows you to develop your professional skills in a fast-paced work environment," said Rep. Kirchhofer. "Our intern program is a great way to build your resume and set yourself apart from others in the job market."

For those interested in applying, please visit the House Republican Intern Program website: www.in.gov/legislative/house_republicans/intern.html

Zoeller: Indiana joins lawsuit against Par Pharmaceutical

The State of Indiana has intervened in a whistleblower lawsuit against Par Pharmaceutical that alleges the drug manufacturer engaged in a scheme to wrongly switch its generic drugs for those prescribed so it could collect larger Medicaid reimbursements than it was due. Indiana alleges Par Pharmaceutical Companies Inc. was overpaid more than \$2 million in reimbursements for its generics through the illegal scheme with certain pharmacies.

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller intervened in the lawsuit on behalf of the state. The federal government and Michigan also intervened in the lawsuit, originally filed five years ago by a private plaintiff, an Illinois pharmacist who became a whistleblower and exposed the illegal conduct. Originally filed under seal in 2006 in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the whistleblower lawsuit against Par was unsealed this week after the federal government, Indiana and Michigan joined the case.

"It took a whistleblower's courage to expose this fraud against the Medicaid program. When a pharmaceutical company engages in an overbilling scheme in violation of rules against substituting generic drugs - which exist to protect consumers' health and protect Medicaid from fraud - we will aggressively seek to penalize it," Zoeller said.

Par Pharmaceutical Companies Inc. markets generic versions of some of the most widely-prescribed drugs in the United States, including the generic versions of:

- the antidepressant Prozac, called fluoxetine
- the antacid Zantac, called ranitidine
- the anti-anxiety medication BuSpar, called buspirone.

The unsealed complaint alleges New Jersey-based Par Pharmaceutical increased its sales through an illegal switching scheme to fill prescriptions with Par's higher-priced products rather than the specific drugs that doctors had prescribed. The lawsuit alleges Par's scheme was designed to evade government price limits on generic drugs so that Par could achieve greater profit at taxpayer expense than it would have otherwise.

Among other things, the lawsuit alleges Par's illegal drug-switching scheme included filling prescriptions that had been written for capsules of fluoxetine (generic Prozac) by

using Par's higher-priced fluoxetine tablets instead. Once a patient's prescription claim was submitted to the Medicaid program and paid, Par then received larger reimbursement than it was legally entitled to. Such conduct would violate Indiana and federal laws governing prescriptions and Medicaid benefits, the complaint said.

Pharmacists are allowed to substitute a generic drug for a therapeutically equivalent brand-name drug if the generic is less expensive and has the same dosage form and strength. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined that drugs with different dosage forms and strengths - even if they include the identical active ingredient - are not therapeutically equivalent and not interchangeable, the complaint said.

For popular generic drugs, state and federal governments set maximum prices that vary depending on different dosage forms and strengths. The higher reimbursements mean Medicaid had to pay more than necessary for Par's generic drugs, thus evading price limits and violating laws requiring pharmacies participating in Medicaid to provide drugs economically, the complaint said.

The difference between the Medicaid reimbursement Par Pharmaceutical received for the dispensing of three of its generic drugs in Indiana and what it should have received was an overpayment of \$2,010,157.49, the investigation found.

Indiana's portion of the lawsuit seeks civil penalties of at least \$5,000 for each false claim submitted, treble damages, attorneys' fees, litigation costs and interest.

Under the Indiana False Claims and Whistleblower Protection Act, a company insider who knows of fraud against a government contract can become a whistleblower and file a private lawsuit on behalf of the state. After investigating the allegations, the state and federal governments then can intervene and join the case as plaintiffs. If at the end of the case the defendant pays a judgment or settlement, then the whistleblower - also known as a "relator" - is eligible for a percentage of the recovery, usually between 10 percent and 30 percent. The percentage is intended as a financial reward for whistleblowers who expose wrongdoing despite the negative career repercussions they might face for coming forward.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



Crane: Continuing to Defend America Remembering 9/11 and how Crane Naval Base has strengthened security at home and abroad

This week, many of us will take time throughout our communities to remember the 10-year anniversary of 9/11. We can all probably remember what we were doing the day the terrorists struck the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon with the hijacked airplanes and what a paralyzing feeling it gave us. Since that unforgettable day, every American realized that we had entered a new era in our country's history. It made me think about our national defense and what a different role our military would be undertaking to keep our country safe from future attacks.

Last week, I talked about the impact of Crane on the local and state economy and the prospects for growth at Crane. Now I would like to share a few examples of how instrumental the engineers at Crane have been in protecting our troops and adding to our national defense capabilities.

The engineers at Crane have developed a high level of expertise in electronic warfare capabilities, especially in radar systems and special weapons systems. Their expertise is not only recognized by the Navy, but all branches of the armed services.

On a recent trip to Crane, they shared some of their insights with me and the other legislators attending. During the Iraq War, when roadside bombs were taking a heavy toll on US troops, the Defense Department came to Crane to develop a way to stop the use of improvised explosive devices (IED's) against our soldiers. Crane's engineers were able to determine how the roadside bombs were being detonated and how

to jam the trigger mechanism electronically, without shutting down all other cell phone and radio communications in the area of the IED. A solution was designed within a matter of months, and Crane engineers oversaw the entire operation from design to installation on our military vehicles, and drastically reduced the ability to use IED's against our troops.

Another highly-sophisticated electronic system developed by Crane engineers and deployed on the battlefield within the last year is the ground-based surveillance system called GBOSS. This system developed at Crane allows our ground troops to set up mobile, ground-based radar and remote sensor systems to monitor approximately an 18-mile area detecting any motion in that region.

This allows the military to detect when an enemy troop is actually burying an IED along a roadway and eliminate the threat immediately. These mobile, land-based sites can be set up in a series to communicate with each other, and with other land-based radar systems to help secure our troops from attack.

These are just a couple examples of the dozens of highly technical systems that are under development at Crane. Their applications can be used not only on the battlefield, but could also be useful in securing our nation's borders. Our national defense and security have been greatly enhanced by the dedicated men and women at Crane who support our armed services across the globe. As we remember the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, take pride in knowing how your friends and neighbors have played a critical role in keeping our country safe.

Senator Steele encourages fourth graders to celebrate Statehood Day

As Indiana's 195th birthday quickly approaches, State Sen. Brent Steele (R-Bedford) is asking area fourth-grade students, "What does Indiana mean to you?"

Steele said this question aims to spur creativity in local fourth graders whom he hopes will participate in an annual essay contest - one of many festivities planned for Statehood Day. Indiana became this nation's 19th state on December 11, 1816.

This year's birthday party at the state capitol in Indianapolis is on Friday, December 9.

"Statehood Day activities include interactive displays and festive music that makes learning fun for all visiting fourth graders," Steele said. "The essay contest is also a great way to encourage students to voice their thoughts and ideas about Indiana. Last year, the contest winner - Kamryn Bridges - hailed from Burriss Elementary."

Steele said Statehouse events begin at 9 a.m. and include tours and activities hosted by the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, legislature, Indiana Supreme Court, state museum, state library, historical bureau, history center and other state agencies. Students, their parents, teachers and principals also have the opportunity to visit with representatives of the state's executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

Statehood Day celebrations also feature words of welcome from high-ranking government officials, displays of Indiana's original 1816 and 1851 state constitutions and the reading of the statewide-winning essay

entitled "What Indiana Means to Me."

Steele said the essay competition is open to any Indiana fourth-grade public, private or home-schooled student and is easy to enter:

Entries need to range from 100 to 400 words;

They can be handwritten or typed;

Essays must include the student's name, teacher's or parent's name, school's name and contact information, including address and telephone number;

Students should convey what living in the state of Indiana means to them and highlight things that make them glad to be a Hoosier; and

Essays must be postmarked no later than Friday, October 28.

Entries should be sent to: Jennifer Hodge, Coordinator, State Capitol Tour Office 200 W. Washington St., Room 220 Indiana Statehouse, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Judges will choose first-, second- and third-place winners, who will be notified in November. The first-place winner will be invited to read the essay at the December 9 ceremony.

For more information about the contest or to schedule a group to attend the event, contact Hodge at 317-233-9830 or email jhodge@idoa.in.gov.

Steele said education officials should make plans soon, because space may be limited.

"I encourage all local teachers and administrators to take advantage of this special celebration," Steele said.

Pianist to perform Sunday at New Beginnings Church

Zack Swain, gospel pianist, will perform one day only at New Beginnings Community Church in Loogootee on Sunday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Zack brings a rich musical heritage, one that spans several generations and covers a variety of musical styles, to each performance. A student of the Stamps-Baxter school of music, Zack studied under some of gospel music's finest musicians, teachers, and performers. He also studied piano privately in Greenbrier, Arkansas and Nashville, Tennessee, for several years.

Beginning at the age of three, Zack quickly began to amaze many friends and family with his unique piano artistry. Zack played an integral part in the music ministries of North Arkansas's largest Nazarene church: Greenbrier Church of the Nazarene in Greenbrier, Arkansas. At the age of 11, he was on the full-time music staff of the church, fulfilling responsibilities of principal keyboardist and pianist. At age 15, he made the decision to devote all of his energies toward working in the field of Southern Gospel music. Zack has shared the stage with many prestigious artists in the gospel music spectrum.

Zack's ministry of music has taken him to many churches, arenas, and performance halls all around the world. Even after accomplishing so much in such a short amount of time, he still gives all the credit to God and makes every performance an act



ZACK SWAIN

of worship. Zack's past projects have been featured in the United States, Europe, and even Iraq, just proving part of Zack's message that music is an international language of which there are no language barriers.

Zack is also involved in studio work, playing keyboard sessions on recording projects in various southeastern studios. He has recorded solo piano projects, all of which have been released and distributed through Zack's solo concerts. Zack has managed to capture the attention and hearts of the gospel music fans all over the world in just a few short years and is quickly rising to be one gospel music's top musicians.



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Pictured is the Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson with Fr. Joseph F. Erbacher, Pastor, and Fr. J. Kenneth Walker in front of St. John Catholic Church. Bishop Thompson attended for the Martin County Catholic Churches Episcopal visitation.

New Beginnings Church *WEEKLY MESSAGE*

Christ as an example.

1 Peter 2:21-25

Jesus came to the earth not only to make a way to heaven for us, but to leave us an example to live by; that example being the blessing that God has for us. Like children, we learn by example; look at the example Christ set for us.

The image of Christ that should surpass all images is the most necessary. Paul summed it up when he said, "I am determined to know nothing among you except Christ and what? Him crucified." This is the vision of Christ as the crucified one. The purest, truest perspective of the person and work of Christ is found in viewing Him as the suffering Jesus. This surpasses all the others.

As Christians, we have been called to live by a different standard that those who do not know Christ. If we have been called by God to something, what is it? He has called us in righteousness, by name, called us His, justified, called us to freedom.

2 Timothy 1:9, "who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity." 1 Peter 2:14 tells us by doing good, you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. People that don't know God wonder why you are so kind, or don't get angry at certain things. When we sin and know that you are disciplined by God for it, you endure it. You know you did wrong and deserve punishment. When you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. Christ suffered for you, leaving an example so that you might follow in His foot steps.

Jesus gives us an example to follow. First, He describes the Christian standard. Here in this passage we are called to suffer for doing good. Because we have been called, Peter says we have a standard to live by. To do good. You may even suffer for being mindful of God and that suffering may even be unjustly. This is what he says we have to do to live by Jesus' example to make it through.

First example is He committed no sin.

Sinless perfection is not something that we can achieve, but something we can strive for. Genuine Christians have a sin disposition, nature, character but still...

1 Jn 1:8 If we say we have not sinned we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. 5 And you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. 1 John 3:4-6 (NASB77)

No one who is born of God practices sin because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God 1 John 3:9 (NASB77)

Otherwise we don't live a lifestyle of sin any longer. We don't have to continue to sin.

God says: 13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it. 1 Cor 10:13 (NASB77). So we are to live by Christ example because we are His and strive for a good conscience and avoid sin. Second example is the way we talk. Neither was deceit found in his mouth. Now the word for "deceit" means any type of sin of the tongue. And the tongue sins by deception, innuendo, slander, gossip, a myriad of ways. But no wickedness came out of His mouth, no wickedness ever came across His tongue. He committed no sin by act and He spoke no sin by mouth. We as humans have a hard time with the mouth. The mouth gets us in trouble. What we say should show forth Christ. James says the tongue is the hardest thing to tame- in fact it is impossible without God.

Here is a great passage to remember if you want to love life. 1 Peter 3:10 For whoever desires to love life and see good days (Is that You?) Let Him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceit.

Third example is continue entrusting ourselves to God. The passage says that Jesus

New Bishop of Evansville visits Martin County Catholic Church

The new Bishop of Evansville, the Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson, was warmly welcomed at St. John Catholic Church on Saturday, September 3. A Mass for all members of the Martin County Catholic Parishes was concelebrated before a packed church by Bishop Thompson, Fr. Joseph Erbacher, Pastor, and Fr J. Kenneth Walker. The people from St. John wore yellow shirts, St. Mary parishioners wore red shirts, St. Joseph congregation wore blue shirts and St. Martin wore green, so that the Bishop would know which parish they represented. Members of all four of the Martin County Catholic Churches were represented in the planning of the Mass and reception held afterward, and in the liturgy.

The processional into the church was led by the Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree members, and also included Bryant Ackerman as Master of Ceremonies, Patrick Allbright as Cross Bearer, Kelsy Seals and

Lance Craney as Candle Bearers, Parish Council Chair Persons from all 4 parishes, Beth Ann Grafton, Don Ritchey, Terry Craney and Noel Harty, Mayor Don Bowling, Lectors Lauren Matheis and Kenny Inman, Fr. Walker, Fr. Erbacher, Bishop Thompson, Darrah Holder, Miter Holder, Bryce Boyd, Crosier Holder, and Scott Whitehouse who accompanied the Bishop to Loogootee

A reception was held following the Mass in St. John Center, and was well attended by approximately 250 members of the MCCC. A gift was presented from the parishes to the Bishop by Danielle Abel after the blessing of the meal. Bishop Thompson spent the rest of the evening meeting the members in attendance. Martin County Catholic Churches were honored that Bishop Thompson was able to celebrate with us, and we look forward to his next visit to our parishes.

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Cereal, sausage, muffin, juice, milk
Friday, September 16
Sausage and egg biscuit, juice, milk
Monday, September 19
French toast, sausage, applesauce, milk
Tuesday, September 20
Breakfast pizza, egg, juice, milk
Wednesday, September 21
Biscuit and gravy, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch
Thursday, September 15
Chicken sandwich, French fries, mixed fruit
Friday, September 16
Sausage pizza, salad, pears
Monday, September 19
Hot dogs, French fries, pineapple, cottage cheese
Tuesday, September 20
Macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, applesauce, bread
Wednesday, September 21
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit, bread

LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch
Thursday, September 15
Chicken wraps or pizza, corn, rice, fruit, salad plate, milk
Friday, September 16
Breaded chicken sandwich or pizza, French fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, salad plate, milk
Monday, September 19

Grilled chicken or pizza, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, fruit, salad plate, milk
Tuesday, September 20
Hot dogs, corn dogs, or pizza; macaroni and cheese, corn, fruit, salad plate, milk
Wednesday, September 21
Chicken fried steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Thursday, September 15
Pancakes, ham, fresh fruit, juice, milk
Friday, September 16
Breakfast wrap, fruit, juice, milk
Monday, September 19
Cereal, cheese, fruit, juice, milk
Tuesday, September 20
Cheese omelet, biscuit, fresh fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, September 21
Breakfast-on-a-stick, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
Thursday, September 15
Chili, crackers, cheese, corn, strawberries, milk; choice 4-12: hot ham and cheese sandwich
Friday, September 16
Fish sandwich, potato wedges, fruit, juice, milk
Monday, September 19
Quesadilla, corn, fruit, cake, milk
Tuesday, September 20
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, roll, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza
Wednesday, September 21
Homemade cheese pizza, salad, fruit, milk; choice 4-12: cheese breadsticks



Dig Pink . . . -Graphic provided by Rosie's

Barr-Reeve is selling t-shirts to raise money for the Dig Pink Foundation at the Barr-Reeve vs. Loogootee game volleyball game on September 23 at 6 p.m. The shirts can also be purchased at Rosie's on JFK Avenue in Loogootee. A portion of the shirt sells with go to the Dig Pink Foundation. Dig Pink® is The Side-Out Foundation's trademark name for its fundraising events. All proceeds benefit Side-Out, which in turn awards grants to medical research organizations and entities dedicated to providing compassionate support to breast cancer patients and their families.

VU Jasper to offer free basketball clinic

A free basketball clinic for boys and girls in grades two through eight will be held at the Vincennes University Jasper Campus, October 8, from 9:30 a.m. (EDT) to noon. The clinic will feature the VU Lady Trailblazers basketball team and staff and will stress ball handling, passing, dribbling, and shooting.

The Lady Trailblazers are coached by Harry Meeks who is entering his 21st season at VU. With over 400 victories at VU, Coach Meeks is the most successful coach in VU women's basketball.

Participants will observe the Lady Trailblazers do practice drills and meet with the players one-on-one.

Participants should bring their own basketball with their name on it to use in the clinic.

Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, call 812-481-5937 or email vujcce@vinu.edu.

Loogootee JH places 4th in cross country meet

The Loogootee Junior High Cross Country Team placed fourth in the Heritage Hills Invitational on Saturday, September 10.

The boys' team defeated Pike Central, Southridge, Heritage Hills, and Crawford County. Jasper placed first, Gibson Southern second, and Perry Central placed third.

Receiving individual ribbons for Loogootee were: Tye Collins 15th, Jake Simmons 20th, Jordan Kaiser 25th, Wyatt Nonte 27th, and Kaleb Lyon 31st. Jamison Wagoner 41st, and Jayden Wagoner 43rd, rounded out the Loogootee top seven.

Anaya Carrico won a 34th place ribbon in the girls' meet.

Coach Sanders said he was very pleased the effort, as many of the runners posted personal bests.

Crushers tryouts Sunday

The Southern Indiana Crushers 14U Fast Pitch Softball Travel Team will be holding tryouts on Sunday, September 18 at Springs Valley. Tryouts will be at the town park on field two. The team is looking to fill infield and outfield positions. The Crushers are looking for competitive girls with a winning attitude who love to play the game of softball.

If you have any questions, contact Jeff Cooper at 812-247-3234 or Todd Miller at 812-883-6069.

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For more information on Ivy Tech classes and to register, contact Center for Lifelong Learning at 812-330-4400 or the website: www.ivytech.edu/cll.

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.

GED - Adult Basic Education - GED - Adult Basic Education classes begin September 26. For information contact Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881

SAT Preparation Workshop - SAT preparation workshop 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. This workshop is scheduled on Wednesdays, October 5 through October 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost for the session is \$25. This workshop is sponsored by the Loogootee and Shoals Guidance Counselors Offices. For registration or further information, contact Kris at 812-295-2674.

Learning Center Contact - Kris Beasley, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email kbeasley10@ivytech.edu

Office Hours - Monday through Thursday 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday by appointment only.

Community Learning Center



Tri-state conference on integrative medicine

A full day of learning, sharing, and understanding how to improve the well-being of patients, their families, and community through integrative medicine is coming to the Jasper Inn and Convention Center, 951 Wernsing Road, on Thursday, November 10, 2011. This conference is geared toward nurses, health care administrators, pharmacists, dietitians/nutritionists, social workers, and clergy/chaplains interested in learning more about integrative medicine, a healing-oriented medicine designed to treat the whole person (body, mind, and spirit), not just the disease or illness.

Keynote speakers for the conference include Larry Dean Cripe, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine and interim Chief, Division of Hematology and Oncology of the Indiana University School of Medicine; Ronald L. Mead, System Vice President/Chief Mission Integration Officer for St. Vincent Health in Indianapolis; and Sister Maria Tasto, Spiritual Director and Program Director for the Spirituality Min-

istry of the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand. Discussions will include topics on music therapy, artistic expression, integrative assessment... more than a disease, development of support group and spirituality programs, and celebration of the here and now.

This conference is sponsored by Vincennes University Jasper Campus and Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in cooperation with Indiana University Health, Ascension Health, and Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand. Contact hours of 6.0 CEUs, Category I, will be available for LSWs, LCSWs, LMFTs, and LMHCs. The fee for the conference is \$119 per person and includes materials and lunch. Check-in for the conference will begin at 7:45 a.m. with the closing session scheduled to end at 4 p.m.

Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling VUJC at (812) 481-5937 or (812) 481-5909 or by going online to <http://conta.cc/TristateIntegrative>. Registration deadline is November 2.

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Indiana Conservation Officers hold water survival training at Boggs

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Shown above are the District 7 Indiana Conservation Officers that participated in a water survival training event held at West Boggs recently.

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Indiana Conservation Officers are shown firing from moving boats during their training session on Boggs Lake.

Drought stress blankets Indiana, likely continues into harvest

BY JENNIFER STEWART
Purdue University News Service

The abnormally dry and drought conditions that most of Indiana is experiencing don't appear to change as farmers statewide prepare for harvest, according to the associate state climatologist.

Indiana is at the eastern end of a Midwest drought region, which has been classified as severe and covers much of central Illinois and part of southeast Iowa, said Ken Scheeringa of the Indiana State Climate Office at Purdue University. Ohio has fared better, as the state had almost no drought areas as of the September 6 U.S. Department of Agriculture's Drought Monitor update (<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>).

Dry conditions are categorized on a scale from D0 (drought watch, or abnormally dry) to D4 (exceptional drought). Nearly all of Indiana has reached at least D0, with moderate drought (D1) covering much of the southern half of the state. More severe drought (D2) blankets an area in Johnson and Morgan counties in the central part of the state.

"The historical drought in Texas is creeping northward, with Oklahoma following closely in terms of its drought features," said Dev Niyogi, Indiana State Climatologist. "The swath of drought-prone area is now reaching parts of the Midwest, particularly along southern Indiana."

Part of what has contributed to the dry conditions is La Niña – a weather pattern that occurs when the surface temperature of vast areas of the Pacific Ocean are cooler by at least 1 degree Fahrenheit.

"Indiana's weather patterns have been sensitive to La Niña," Scheeringa said.

"Studies conducted at the Indiana Climate Office suggest that typically winter and early spring La Niña patterns lead to excess rains, and in late summer Indiana experiences abnormally dry conditions. The current status of the swings from a wet early spring to late-season drought is consistent with the La Niña signature."

Another contributing factor is the storm tracks.

While the continued dry conditions may not be ideal for late-developing crops around the state, Scheeringa did forecast good harvesting conditions.

The Indiana outlook is for normal to slightly below normal temperatures throughout harvest, with slightly lower than normal rainfall.

"We don't see any real interruptions to harvest as the present tropical storm track seems to be just east of Indiana," Scheeringa said. "Ohio may see more impacts of hurricane remnants than Indiana will. But the tropical storm track is always a big uncertainty in terms of turning the drought region into a flood-prone area. So we need to watch that carefully."

Although Indiana has been at the end of the lingering La Niña, he said there are indications of resurgence. If this holds true, this fall and winter are likely to mirror the last – although the pattern started a bit earlier this year.

"The timing seems a bit earlier than a year ago," Scheeringa said. "For example, the dry conditions started a few weeks earlier than last year. But if the La Niña pattern of a year ago virtually repeats itself, then we are likely to see a rerun of last winter's conditions."

Indiana Conservation Officers from District 7 recently participated in a water survival training event held at West Boggs. Officers were trained on several work-related topics throughout the day.

During the morning hours, officers practiced their shooting skills from a moving boat. Using training weapons, two-man teams approached targets placed in the water and were required to make consistent hits as the boat continued moving. They also practiced rescue techniques using throw bags as well as Personal Watercraft operation.

During the afternoon, officers completed

a water survival course. This course combined a 400-meter swim, entries from boats, and a buddy rescue drill. The day also required officers to swim 30 meters while wearing a uniform, body armor and weighted gun belts. This equipment adds an additional 18-22 lbs to the officer.

The training was led by Indiana Conservation Officer Defensive Tactics and Firearms instructors. District 7 includes officers from the following counties: Martin, Daviess, Knox, Gibson, Dubois, Pike, Posey, Warrick, Vanderburgh, and Spencer Counties.

New liability law, DNR program combine to help landowners experiencing deer damage

A new landowner liability law combined with the DNR's Hunters Helping Farmers program can help landowners experiencing deer damage to crops, forest regeneration or landscaping get deer populations under control on their property.

The DNR has liberalized hunting regulations in most counties to address deer populations by strategically targeting antlerless deer, but effectiveness depends on landowner participation because 94 percent of the state is in private ownership.

In the Hunters Helping Farmers program, each DNR district wildlife biologist maintains a county-by-county list of hunters who are looking for places to hunt and willing to harvest antlerless deer during the hunting seasons. Landowners having difficulty finding hunters for this purpose may contact the DNR district biologist in their area for a copy. Contact information for district biologists is at www.wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm.

The Indiana General Assembly took steps this year to protect landowners from liability associated with allowing sportsmen and sportswomen to recreate on their land. Indiana Code 34-31-9 was created to limit liability associated with agritourism related activities such as field days, self-pick farmers, corn mazes, animal exhibitions, and agricultural fairs, but also includes natural resource based activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking and trail riding.

The law, which went into effect July 1, states that landowners who provide access to their land for natural resource based activities is not liable for the injury or death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of such activities. Also, a participant or the participant's representative cannot make claim, maintain an action against, or recover from the landowner any loss, damage, or death resulting from the inherent risk of the natural resource based activity.

Inherent risks include conditions, dangers, or hazards that are an integral part of the activity, including surface and subsurface conditions and natural conditions of the land, vegetation and waters, the behavior of

wild or domestic animals on the land, the ordinary dangers of structures or equipment on the land, and negligent acts of a participant that may contribute to the injury of that participant or others.

However, the law does not prevent or limit the liability of a landowner who has knowledge of a dangerous condition that exists on the land and does not make the danger known to the participant, who commits and act or omission that constitutes willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant, or who intentionally injures the participant.

The new law also protects landowners who charge a participant a fee for providing natural resources based activities, as long as they provide the participant with a specific warning notice specified by the law. The warning notice can be printed on a sign, posted and maintained in a clearly visible location at the main entrance to the property where the natural resources based activity is to occur, or included as part of a signed release or written contract between the landowner and the participant. The actual language of the new law can be found at www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2011/HE/HE1133.1.html.

More information on managing deer damage is at www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2718.htm.

The 2011-12 Deer Hunting Guide is at www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/6032.htm.



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Hunter Education Course held on September 9 and 10

On September 9 and 10, 26 students ranging from ages seven to 60 attended and successfully completed an Indiana Hunter Education course held at the Dover Hill Christian Union Church.

The 11-hour course included instruction on a variety of hunting related topics. These topics included: hunter ethics, firearms safety, wildlife management, archery, muzzle loaders, rifles, pistols, shotguns, and wilderness survival and first aid.

The course was sponsored by the Dover Hill Christian Union Church and West Boggs Park.

The Hunter Education course was instructed by Indiana Conservation Officers and certified volunteer Hunter Education instructors.

Indiana law requires all hunters born after December 31, 1986 to successfully complete a Hunter Education class before purchasing a license.



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Volunteer hunter education instructor Mike Axsom is shown demonstrating the effects of an injury to an animal to Shoals 5th grader Matthew Newk.



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Indiana Conservation Officer Jon Watkins and volunteer instructor Jared Mann cover proper handgun safety.



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Indiana Conservation Officer Eric Doane is shown above demonstrating wilderness survival techniques to the students.



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Hunter education students Dakota Holt (left) and Zhenya Salmon (right) are showing the difference between an ethical and unethical hunter.

USDA: Crop yields down nationally, Indiana hit hardest

BY JENNIFER STEWART
Purdue University News Service

The latest estimates from the U.S. Department of Agriculture show lower-than-normal corn and soybean yields across the nation, with the biggest crop losses in Indiana.

This is the second consecutive year for national crop yields below the expected average, straining already tight world grain supplies and keeping commodity prices high, said Purdue Extension agricultural economist Chris Hurt.

According to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service September Crop Production report, released Monday, September 12, national corn yields could average 148.1 bushels per acre, down about 13 bushels from trend yields. Soybeans followed suit at 41.8 bushels per acre, down 1.5 to 2 bushels from trend.

In Indiana, a state hit hard by spring floods and summer drought, average projected corn yields are 145 bushels per acre, down from trend yields of near 165.

"When we're talking about lower commodity prices, a loss of 20 bushels per acre doesn't seem quite as bad," Hurt said. "But when we have corn prices in the \$7 range, that's a big hit."

The news on soybeans in Indiana was slightly better, with projected yields at 42 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from what they might have been with normal weather.

Yields that low will keep world grain stocks very tight, Hurt said. By August 2012 predicted U.S. stocks of both corn and soybeans look to be around a bare minimum of just a 19-day supply. That means usage has to be reduced, and prices are likely to climb until they reach a point where end users, such as processors and livestock producers, are forced to reduce consumption.

"End users of corn will have to cut back by about 400 to 500 million bushels, which primarily will come from 300 million bushels in livestock feed and a 185-million-bushel cut in exports," Hurt said.

"There will have to be some cutbacks in soybean use, as well – the USDA says 110 million bushels, mostly from an 85 million bushel reduction in exports."

The major wildcard in whether soybean stocks continue to shrink is the South American crop, which is being planted now. Should South America have favorable weather, Hurt said the crop could make up for the shortages from the U.S. yields. This is especially true since farmers in countries such as Argentina and Brazil will grow more acres of soybeans than in previous years.

"The amount of Chinese soybean purchases will be up nine percent this year," he said. "South American exports will increase, as both Argentina and Brazil have about five percent more acres and should return to more normal yields after a five percent below-trendline yield last year. South America will cover all of the new purchases from China."

If the weather in South America holds up, farmers in the United States can expect to see soybean prices remain strong through Thanksgiving, Hurt said. After that, prices could be fairly flat through the winter. However, unfavorable growing conditions in South America would send prices up quickly.

USDA currently expects the U.S. average farm price for soybeans to range from \$12.65 to \$14.65 per bushel.

"Prices are expected to provide a positive return for on-farm storage into December or January, but maybe not beyond," Hurt said. "Commercial storage may not pay this year, especially if the South American crop is large."

Corn farmers also aren't likely to see a profit from commercial storage. USDA projects average farm prices for corn at a record high \$6.50 to \$7.50. Hurt said on-farm storage looks profitable into spring and early summer, with prices rising more than enough to cover storage costs.

The full USDA-NASS report is available for free download at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1046>

Humane Society PETS OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has these two very nice looking retrievers for adoption, they are around four to five months old and both are females.

The society is still collecting items for their yard sale to be held this Saturday, September 17. Look in the yard sale ad in the classifieds for details on the sale. If you would like to make a donation to the building fund, send to: Martin County Humane Society P.O. Box 537 Shoals, IN 47581. All donations are tax deductible.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

For ages 19 years and older
Friday, September 16th
from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

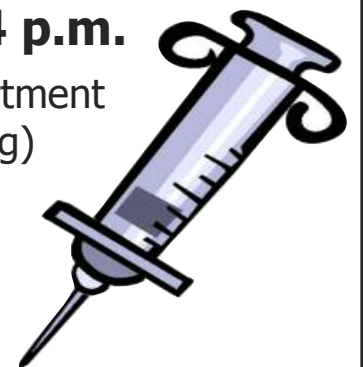
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Flu shots for children age 6 months – 18 years will be given during our regular Immunization Clinic hours on Wednesdays from 8:30 to noon and 12:30 to 4:30.

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September performances at the Skelton Center

Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center will feature a number of performances in September. For information or tickets, call the Box Office at 812-888-4309 or visit www.vinu.edu/redskelton.

The VU Music Department will present a Faculty Recital on Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m. EDT. Admission is free.

Vocalist Darrelle London will appear in concert on September 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for non-VU students and seniors.

Classically trained in voice and piano, London earned her chops as a teenager playing in cafes around her hometown of Acton, Ontario, Canada. Her story is one of following one's heart over one's head. With the smarts to get accepted to law school, she chose instead to take a chance on music. Since making that choice, she has toured Canada, played in LA and New York, and opened for British star VV Brown at the Troubadour club in Hollywood. She has also performed at several festivals, including Lilith Fair, International Pop Overthrow, and North by Northeast.

On Constitution Day, September 15, speaker Zach Wahls will discuss "What Makes A Family?" at 11 a.m. Admission is free. The son of two lesbian mothers, this 19-year-old University of Iowa engineering student had no idea that his heartfelt testimony would spread like viral wildfire and even have him on The Ellen DeGeneres Show. Wahls shares his story and offers a fresh, bold perspective on gay marriage.

Like any family's story, his is one of highs and lows, laughs and tribulations. Wahls' testimony before the Iowa House of Representatives may be viewed at on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSQQK2Vuf9Q>

A performance by comedian Danny Browning, a VU alum, will kick off VU's Fall Family and Alumni Weekend on September 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for non-VU students. Browning is a three-time festival winner and offers a unique mass appeal with material that is extremely versatile and flows with non-stop laughter. He is edgy without being offensive. With his laid back demeanor and sharp wit, Browning finds humor in situations that everyone can relate to and blends it with the perfect balance of improv.

The a cappella group Chapter 6 will perform on September 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for non-VU students. Emerging from a college course, Chapter 6 became the premier jazz a cappella ensemble at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, and was crowned the 2001 International Champions of Collegiate A Cappella. The group offers a comedy-infused blend of pop, jazz, gospel, and rock and their high-energy performances feature a diverse repertoire ranging from freshly arranged swing standards and pop/rock covers to signature pieces such as "Ode To Krispy Kreme,"

Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," and the group's own version of "The Wizard Of Oz."

On September 20 at 8 p.m., VU will present "The Asia Project - Spoken Word."

Admission is free. A self-proclaimed aspiring novelist/astronaut/oil painter/brain surgeon/ninja, Asia never thought spoken word poetry would be his calling. Asia stands as a cancer survivor who was won audiences throughout the country with a spoken word show that has been nothing less than an honest and genuine testimony of his life - always inspiring, sometimes gut-wrenching, and most oftentimes comical buffoonery.

A limited number of tickets are available for renowned actor Hal Holbrook's "Mark Twain Tonight" performance for the VU Alumni Community Series on Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. For information or to make a reservation, call the Community Series ticket office at 812-888-4354.

The NBC Stand Up for Diversity Tour featuring Phoebe Robinson, Samuel Comroe, and Tony Baker will be Sept. 27 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for non-VU students and seniors. Now in its eighth consecutive year, NBC presents another groundbreaking year of Stand-Up for Diversity. Through this initiative, comedians of diverse backgrounds have been launched to new career milestones. Each year NBC holds auditions and live showcases in select cities across the country. At the end of the search a handful of comedians are brought back to Los Angeles to showcase for key industry players. Many of the comics from last year's Best of Stand-Up for Diversity showcase signed with top Hollywood agents and met with the entertainment industry's leading casting directors and executives.

Calendar of Events

Shawl ministry meeting

The non-denominational Woven with Prayers Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, September 19 in the prayer room of the Loogootee United Methodist Church from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you would like to join and are in need of needles, hooks, patterns or yarn, contact Dianna Overall at 295-2639.

Loogootee PAC meeting

The next Loogootee Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Dairy Master.

Commissioners/council special meeting

The Martin County Commissions and Martin County Council will meet in executive session Monday, September 19 at 6 p.m. in the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel classified as confidential by State and Federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b) (7). The meeting is closed to the public.

Loogootee School Board

The Loogootee School Board will meet Saturday, September 17 at 10 a.m. in the meeting room in the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

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.

Classified ADS

YARD SALES



FIRST ANNUAL Walker Street YARD SALE
From Main to Williams Street
Friday, Sept. 16th & Saturday, Sept. 17th
8 a.m. - noon both days

FOR SALE

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FOR SALE: Overrange microwave about a year old- \$200 or best offer 295-4124.

2005 ETON VIPER 70cc, 2 stroke 4 wheeler \$500 812 295-4934.

TOTAL GYM 1000 Exercise Machine. \$100. (812) 295-4934

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Want to place a classified?

Email courtney@martincountyjournal.com
Cost: 1-10 words: Free, 11-40 words: \$4 per week, 41-80 words: \$8 per week, 81-120 words: \$12 per week. Box ad prices vary. Email for details.

YARD SALES

BIG YARD SALE, Saturday, September 17, 8-1 on N. Kentucky Avenue, just north of St. John's Church, Greene's residence in Loogootee. All proceeds go to the Martin County Humane Society. Most things will be for a donation, we will have a few items marked, so come and help support the humane society. If rained out, it will be held the following Saturday.

TWO-FAMILY MOVING SALE, 204 High Street, Friday and Saturday, June 16-17, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Computer desk, monitors, video games, Lincoln arc welder, electric chainsaw, other items too numerous to list.

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GAMEHOUSE

VU Fall Family and Alumni Weekend is September 16-18

Vincennes University's Fall Family and Alumni Weekend, September 16-18, will feature a wide range of events, from concerts to a chili cook-off and comedy.

Comedian Danny Browning, a VU alum, will kick off the weekend with a performance on September 16, at 8 p.m. (EDT), at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for non-VU students.

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Saturday, September 17, events will begin downtown on Patrick Henry Drive. The 21st Annual International Chili Society Chili Cook-Off will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A picnic will offer free food for VU students and their families at 12:30 p.m. At 1 p.m. will be a free concert by The Speedbumps. Persons attending these events are also encouraged to visit the Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

the nearby Riverfront Pavilion on the corner of Second and Busseron streets.

Events return to campus at 3:30 p.m. when VU President Dick Helton and Mrs.

Cindy Helton hosts a reception for students, alumni, and families at the Beckes Student Union. The reception will feature a free performance by VU's Essence of Worship Gospel Choir.

A cappella group Chapter 6 will perform at 8 p.m. at the Skelton Center. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for non-VU students. Emerging from a college course, Chapter 6 became the premier jazz a cappella ensemble at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, and were crowned the 2001 International Champions of Collegiate A Cappella. The group offers a comedy-infused blend of pop, jazz, gospel, and rock and their high-energy performances feature a diverse repertoire ranging from freshly arranged swing standards and pop/rock covers to signature pieces such as "Ode To Krispy Kreme," Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," and the group's own version of "The Wizard Of Oz."

The weekend will conclude on September 18 with a non-denominational worship service at VU's Maria Creek Chapel.

Fewer Americans are smoking cigarettes

A new "Vital Signs" report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), said that tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death for Americans.

The national report shows that smokers are smoking less but the CDC warned in the report that although some people who smoke every day are consuming fewer cigarettes, even occasional smoking causes harm. The best option for any smoker is to quit completely.

Fortunately for Hoosier smokers, there has never been a better time to quit, according to Karla Sneegas, Assistant Commissioner of Tobacco Prevention and Cessation and the Indiana State Department of Health.

"The sooner you quit the quicker your body can start to heal," said Sneegas. "Cutting back on smoking can be a step to quitting smoking for life, but to reduce the risks for a heart attack, asthma attack, cancer, or other smoking-related diseases you need to quit for good."

The 2011 Quit Now Indiana Contest is a statewide contest designed to encourage Hoosiers do just that—quit for life. As an extra incentive to the benefits of better health, the contest offers participants a chance to win cash prizes up to \$2,500 for remaining tobacco-free during the month of October.

The "Vital Signs" report comes on the heels of new Indiana smoking data released by the State Health Department in August. State health officials reported that the smok-

ing rate for Hoosier adults dropped significantly from 27.4 percent in 2001 to a new historic low of 21.2 percent in 2010. The Indiana data is collected as part of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, a 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.

In Indiana nearly 10,000 Hoosiers die each year from tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. Additionally, for every one smoking-related death, another 20 Hoosiers live with a smoking-related disease.

To learn more about the Quit Now Indiana Contest and other smoking cessation resources available, please visit the www.QuitNowIndiana.com. Employers interested in participating in the Preferred Employer Network can request contest materials at www.QuitNowIndiana.com or for additional information, call (317) 234-1787.

Contest rules are posted on the Quit Now Indiana website. To be eligible to win, contestants must be 18 years or older, a legal resident of Indiana, a current tobacco user and stay tobacco free from October 1 through October 31, 2011. The registration period lasts through September 30, 2011, (all entries must be received by midnight on September 30, 2011). Contest winners will be drawn at random and will be tested to make sure they are tobacco-free to be eligible to claim a prize(s).



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

I live with three men – my husband and my two sons. It has its advantages and disadvantages and some days I yearn for a daughter, while most days I am thankful for only boys. I am the only one of my siblings that has all boys, so I am not really sure if what I deal with is "normal" behavior.

I was quite a tomboy growing up so I suppose being blessed with sons was a pretty good plan by the man upstairs. When I witness a little girl being all "diva-fied", I wonder how I could have ever handled that. I am very, very drama-free and not at all girly. I can count on one hand how many times I have worn a dress in my entire 34 years and 99 percent of the time I don't care what clothes I wear or what my hair looks like and I rarely, if ever, wear makeup.

Some things are strange despite the fact that I am the only girl in the house. For instance, I am the only one of the four of us to watch sports on television – well, college basketball anyway. I have tried relentlessly to get my husband and sons to watch the games with me but even when I manage to drag them in front of the TV for a moment, they eventually leave out of fear due to my . . . umm . . . passion for the game and the occasional outbursts. They look at me and roll their eyes when I come downstairs donned in my IU clothes even though I am not actually leaving the house to watch the game; they don't get my obsession.

There are some things that my men do that make me so irritated that I often flip out. They never fill the ice trays, always leave things left open, i.e. the bread, cereal, potato chips; and my husband's idea of cleaning up the leftovers is moving the pans from the stove to the refrigerator - uncovered, usually with the stirring spoon still inside.

All three of them have this habit of putting their dirty clothes in the strangest places. I have found them all over my house – in bookshelves, in the railing of the stairway, on the front porch, in the seat of the couch, etc. No matter how many hampers I have purchased over the years, the only clothes that end up in them are mine. They also completely soak the bathroom after taking a shower. Instead of semi-drying with a towel before exiting the shower, sometimes I think they climb out and shake like dogs. I walk in the bathroom and my socks get soaked from the puddles or the sippy bath rug. And, my boys will come out of the bathroom after their shower, dressed, with water literally dripping from their head and soaking their clothes and they don't seem to notice or care.

They also wrestle and rough house constantly – one time even breaking my toe when I inadvertently walked too close while trying to get out of the way. Somehow they have never managed to break each other's

bones – just a lot of bruising.

On the other side of it, which I suppose pretty much cancels out all the negative, they are super protective of me – all three of them. It is little things like if I drop the shampoo bottle while in the shower I know that in a few seconds I will hear a knock at the door asking if I am okay because they are afraid the "boom" sound was me falling. On weekend mornings one of the three men will always deliver me my coffee in bed. All three often tell me I am beautiful (which I know is unconditional love) and they HATE to see me cry. I have had to hold each one of them back at some point when we have encountered someone who was hateful to me despite how far back in my past it was. When walking up or down a hill, one of them will always come take my arm as if I am at any minute going to tumble. If I am busy doing something in an area of the house where they are not, it's only a matter of minutes before I hear, "Where's Mommy?" like I am lost or something.

I know that someday my sons will most likely have those annoying habits that drive their wives crazy but I am also pretty sure that they will also treat them like queens if their attitudes so far in life are any indication.

Even with my guys' many gross, irritating habits . . . I think I will keep them anyway.



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