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## Loogootee enrollment down 44; board talks coaching positions

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The discussion of coaching dominated the Loogootee School Board meeting Saturday morning, September 17.

The board accepted the resignations of Jill Kelso as junior high track coach and Bruce Wade as freshman boys' basketball coach.

Coaching and volunteer positions approved were

-Jim Woody, Travis Davis and Judy Walton as junior high softball volunteers

-Randy Chapel as high school softball volunteers

-Jill Kelso and Lacey Wade as girls' 5th grade basketball co-coaches

-Chad Wade as volunteer in the girls' basketball program wherever needed

-Noah Callahan as boys' freshman basketball coach

-Larry Hembree as boys' 8th grade basketball coach

Prior to the vote on Hembree, board member Eric Ackerman told Mr. Weitkamp that he didn't see much need to vote since coaches, that were not yet approved by the

board, were already being used. He said that the school board does not approve of that. "I think we have a communication problem Larry," Ackerman said to Weitkamp. "So, I don't think us voting at this time makes any difference." Ackerman then abstained from voting for Hembree and the coaching recommendations that followed.

Board member Larry Craney was absent from the meeting but with Tim Bradley, Shawn Howell, and Scott Hall all voting in favor, the recommendations were approved (See 'COACHING' on page two)

## County's jobless rate at 7 percent

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Martin County's unemployment rate rose slightly again in August moving to 7 from 6.7 percent. In July, the county was tied for fifth place for the lowest unemployment rate of the 92 Indiana counties. In August, the county fell to 84th, tied with Posey County. For August, Martin County had 5,562 residents in the job market, up six from July. Of those, 387 were without work, up 16 from the month before. In August of 2010 there were 5,272 residents in the workforce with 366 unemployed or 6.9 percent.

Daviess County's jobless rate also rose just slightly from 6.0 percent in July to 6.1 percent in August tying them with Dubois County for the lowest jobless rate in the state. In August, Daviess County had 14,952 residents in the job market with 915 unemployed. In July, there were 14,818 residents in the workforce and 894 unemployed. In August of last year, the county had a jobless rate of 6.5 percent with 14,782 residents in the job market and 958 unemployed. Daviess County held the top spot for the lowest unemployment in the state for a record number of months. Dubois County took over that top spot in June.

Dubois County's jobless rate rose half a percentage point from July to August going from 5.6 percent to 6.1 percent. In August, Dubois had 21,843 residents in the workforce and 1,322 without jobs. In July, there were 21,799 residents in the job market and 1,225 unemployed. In August of 2010, Dubois County had an unemployment rate of 6.9 percent with 21,990 residents able to work and 1,513 without jobs.

Orange County's unemployment rate barely moved for August going from 9.1 percent in July to 9.2 percent putting them in the 35th spot in the state for unemployment rates tied with Wabash, Parke, and Marion. For August, Orange (See 'JOBLESS' on page two)



-Article by Kelsey Hardwick, photo by Tiffani Stemle

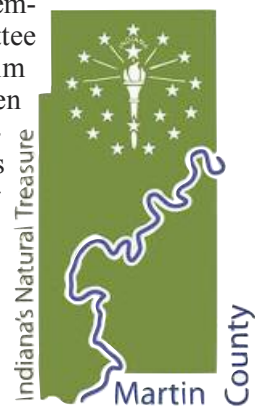
Shoals Jr./Sr. High School will be sponsoring the "Top of the Rox" student of the month program. There will be two students chosen from grades 7-12 every month. To be chosen as student of the month, the student must be nominated by the teaching staff. The following criteria is what each student needs to possess: citizenship, respect (for staff, peers and self), attendance, leadership qualities, positive attitude toward school, classroom participation, responsibility, good work ethic, show academic improvement, extracurricular activities. Shoals Jr./Sr. High School would like to thank Bo-Mac's and the Psi Iota for their support of this program. Pictured above are "Top of the Rox" August inductees and sponsors. In the front row, from left to right, are Psi Iota member Teresa Heckard, Ashley Mullins, Holly Self, Alex Tedrow, Josey Waggoner, Allison Albright, Reva Troutman, and Shoals Jr./Sr. High School Principal David Springer. In the back row, from left to right, are Psi Iota member January Roush, Rachel Harder, Dylan Erwin, Cole Kimmel, Audra Deckard, Cole Hovis, Roger Terry, Bo-Mac's owner Cecil Ragsdale, and Top of the Rox sponsor Tina Rue.

## Martin County Tourism Committee recognizes local efforts

The Martin County Tourism Committee recognizes locals who take pride in making Martin County a more attractive place to live, work, and visit. Those recognized receive an attractive Martin County pin.

On Saturday, September 17th committee members Jim Stoughton and Karen Mattingly recognized Bryan Adams and his son Ross for their dedication and commitment to the county Farmers' Market. Adams has faithfully set up shop and sold homemade baked goods at the Farmers' Market every Saturday morning for the past two summers. As other participants have come and gone throughout the season, Adams remained a

(See 'EFFORTS' on page two)



-Photo provided

The tourism committee recognized Linda and Bud Strahley, at left, and Randy Baker, at right. Baker and the Strahleys dedicate their Saturdays to cleaning and maintaining the grounds of Overlook Park located on U.S. Highway 50 east toward Shoals.



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# JOBLESS

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County had 10,295 residents in the workforce with 945 unemployed. In July, there were 10,234 residents in the job market and 954 without jobs. In August of 2010, Orange County's jobless rate was 10.6 percent with 9,934 residents in the workforce and 1,056 of them unemployed.

The counties holding on to the top five places in the state for the lowest jobless rate for August were Dubois and Daviess counties at 6.1 percent, Hamilton County at 6.4 percent, Switzerland County with 6.5 percent, Warrick County at 6.6 percent, and Knox County at 6.7 percent.

The counties taking the five places for the

	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	Monthly Change
Indiana	10.0%	8.5%	8.7%	+0.2%
U.S.	9.6%	9.1%	9.1%	0.0%
Illinois	10.0%	9.5%	9.9%	+0.4%
Kentucky	10.2%	9.5%	9.5%	0.0%
Michigan	12.2%	10.9%	11.2%	+0.3%
Ohio	9.9%	9.0%	9.1%	+0.1%

highest unemployment for August were Fayette County with 12.1 percent, Blackford County at 11.2 percent, Henry, Scott, and Wayne counties at 10.8 percent; Clay and Elkhart counties at 10.7 percent, and Lawrence and Miami counties at 10.6 percent.

Indiana and neighboring states saw an uptick in the August unemployment rate. The preliminary seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate went from 8.5 to 8.7 percent in August. The U.S. rate remained flat at 9.1 percent this month. Indiana continues to be

below the national average and that of all neighboring states for the seventh month in a row. Private sector employment decreased by 4,800 in August. The National Bureau of Labor Statistics also revised Indiana's July job growth numbers to show an increase of 4,100 more private sector jobs than reported last month.

"The July revision of private sector jobs largely offsets the August decrease, making the job numbers essentially the same as last month," said Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development. "While the number of long-term unemployed is still too high, for the first time since November of 2007, fewer than 50,000 individuals are collecting state unemployment insurance."

#### Employment by Sector

Sectors showing significant employment gains in August include: Construction (2,200) and Government (2,300). The Manufacturing (-3,700) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-1,200) sectors showed significant decline. Total non-farm employment decreased (-2,500) in August.

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

# Lark Ranch corn maze has Colts fever



-Photo provided

Lark Ranch, located at 3145 Killion Mill Road outside Loogootee, is feeling Colts fever with the new corn maze shown above. Lark Ranch is a 600-acre ranch owned and operated by Indianapolis attorney Matt Lark. Matt loves the Southern Indiana countryside, and feels that the Corn Maze, hayrides, and other activities at the farm are his way of giving back to the community that has given so much to him. The ranch also provides educational opportunities for local children. School and other educational groups are admitted to the ranch at a reduced price. Matt also enjoys using the ranch for donating to local organizations such as the Riley Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Eastern Food Pantry, St. Vincent De Paul, and the Martin County Relay for Life. For more information on Lark Ranch including admission cost and hours of operation, visit [www.larkranch.com](http://www.larkranch.com).

# COACHING

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3-0-1. Those included:

-Alan Burch as boys' 7th grade basketball coach

-Jeff Bledsoe as boys' 6th grade basketball coach transferred from fifth grade coach

-Jon Casper, Andy Marks, and Bill Reilly were approved as volunteers in the basketball program

Mr. Weitkamp noted that Jeremy Wildman, already approved, will be the only fifth grade coach.

Mr. Weitkamp also noted that this fills all open positions in the basketball program except for a new position that has been created to oversee the entire program with the goal being to help with communication from varsity down. No one has been named to take that position yet.

Board member Ackerman said that he hopes this new position will also be responsible for writing job descriptions for the coaches.

Board member Bradley added that it is hard to hire coaches when there is not a description of the job or the goals of the program. Mr. Weitkamp replied that job descriptions were created many years ago and he agrees that the need to be updated.

Boys' varsity head coach Mike Wagoner, who was in the audience, asked about the job descriptions that are advertised when a coaching position is sought and why they do not serve as such.

Board member Bradley explained that there are two steps in the process with the advertisement being the basic description and then when a candidate applies, more information is supplied to them about what the job entails.

Bradley told Wagoner that the purpose of the job descriptions was for the board to make sure each coach is doing exactly what is required. If not, the board can act accordingly. "We have to have some objective way to measure peoples' performance so that it's fair to them, fair to us, and fair to the public and it needs to be transparent," said Bradley.

Board member Ackerman added that the board wanted a clear-cut policy which would avoid questions coming up later.

On a final personnel note, Mr. Weitkamp wanted to acknowledge that the school has finished setting up their volunteer medical team that consists of area doctors Will Walker, Jordan Divine, and Jordan and

Brooke Hawkins. The medical team will assist in advising the athletic programs. He added that the school is very fortunate to have this team.

Mr. Weitkamp reported after the meeting that Loogootee School enrollment stands at 954 students. He said that this is not a definite number which will not be finalized until later this year. According to the annual report obtained from the Indiana Department of Education, the corporation's enrollment last year was 998 which equates to a loss of 44 students this year. The corporation has seen a substantial decline in enrollment since 2005 dropping below the 1,000 student mark in 2009-10 for the first time in the school's history. 10 years ago the corporation had close to 1,200 students.

In other business, the board discussed the need to update the softball and baseball fields to make them more handicapped accessible. Mr. Weitkamp explained that this included concrete work around the fields along with concrete pads around the bleachers.

He added that some work may be done in steps between now and next year including the field restrooms, the press box, and the backstop on the softball diamond.

Mr. Weitkamp said he also had some suggestions for indoor work in the locker rooms.

Board member Tim Bradley said he felt that the work discussed would be great but he also wanted to do work that would benefit track and the other sports programs in the corporation.

The board approved the bus fuel escalation changes. According to Mr. Weitkamp diesel prices are down 28 cents from last quarter but up \$1.22 over the bid price from January of 2009.

Gas prices are four cents higher than last quarter and \$1.80 over the original bid price.

The board approved the Beta Club to take an overnight trip to Indianapolis for the annual convention.

Condolences were offered to Audrey Tolbert for the death of her grandmother, Paul Arvin for the death of his uncle, Mary Walton for the death of her uncle, Marsha Lukomski for the death of her aunt, and Ron Gilbert for the death of his aunt.

Neither principal was present at the meeting to present their monthly reports.

The next meeting of the board will be October 24 at 7 p.m.

# EFFORTS

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constant, week in and week out. You can stop by and see his variety of cookies, breads, sweet breads, coffee cakes and other goodies at the Martin County Farmers' Market located in Bo Mac's parking lot in Shoals. Adams will continue selling baked goods at the Farmers Market through Saturday, October 29 and will have a booth set up at the Christmas Boutique located in the community building on Saturday, November 19.

Also recognized for their part in making Martin County more attractive were Randy Baker and Linda and Bud Strahley. Baker and the Strahleys dedicate their Saturdays to cleaning and maintaining the grounds of Overlook Park located on U.S. Highway 50 east toward Shoals.

Overlook Park offers classic Martin County scenery including the river, DeStabler Farm and beyond. Like a scene from the Smoky Mountains, the Overlook features low lying fog over the river in the early mornings, vivid greens during the summer months, and a breathtaking array of autumn colors in the fall.

Thanks to Baker and the Strahleys, locals can bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the view

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# OBITUARIES

## ALVIN YODER

Alvin E. Yoder died at 11 a.m. Sunday, September 17, 2011 at his home. A resident of Cannelburg, he was 82.

He was born April 6, 1929, in Elkhart County; the son of Ora J. and Mattie (Yoder) Yoder. He married Amanda (Knepp) Yoder on April 4, 1953 and she survives. He was a member of Canaan Fellowship Church in Ebson. On May 13, 1979, he was ordained a minister and he was a lifelong farmer.

He is also survived by five daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Willard Knepp of Fairland, Oklahoma, Loretta and Delbert Knepp of Montgomery, Betty and David Knepp of Montgomery, Leona and Gerald Graber of Plainville, and Christina Yoder, at home; six sons and daughters-in-law, Alvin Ray and Joyce Yoder of Rockfield, Kentucky, David E. and Phyllis Yoder of Loogootee, Floyd and Betty Yoder of Owenton, Kentucky, Lloyd and Karen Yoder of Loogootee, Samuel and Loretta Yoder and Jerry W. and Sarah Yoder, all of Loogootee; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mae and J.L. Tubbs of Elkhart and Fannie and Eberly Yoder of White Pigeon, Michigan; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Perry O. and

Maggie Yoder of Sarasota, Florida, and Jerry O. and Esther Yoder of Cannelburg; one brother-in-law, Lester (Marilyn) Miller of Peru; 44 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Savilla Miller and a stillborn sister; and two brothers, Herman and Wilbur Yoder.

The funeral was held this morning, Wednesday, September 21 at the Simon J. Graber Complex. Burial will be in the Canaan Fellowship Church Cemetery.

Arrangements were made through Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

## BERNADETTE CRANEY

Bernadette Craney passed away at 7:52 a.m. Thursday, September 15, 2011 at St. Charles Health Campus. A resident of Cannelburg, she was 83.

She was born December 21, 1927 in Daviess County; the daughter of Patrick J. and Mary Catherine (Riney) Colvin. Her husband, Martin Thomas Craney passed away March 14, 1998. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, St. Ann's Altar Society, and a former member of St. Patrick



**BERNADETTE CRANEY**

Catholic Church in Corning. She is survived by eight daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Bob Grannan of Montgomery, Monica and Tony Steiner of Washington, Diana and Bob Dages of Loogootee, Madonna and Rick Leinenbach of Huntingburg, Betty and Ralph Craig of Odon, Joan and Tom Cornelius of Montgomery, Mary and Rick Schaefer of Fulda, and Hazel and Brad Leinenbach of Ferdinand; five sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Rita Craney of Petersburg, David and Tammy Craney of Derby, Bill Craney of Montgomery, Greg and Kim Craney of Washington, and Steve Craney of Cannelburg; one sister, Louise O'Connor of Greenfield; three brothers, James Colvin of Mishawaka, and Lawrence Colvin and Earl Colvin both of Washington; thirty five grandchildren; and twenty-eight great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five sisters, Catherine Spaulding, Josephine Wade, Rosemary Rayman, Clara Shedelbower and Dorothy O'Connor; and three brothers, Bernard Colvin, Jerome Colvin, and Raymond Colvin.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated Monday, September 19 at St. Peter Catholic Church with Father Jim Koressel as celebrant. Burial followed in St. Patrick Cemetery in Corning.

Ed Lee Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

## GORDAN HOWELL

Gordan Wayne Howell, formerly of Shoals, passed away at 5 a.m. Saturday, September 17, 2011 at his home. A resident of Mitchell, he was 70.



**GORDAN HOWELL**

He was born May 5, 1941 in Shoals; the son of Gordan and Faye (Cessna) Howell. He married Nancy Schvonn Runyon in 2004 in Mitchell, and she survives. He retired from Crane N.A.D., was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Army. He was a member of the American Legion Post #61 in Shoals, American Legion Post #250 Mitchell, and V.F.W. #9107 Mitchell. Wayne was a graduate of Shoals High School Class of 1959, and was a member of the Mitchell Wesleyan Church.

Other survivors include a sister, Rachel Sween of Washington State; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral service was held Tuesday, September 20 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley in Shoals.

Preferred Memorials can be made to the Leukemia Society.

## MARTIN "MARTY" HARDER

Martin N. "Marty" Harder, formerly of Shoals, passed away at 7:29 a.m. Thursday, September 15, 2011 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Dubois, he was 66.



He was born October 22, 1944 in Martin County; the son of Howard and Josephine (Bauern-MARTIN HARDER fiend) Harder. He retired after 20 years at Jasper Desk Company. He was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Dubois Crossroads, Sons of the American Legion Post #61 Shoals, and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2442.

Survivors include two daughters, Denise Harder of Vincennes and Susie and Paul Thewes of Celestine; one son, Roy Gene Harder and Jennifer Hasenour of Dubois; five grandchildren, one great grandchild; and one sister Debbie and Tim Howell of Loogootee.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Steve Harder.

A funeral service was held Sunday, September 18 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made to the family at [www.queen-lee.com](http://www.queen-lee.com).

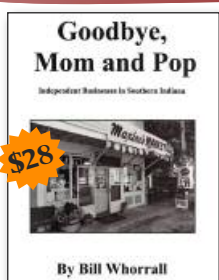


## Record fundraiser

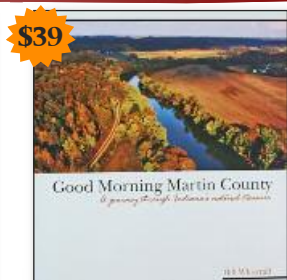
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VFW Post 9395, of Loogootee, is pleased to announce that the Wounded Warrior Project for the collection of can tabs was a huge success. The Post was able to more than double their goal of filling a 55 gallon barrel, actually filling a second barrel for a total of 240 pounds of aluminum can tabs. Miller Brewing Company is donating ten cents for each tab collected to the Wounded Warrior Project. This worthwhile organization assists wounded servicemen from all branches of the military, through many aspects of their recovery and adaptation to civilian life. The VFW Post 9395 raised an estimated \$9600 for the project. Committee Chairperson Kim Wagoner wants to thank everyone from the Post and surrounding communities for their enthusiasm and efforts in making this one of the most successful fundraisers in the club's history.

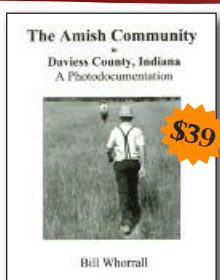
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## Jack Terrell and his mother Imogene talk about her residence at Parkview:



*Imogene*

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

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

**Imogene talks about activities at Parkview:**

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

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### Tuesday, September 13

8:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

9:40 a.m. - A female caller in Shoals reported someone trespassing and bothering personal property.

11:32 a.m. - A male caller reported stolen property.

11:45 a.m. - Goodman Recycling called regarding possible stolen property.

12:47 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound on U.S. 50, just west of the State Road 60.

1:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:13 p.m. - Received a request for a wrecker on S.R. 550 for a vehicle that backed off the road and into a ditch.

2:38 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance advised of a walk-in that they transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:11 p.m. - A female caller requested assistance with a hornet's nest.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident and a vehicle leaving the scene on Bloomfield Road.

3:31 p.m. - Received call regarding a protective order.

3:59 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft of gasoline from a lawnmower and vehicles on Mount Pleasant Road.

5:19 p.m. - Received a call regarding possible prescription drug abuse.

6:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 50 in Loogootee.

7:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a child regarding a possible domestic disturbance.

8:16 p.m. - Received a report of a house fire on U.S. 150.

### Wednesday, September 14

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of violation of protective order.

10:45 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with a locked vehicle in Loogootee.

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of a lost military ID card.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Bramble.

1:16 p.m. - Received a report of a house fire on U.S. 150 approximately two miles outside of Shoals.

4:20 p.m. - Received a call from a business in Shoals regarding possible drugs found.

5:00 p.m. - Received a call regarding a dispute over a protective order.

5:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Health Care. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen television, Xbox, and laptop computer.

6:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:10 p.m. - Received another call regarding a protective order.

### Thursday, September 15

2:37 a.m. - Received a call regarding a dispute between a landowner and a tenant.

2:42 a.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler in Shoals.

4:36 a.m. - Received a report of cows on the roadway on Chicken Farm Road and damage done to the mirror of a truck.

7:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:25 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism.

10:27 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver westbound on U.S. 50 from Lawrence County.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Main Street in Shoals.

12:08 p.m. - Received a report of a theft of copper.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on private property.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a theft from a vehicle.

6:17 p.m. - Received a call regarding an unruly teenager.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of stolen 911 numbers on Harper Hill Road.

7:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Killion Mill Road. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:26 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in the Doe Run Lane area regarding a disturbance.

9:07 p.m. - Received a request to assist in locating a subject involved in a battery in Knox County.

9:34 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer regarding theft of medication.

### Friday, September 16

2:07 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Daviess County.

5:01 a.m. - Received a call regarding a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee.

7:34 a.m. - Received a report of keys locked in a vehicle with a small child in the car on Chicken Farm Road.

8:12 a.m. - Received a report of theft of game cameras.

9:10 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver southbound on U.S. 231 from Bramble.

9:45 a.m. - Received a call regarding a subject possibly wanted in another county.

9:52 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen chainsaw.

10:19 a.m. - Received a call regarding a neighbor's dogs destroying a subject's property.

10:31 a.m. - Received a complaint regarding dogs running loose in Shoals.

11:53 a.m. - Received information regarding possible drug paraphernalia found.

2:36 p.m. - A female called and reported that she had found her stolen items.

4:21 p.m. - A female caller requested to speak with an officer in reference to a house fire.

4:33 p.m. - Received an anonymous call regarding possible drug activity.

5:39 p.m. - A male caller reported property damage done by a juvenile.

5:56 p.m. - Received a call regarding possible shots fired in Crane Village.

7:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

7:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Daviess County. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

### Saturday, September 17

12:25 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance at Chuckles in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

12:45 a.m. - Received a report of loud music in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

10:49 a.m. - A male caller reported juvenile subjects throwing eggs at his windshield.

1:58 p.m. - Received a report of a fire following a possible explosion on U.S. 150.

2:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Red School Road.

3:37 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Sherfick School Road.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of harassment at the Jay C Store in Shoals.

8:37 p.m. - Received a report of a scent of gas coming from grain bins on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

9:00 p.m. - Received a call from a female in Crane regarding her son being threatened by another boy.

9:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in the area of the fairgrounds.

9:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### Sunday, September 18

3:40 a.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:48 a.m. - Received a complaint regarding a dog running loose on Crane Street in Loogootee.

9:52 a.m. - A female caller in Shoals reported a trespasser.

11:05 a.m. - A juvenile male called to report a battery.

11:25 a.m. - A male caller from Loogootee reported that a St. Bernard tried to attack his dog while he was walking it on Norris Street in Loogootee.

3:11 p.m. - Received a call regarding subjects walking in Goodwill Cemetery that stated they had guns and advised caller's children to leave the area.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug paraphernalia found.

5:20 p.m. - A female caller in Shoals requested assistance tomorrow with traffic, as she is having a trailer moved.

5:37 p.m. - Received a call regarding a cat that was left at a house that burned.

5:39 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol on Friends Creek Road regarding ATVs.

7:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:17 p.m. - Received a report of a large tree branch that has fallen on top of an Envoy and broken the windshield on S. R. 450.

### Monday, September 19

2:59 a.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler at a residence in Shoals.

5:30 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee.

6:52 a.m. - Received a report of a subject possibly driving without a license or insurance.

### Monday, September 19

7:10 a.m. - Received a call regarding a controlled burn at the Burns City Cemetery.

7:16 a.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm on Bucks Knob Lane.

8:36 a.m. - Received a call regarding an out-of-control teenager.

11:54 a.m. - Received a report of a truck on fire on U.S. 231, just south of Loogootee.

11:58 a.m. - A female came on station to report a violation of a protective order.

1:09 p.m. - Received a report of a semi off the roadway on U.S. 50 at the Martin County and Lawrence County line.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on Dover Hill Road. No damage was reported to the vehicle.

3:00 p.m. - A female came on station to report a theft of car parts, a tree stand, money, and medication.

5:03 p.m. - A female came on station to report harassment.

Unknown time - A call was received, reporting a cow out on Dover Hill Road.

6:27 p.m. - Received a call regarding a property dispute.

7:07 p.m. - Received a report of a dog bite in Shoals.

### Tuesday, September 20

1:27 a.m. - Received a report of a trespasser on personal property on Cale Road.

6:22 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on East River Road.

9:25 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious odor in Odon. Daviess County was contacted.

1:06 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

2:06 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in the area of High Street and Main Street in Shoals.

## Dubois County shooting results in "A" Felony manslaughter arrest

Just before 3:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 18, the Dubois County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call advising that a shooting had just occurred at 6530 Kellerville Road.

Upon the deputy's arrival, they discovered Scotty L. Kirk, 28, of 4246 Hilldale Drive, Newburgh dead from what appeared to be a gunshot wound.

Tyler Bowles, 25 of 6530 Kellerville Road, who made the 911 call to the sheriff's department, was then held for questioning. Indiana State Police Detectives Rick McGill and James Price later learned that the victim Kirk had arrived at the residence just after 3 a.m. and shortly thereafter became involved in a physical confrontation

with another male who lived at the residence. While the two males fought outside the home, suspect Tyler Bowles, who also lives at the residence, attempted to stop the fight by firing several warning shots from a .45 caliber handgun into the air. When that failed to stop the altercation, another gunshot was heard and victim Kirk fell to the ground.

The Dubois County Coroner pronounced Kirk dead at the scene.

The investigation is ongoing. If found guilty of voluntary manslaughter Bowles could face up to 20-50 years in prison.

Agencies Assisting - Dubois County Sheriff's Department, Dubois County Coroner's Office and the Dubois County EMS.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Chris L. Baugh and Janet L. Baugh**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Edward T. Kidwell**, of Martin County, Indiana, 70 feet off of the south end of the east one-half of Lot Number 26 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Jack Emery and Carol Westerfield**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jack Emery and Carol Westerfield**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 0.78 acres, more or less. Subject to utility easements of 0.35 acres, 0.22 acres, and 0.20 acres.

**Beth L. Cook and Jonathan W. Cornett**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Shila Cornett**, part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and also part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 42.060 acres, more or less.

**Shila Cornett**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Beth L. Cook and Jonathan W. Cor-**

**nett**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and also part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 9.415 acres, more or less.

**Shila Cornett**, of Martin County, Indiana to **David Graber and Edna Rose Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana; **Delmer Jay Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana; and **Darvin Ray Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and also part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana and containing 42.060 acres, more or less.

**Loren Brent Baker and Pamela S. Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana to **J. Shane Roush and Brenda E. Roush**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 3 West and part of Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 3 West and containing 236 acres, more or less.

# Loogootee Police log

## Monday, September 12

11:11 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of his personal checks.

7:31 p.m. - First responders were requested on N. Oak Street for lifting assistance.

## Tuesday, September 13

12:31 a.m. - Female caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a protective order.

8:10 a.m. - Caller reported a female in a vehicle at Chuckles that may need medical attention. An ambulance was paged out. However, female left before the ambulance arrived.

6:12 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

6:28 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident at Dairy Master.

7:56 p.m. - Female caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a possible violation of a protective order.

## Wednesday, September 14

10:39 a.m. - Caller reported a leash law violation. Chief Rayhill responded and cited the owner for the violation.

3:00 p.m. - Female came on station to speak with an officer regarding a protective order.

8:00 p.m. - Female requested a welfare check on her granddaughter. Sgt. Hennette responded.

8:28 p.m. - Female caller requested extra patrol.

## Thursday, September 15

2:37 a.m. - Male caller reported a civil matter.

10:20 a.m. - Transient assistance was approved for a male.

5:26 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Vehicle turned on True-love Church Road.

7:30 p.m. - First responders were requested at Lark Ranch regarding a male with a possible dislocated hip.

8:25 p.m. - Male requested to speak with an officer regarding a theft. Officer Nolan spoke with the male.

## Friday, September 16

5:01 a.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

1:47 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Officer was unable to locate.

2:56 p.m. - Elisha Truelove, of Loogootee, reported a theft. Captain Akles investigated the complaint.

3:05 p.m. - Male caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

3:16 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out on Hwy 213 South regarding a lawn mower fire.

## Saturday, September 17

12:25 a.m. - An employee at Chuckles reported a male causing a disturbance. Officer Greene was notified.

12:45 a.m. - Caller reported loud music near Sunset Trailer Court. Officer Greene responded.

9:10 p.m. - Male caller reported harassing phone calls.

11:19 p.m. - Male caller reported a disturbance on North Line Street. Sgt. Norris responded to the area.

## Sunday, September 18

9:48 a.m. - Female caller reported a leash law violation.

11:25 a.m. - Male reported his dog was attacked by another dog on Norris Street. Captain Akles responded.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported two juveniles trying to start a fire behind the Dollar Store. Captain Akles responded.

4:33 p.m. - Caller reported a possible fight in Shaded Estates. Captain Akles responded.

## Jail bookings

### Tuesday, September 13

11:50 a.m. - Jordan Cochran, 20, of Jasper, was arrested and charged with petition to revoke.

### Wednesday, September 14

1:50 p.m. - Rebecca A. Rush, 30 of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police after a report of shoplifting at Pamida. Rush was charged with theft and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Chief Rayhill was the arresting officer.

### Friday, September 16

4:19 p.m. - Teiara Haines, 23, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with theft.

5:20 p.m. - Joyce Jones, of Loogootee, reported a theft from her residence. Officer Greene was notified.

### Sunday, September 18

12:36 a.m. - Mark A. Payne, 23, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

3:25 a.m. - James R. Honeycutt, 28, of Washington, was arrested and charged with residential entry.

# Martin County Court News

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

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### September 7

Richard Ervin Jr., operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Class D Felony.

#### September 14

Lyle C. Recker, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

James D. Hunt, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### September 7

Trenady S. Robinett vs. Ian M. Robinett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### September 8

Jill M. Hoffman vs. Clint D. Hoffman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Alisha A. Truelove vs. Thomas A. Truelove, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### September 12

Asset Acquisition Group, LLC vs. Gregory Halcomb, civil collection.

Cash, LLC vs. Stacie Kenny a/k/a Stacie M. Carr, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

#### September 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Julie Ball in the amount of \$1,030.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Warren Atkinson in the amount of \$11,197.72.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Alicia D. Fellers in the amount of \$1,201.62.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff American Acceptance Co. and against the defendant Andrew W. Foster in the amount of \$865.19.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff North Star Capital Acquisition and against the defendant Melissa D. Koontz in the amount of \$1,004.50.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Angela Oliver in the amount of \$3,807.92.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Daniel J. Reinhart in the amount of \$1,044.58.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant William Tolley in the amount of \$14,772.98.

#### September 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Jeffery T. Brookshire in the amount of \$19,156.93.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Old National Bank and against the defendants Michael R. and Carol Strange in the amount of \$10,902.05.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

#### September 8

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. vs. John Staats, et al, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### JUDGMENTS

#### September 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jordan Graber in the amount of \$488.73.

#### September 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Bryan and Susan Beard in the amount of \$1,524.48.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Randall and Wendie Bell in the amount of \$676.71.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Kenneth and Donna Braun in the amount of \$571.05.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Chad and Gina Grafton in the amount of \$698.09.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Solomon and Tatjana Neideffer in the amount of \$801.81.

#### September 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Ryan Fuhrman in the amount of \$361.44.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Melissa Kneip in the amount of \$1,796.70.

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

### September 7 - September 13

Larry Davis, Loogootee, speeding 70 in a 50, \$124.

Travis Gibson, Loogootee, speeding 70 in a 55, \$120.

Cindy Hall, Springville, speeding 55 in a 40, \$120.

Ronald Kasinger, Bridgeport, Illinois, no valid operator's license, \$119.

Joshua Roberts, Mooresville, passing in a no-passing zone, \$120.

Aaron Sanders, Loogootee, unsafe start, \$120.

Joshua Stiles, West Baden Springs, speeding 62 in a 50, \$119.

Jeffrey Truelove, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Robert Turner, Loogootee, driving left of center; maximum speed limits, \$130.

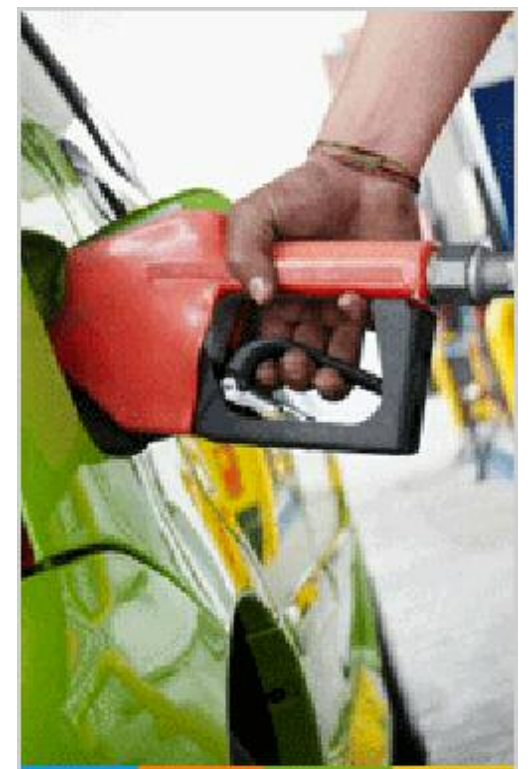
## MARRIAGE LICENSES

### September 13

Jeremy D. Branham of Loogootee and Kayla E. Mann of Loogootee.

### September 16

Daniel Paul Jackson of Shoals and Kristie Elaine McCarthy of Shoals.



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# Secretary of the Navy visits NSWC Crane

The secretary of the Navy made his first visit to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane), a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) on September 13.

Ray Mabus (SECNAV) met with NSWC Crane Commanding Officer Captain Charles S. LaSota and Technical Director Duane Embree as well as civilian and military personnel to learn first hand how the Warfare Center supports the Warfighter and the Navy's fleet.

The tour began with NSWC Crane's Ground Expeditionary Electronic Warfare Division to learn about its research and development capabilities in Electronic Warfare, which are critically important in the fight against Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)—one of the largest threats in today's combat environment.

Mabus next visited the Special Weapons Assessment Facility, which includes an outdoor range with testing capabilities up to 1,400 yards. The facility is a premier location for research and development and testing for the nation's Expeditionary Forces Weapons and allows experts to perform and analyze mission critical scenarios.

Briefings continued with a look at NSWC Crane developed Ground Based Operational Surveillance System (GBOSS). As a tower-based system that provides continuous, real-time surveillance, electro-optic day and infrared cameras, radars and wireless data to communicate with Warfighters on the ground as well as unmanned aerial systems and ground sensors—GBOSS has been a vital system against IEDs in Iraq and Afghanistan and is now being considered for other applications by the Department of Homeland Security.

Other technology briefings showcased NSWC Crane's power and energy initiatives including the Solar Stik™ and the Power Management Kit (PMK). NSWC Crane's Solar Stik™ system consists of a single wind turbine generator and two solar panels that are used to charge a 12-volt lead acid battery system. The Solar Stik™ allows Special Forces operators to power equipment using energy harvested from the sun and wind, alleviating the burden and vulnerabilities associated with refueling



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Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus visited NSWC Crane on September 13.

generators. PMK is lightweight device that can charge equipment in the field used by the Navy's explosive ordnance disposal team. PMK eliminates nearly 50 pounds of battery devices usually hauled by the forward teams.

Mabus also learned about NSWC Crane Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) efforts to increase elementary, middle and high school students' interest in technology-related fields as well as the Warfare Center's nationally recognized Wounded Warrior program that helps veterans transition to civilian employment.

"It is an honor to have the secretary of the Navy visit NSWC Crane," said NSWC Crane Commanding Officer Captain Charles S. LaSota. "He is passionate about our vital role in the nation's defense and we appreciate his acknowledgement of our technology and support to the Warfighter."

Located on the third largest Naval installation in the world, NSWC Crane has focus areas in Special Missions, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare/Information Operations. The Warfare Center is a Naval laboratory with research and development efforts that support the Warfighter by providing capabilities and resources in sensors, electronics, electronic warfare and special warfare weapons.

# VU Jasper Campus achieves Certified Wildlife Habitat status

The Vincennes University Jasper Campus has been recognized by the National Wildlife Federation for developing part of its campus into wildlife habitat. Certification requires that a site provide food, water, cover, and places for wildlife to raise their young.

"We appreciate this recognition of our efforts to provide leadership in environmental issues. We have faculty, staff, and students who are passionate about the environment, so this habitat development gives them an outdoor lab in which to experiment and educate the community," said Dr. Alan Johnson, dean of the Jasper Campus.

In 2010 the Vincennes and Jasper campuses were both awarded Tree Campus USA status by the Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of the University's work in improving the population and number of trees on its property and conducting com-

munity education about tree care.

The habitat restoration project at VUJC began in 2009 by removing 12 acres of fescue grass and planting native grasses and wildflowers. Financial support from the VUJC Foundation and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources has allowed the work to move forward. The planting and management of the site is being done in partnership with the Patoka Hills Chapter of Quail Unlimited which has members with extensive experience in managing habitat restoration.

In addition to helping wildlife, the diverse vegetation benefits the community by slowing the runoff of water during heavy rains. The VUJC maintenance staff is saving several hours each week by not having to mow 12 acres of lawn, which also reduces the amount of hydrocarbon pollution emitted by the power equipment and the cost of fuel.

# County attorney deems budget committee not in violation of the law

County Attorney Dave Lett presented a written opinion of the pre-budget financial committee meeting recently held and then questioned by County Councilman John Stoll to the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, September 20. Lett explained that the meeting did not violate the Open Door Law because it was not an appointed committee by the county and residents were involved. The committee, consisting of Commissioner Dan Gregory, Council members Warren Albright and Lonnie Hawkins, and residents January Roush and Joy Gibson, had no authority to make any decisions, but was formed to be a help to the council.

Auditor Nancy Steiner reported on the tax sale held last week. There were 16 parcels auctioned with eleven being paid with a total of \$10,800.75 coming back to the county. The next step is to auction the remaining five parcels at a Commissioners' Tax Sale on November 16 at 10 a.m. The minimum bid will be \$100. Resolution 2011-13 to establish the Commissioners Tax Sale was approved.

Rhonda Rumble, of SIDC, presented Resolution 2011-12 pertaining to the Lost River Township Fire Station grant to the commissioners. This will be the second time for the township to apply and was encouraged by the commissioners that grants are very rarely approved the first time round.

Mrs. Rumble said they should know if

approved by the first part of December and hopefully construction would begin the summer of 2012. Lost River Township Trustee Brown spoke on how much this grant was needed.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams gave his two-week work schedule. He has been working with INDOT concerning the slide on Windom Road. INDOT will require hiring an engineer and the cost of the engineer may not be worth getting INDOT's help. He said his department could probably do it for less and would only take a couple of days.


Judge Lynne Ellis gave the commissioners estimates for flooring downstairs in the courthouse. Both estimates were under \$10,000. The Commissioners thanked her for sharing the information but the ultimate decision to approve would be from the county council. They recommended she talk with them. The commissioners did agree to the work if the council approved.







Extension Educator Jonathan Stevens reported the Surplus Sale will be next Friday, September 30 at the recycling center. All proceeds will go to the 4-H Jr. Leaders.

The commissioners approved keeping the voluntary retirement fund as a pretax deduction and not a ROTH.

On a final note, Commissioner Gregory reminded all to be aware and careful during this harvest season, drivers on the road and the farmers.

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# STATE GOVERNMENT

## Home health care company to pay Indiana \$416K to settle case

The State of Indiana will receive more than \$416,000 in a settlement with Maxim Healthcare Services Inc. to resolve allegations that the company overbilled Medicaid for in-home nursing and home health aides, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced last week.

The total settlement Indiana Medicaid will receive, \$416,612, is part of a larger \$130 million settlement that Maxim Healthcare Services will pay 41 states and the federal government under the agreement, to resolve allegations of overbilling and fraudulent billing of Medicaid by Maxim.

An investigation by the U.S. Justice Department and the states alleged that between 1998 and 2009, Maxim Healthcare Services submitted false billings to the Medicaid program for services to patients that were not provided, or submitted claims that were improperly documented and not reimbursable. The Indiana Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) participated in the settlement process.

The investigation began after a private plaintiff - a patient of Maxim who discovered that Medicaid was being overbilled for the services he received - filed a qui tam or whistleblower lawsuit under the False Claims Act in the U.S. District Court in New Jersey. The whistleblower, a New Jersey resident, will receive a percentage of the federal recovery in the settlement.

"At both the state and federal levels, the False Claims Act statutes are tools that whistleblowers courageously have used to expose and stop fraud against the Medicaid program. This case is all the more remarkable because the whistleblower was not a company insider, as is typically the case, but instead a patient who realized Maxim was falsely billing Medicaid for services it had not provided him," Zoeller said.

Under the agreement, Maxim must pay a total civil settlement of a combined \$130 million to the federal government and states. Most of that, approximately \$121.5 million, will go to reimburse Medicaid, the state-administered healthcare program for low-income and disabled people that is funded jointly by the states and federal government. The remainder of the civil recovery, \$8.5 million, will reimburse the Veterans Affairs program, the agreement said.

## Global wind blade manufacturer to locate in southern Indiana

Governor Mitch Daniels joined executives from GBT USA, Inc., a designer and manufacturer of wind turbine blades, last Tuesday to announce the company's plans to open a facility in Evansville and create up to 400 new jobs by 2014 in southern Indiana.

The clean technology company, a subsidiary of Global Blade Technology, will lease and equip 45,000 square feet of space at Park41. The new office and manufacturing facility will house the company's engineering design and consultancy offices and the production lines of wind blades, molds and tooling. In 2013, the company plans to build an additional facility in southern Indiana to manufacture composite rotor blades for wind turbine generators. The company projects to invest \$17.6 million for leasing, construction and equipment costs at the two facilities.

"Indiana has been the nation's fastest-growing wind power state, and it is now being reflected in the arrival of great supplier companies like GBT," said Daniels. "We are thrilled to have earned the business of this outstanding international company."

According to the American Wind Energy Association, Indiana increased its installed wind capacity ten-fold in 2009 and 2010, becoming one of the fastest growing states for wind power. With 2.4 percent of the state's power provided by wind last year, Indiana is ranked 12th in the country for most

As its state share of the Medicaid restitution, Indiana will receive \$208,306 under the agreement, plus another \$208,306 in additional state recoveries, for a total settlement of \$416,612.

Based in Columbia, Maryland, Maxim Healthcare Services has 11 provider locations in Indiana.

In addition to the civil settlement, the U.S. Department of Justice obtained guilty pleas to criminal charges from several Maxim employees, and the company entered into a deferred prosecution agreement. Maxim also signed a corporate integrity agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and will hire a corporate monitor, at company expense, to ensure compliance with the terms.

Since January 2009, the Indiana Attorney General's Office has participated in numerous settlements of qui tam (pronounced "key tam") whistleblower lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies and has reached settlements of more than \$24 million in Medicaid restitution and additional state recoveries.

To encourage whistleblowers to file suit and in turn expose health care fraud, Zoeller's office has raised public awareness about the Indiana False Claims and Whistleblower Protection Act through informational meetings, outreach to health care workers and attorneys, and a promotional handout, "Blow the Whistle on Fraud." Zoeller and the MFCU staff have made several presentations about filing whistleblower lawsuits to meetings of health care employee associations, nursing students and attorneys.

Any health care or pharmaceutical workers or private individuals who know about fraud and are interested in filing a whistleblower action against a company should first contact a private attorney who specializes in bringing lawsuits under the False Claims Act. There is no guarantee of the individual recovering damages; but filing a private lawsuit is a necessary first step in order for states or the federal government to investigate a fraud case and intervene in the lawsuit in court. Zoeller urges anyone interested in bringing a whistleblower action to learn more about the process by visiting his web site, [www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2807.htm](http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2807.htm)

installed wind power capacity, all of it in the last few years. It is estimated that the wind power industry created up to 2,000 direct and indirect jobs in the Hoosier state in 2010.

GBT USA plans to hire additional personnel in southern Indiana in phases with 40 new employees by 2012 and up to 400 cumulative positions filled by 2014. The new associates will be across the company, including manufacturing, engineering, logistics and customer service.

"GBT is capitalizing on an underserved segment of the wind energy market," said Dan Oberle, general manager of GBT USA. "Evansville is an ideal location to serve the industry as it is centrally located to the massive wind farms of the Midwest and the flurry of offshore activity to the east and south."

Founded in 2009, Global Blade Technology is headquartered in Wieringerwerf, Netherlands, with operations in India and the United States. GBT USA was incorporated in 2009 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and focuses on designing and producing custom rotor blades for wind turbine generators for customers around the world.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered GBT USA, Inc. up to \$2,800,000 in performance-based tax credits and up to \$200,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. The

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



Launch your career with a House internship

In today's job market it is common for students graduating from college to have had at least one, if not multiple, internships. For college-aged students interested in politics and government one of the best opportunities is an internship with the Indiana House of Representatives. It is available for students who want firsthand experience to see state government and the legislative process in action, while also gaining valuable skills in a professional work environment.

For the internship, qualified candidates are either graduate or undergraduate students (sophomores and above), who are hardworking and motivated. Our interns have always come from a variety of educational backgrounds, such as political science, business, history and communications. The internship will last throughout the 2012 legislative session, which will be from the beginning of January through March.

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Four different internships available in the following departments:

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You can apply by going to this website: [www.in.gov/legislative/house\\_republicans](http://www.in.gov/legislative/house_republicans) and then clicking Student Opportunities at the top of the page.

This is an excellent opportunity for students who are interested. I hope to see you at the Statehouse.

Finally, it was recently announced by the Indiana Department of Education that Otwell Elementary School is a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School. The U.S. Department of Education honors schools that demonstrate student achievement gains or score at very high levels on state assessments. Otwell Elementary continues to set a high standard for other schools in the state and their leadership in education is an asset to our community. Congratulations to the faculty, staff, students and parents of Otwell Elementary.

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## New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

Blinded or Not Blinded.  
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John 9

Jesus' glory shines through the toughest situations. Many people, when things are going rough, think God is punishing them, or He's mad at them because of what they did. Sometimes God does get mad at His people when they disobey. But sometimes we go through situations so that God's glory shines through. Circumstances are not always caused by sin. Sometimes things happen for us to see the GLORY OF GOD.

John 9 tells the story of the blind man. An awesome story!

Jesus was not only the physical light to this man but the spiritual light as well. Jesus took the clay from the ground put it on his eyes. Did Jesus need the clay to heal the blind man or could He just have healed His eyes instantly? The man was told to do something to show his obedience. Sometimes there is an obedience issue in coming to know Jesus and all His blessings. Jesus tells us to repent from our sins and turn to Him or we will not go to Heaven.

When you tell the truth of how God has changed you, like the once blind man, your friends won't want to believe it. They will want to know how someone like you could have changed or maybe they will think you are just going through a phase. They began rejecting the once blind man and rejecting Jesus saying he can't be from God.

You can't testify about someone else's relationship to Jesus, it's personal and it's real to the one who has been healed. When you give your life fully to Jesus some of your friends will reject you. They won't want to be around someone who talks about what God has done. They will even try to show you that what you believe can't be true. They tried to tell the once blind man that he shouldn't believe in Jesus. He simply told them, all I know is that I was blind but now I see.

Blindness in the Bible is a metaphor for spiritual darkness, the inability to discern God or His truth. Isn't that what we were before we gave our lives to Christ? Spiritually blind, walking around without eyes, blinded to the truth. We didn't know the true blessings of God. We didn't know the joy that comes from knowing Jesus in a personal way. We thought peace came from money, drinking, drugs, which girlfriend or boyfriend we have, running around with our friends. We were blinded to the fact that life is meant to be lived in faith; faith in Jesus Christ.

We know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears them. Even though the man didn't understand all of who Christ is, he was willing to pay whatever cost there has to be paid to be fair and true to the one who

gave him his sight. How can we expect God to honor us if we dishonor Him?

When Jesus calls, the only answer is to believe and worship Him. Four things characterize spiritual sight. Number one, spiritual sight rises in divine initiative. Secondly, it requires faith. Thirdly, it recognizes Christ. Fourthly, it results in worship. Did you notice that Jesus heard they threw the once blind man out of the synagogue and He went to find him? You can't begin to seek God until God has already sought you and revealed Himself to you. Then when you seek, you only seek to experience all that He has already sought and revealed to you.

The beautiful climax to the history of the blind beggar, what God begins He completes. God started with that man and followed him around until He found Him again and

completed His work. He was sought by the Lord, he was given sight. He went and testified to his friends. When he was thrown out, Jesus found him and he fell at His feet and worshipped Him.

Imagine the people who say they know Jesus and believe in God and all that stuff, but have never admitted that they are sinners in need of Jesus grace so they won't be doomed. They will never turn their life over to Christ and live for Him because they see no need. You have a choice, spiritual sight or spiritual blindness. The result of spiritual blindness is doom.

This past Sunday Zack Swain came and conducted our worship service. He is an amazing artist. He played the piano with a gift of worship that could only come from a God-given talent to be used to glorify Christ. Truly awesome.

Our youth group has worked really hard at creating their own space at the church. Currently we have youth Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. with plans for a youth night. Please join our adult Sunday school class at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. Praise and worship service begins at 10:30 a.m.. If you have any questions, call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.



### Youth Rally 2011

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Sunday, September 18th was the date of a new event for the high school youth of the Diocese of Evansville. Youth Rally 2011 was hosted by the diocese on the grounds of the Catholic Center in Evansville. The day included inflatable games, corn hole, karaoke, obstacle course, Velcro wall, and carnival-type food. Guest speaker, Chris Stefanick, addressed the group on how technology of today can be balanced with our faith lives. The day concluded with Mass with the Most Reverend Bishop, Charles C. Thompson and several priests from the diocese. Shown above in the front is Ashley Jones. In the second row is Tyra Fuhs. In row three, from left to right, are Kelsy Seals, Waylee Wagoner, Shirley Jeffers, Youth Coordinator; Addy Arvin, and Bryce Boyd. In the back row, from left to right, are Cameron Hedrick, Chris Stefanick, and Matt Mathies.

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**Friday, September 23**  
Sausage, egg, biscuit, juice, milk  
**Monday, September 26**  
Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk  
**Tuesday, September 27**  
Breakfast pizza, egg, juice, milk  
**Wednesday, September 28**  
Biscuit and gravy, sausage, juice, milk

**Lunch**  
**Thursday, September 22**  
Sloppy Joe sandwich, corn, peaches, crackers  
**Friday, September 23**  
Bologna and cheese, green beans, apple  
**Monday, September 26**  
Hamburgers, scalloped potatoes, peach crisp  
**Tuesday, September 27**  
BBQ rib sandwich, corn, pears  
**Wednesday, September 28**  
Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, applesauce, bread

**LOGOOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Lunch**  
**Thursday, September 22**  
Chicken fajita or pizza, rice, corn, apple-sauce, salad plate, milk  
**Friday, September 23**  
Hamburgers or pizza, French fries, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk  
**Monday, September 26**  
Breaded tenderloin or pizza, scalloped

potatoes, peas, peaches, salad plate, milk  
**Tuesday, September 27**  
Popcorn chicken or pizza, tossed salad, corn, pears, salad plate, milk  
**Wednesday, September 28**  
Turkey Manhattan or pizza, green beans, pineapple, salad plate, milk

**SHOALS SCHOOLS**  
**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, September 22**  
Create-Your-Own yogurt parfait, juice, milk  
**Friday, September 23**  
French toast, ham, fruit, juice, milk  
**Monday, September 26**  
Toasted cheese, fruit, juice, milk  
**Tuesday, September 27**  
Muffins, string cheese, fruit, juice, milk  
**Wednesday, September 28**  
Cereal, peanut butt graham crackers, fruit, juice, milk

**Lunch**  
**Thursday, September 22**  
BBQ rib sandwich, cauliflower, fruit, milk; choice 4-12: corndog  
**Friday, September 23**  
Hot dog, baked beans, applesauce, juice, milk  
**Monday, September 26**  
Chicken sandwich, French fries, fruit, milk  
**Tuesday, September 27**  
Chicken noodle, sweet potatoes, fruit, roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese quesadilla  
**Wednesday, September 28**  
Chicken strips, salad, broccoli, fruit, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

## Regional College Fair is September 26 at VUJC

Vincennes University Jasper Campus will host a Regional College Fair on September 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (EDT), at the Ruxer Center. High school juniors and seniors and their parents are invited to attend. Representatives from more than 40 public and private colleges and universities will be on hand to talk with students.

A special session on financial aid will follow at 7:30 p.m. The presentation will cover application forms and information about Pell Grants, Perkins Loans, College Work-Study, Higher Education Awards, and other federal, state, and university-based programs.

In addition to VU, institutions planning to attend include Anderson University, Ball State University, Bethel College, Brescia University, Columbia College Chicago, Concordia University Chicago, DePauw University, Earlham College, Eastern Illinois University, Franklin College, Hanover College, I.U.P.U.I., Illinois College, Indiana State University, Indiana Tech, Indiana University, Indiana University Southeast, Ivy Tech Community College, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Liberty University, Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln College, Manchester College, Marian University, Murray State University, Oakland City University, Purdue University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Saint Joseph's College, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Saint Mary's College, Southern Illinois Univer-

sity, Spalding University, Trine University, University of Evansville, University of Indianapolis, University of Southern Indiana, University of Northwestern Ohio, Vincennes University, Vincennes University Jasper Campus, Wabash College, and Western Kentucky University.

### Loogootee JH Boys' Cross Country results

The Loogootee Junior High Boys' Cross Country Team placed third in a six-team meet at Bloomfield on Wednesday, September 14th.

Tye Collins placed 10th, Jake Simmons 13th, Jordan Kaiser 16th, Wyatt Nonte 18th, Ethan Ziegler 22nd, and Kaleb Lyon 26th, receiving individual and 3rd place team ribbons. Bailey Dearwester (33rd) also received a 3rd place team ribbon.

Anaya Carrico earned a 16th place ribbon in the girls meet.

Bloomfield and Paoli visited Loogootee on September 19 for a junior high meet. Bloomfield won the meet, with Loogootee finishing second. Tye Collins led the way for Loogootee, with a 5th place finish. Jake Simmons 8th, Jordan Kaiser 9th, Wyatt Nonte 10th, Ethan Ziegler 13th, Jayden Wagoner 15th, and Jamison Wagoner 18th rounded out the team top 7.

Anaya Carrico finished 12th in the girls meet, which was also won by Bloomfield.

## Shoals Off-Road 5K Run/Walk

Shoals Class of 2014 and the boys' track team present the 2nd Annual Off-Road 5K Run/Walk to be held October 15 at 9 a.m. The off-road will be held on the Shoals High School Cross Country course and will cover two circuits over hilly, grassy, and tree-lined ground.

Awards will be given out for the overall man and woman, overall boy and girl, masters male and female and male and female by age in seven groups from ages 12 to 56.

The pre-registration entry fee is \$15 or

\$20 on the day of the race. To be pre-registered and to guarantee receiving a t-shirt, entry forms and payment must be received by October 1.

Checks should be made payable to Shoals High School. Payment and registration form should be sent to Shoals Jr./Sr. High School Attention Dennis Dahlen.

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# Indiana students can receive free tutoring by phone, online

Students in grades 6-12 who are having trouble with math and science assignments should know help is just a phone call or mouse click away, State Sen. Brent Steele (R-Bedford) said last week.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology is now in its 20th year of offering free tutoring to Hoosier students. Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. EST, they can call 1-877-ASK-ROSE (1-877-275-7673) and receive personal attention as they work through difficult problems.

"I encourage students in our area to take advantage of this free math and science help

tool," Steele said. "Rose-Hulman must be doing something right if the hotline is in its 20th year. I appreciate the institute's efforts to provide Hoosiers in middle and high school with this tutoring service."

Students calling the hotline will need to provide their first name, their school's name and be prepared with necessary materials: homework assignment; textbook (if available); paper; pen or pencil; and calculator (if necessary).

Steele said homework questions can also be submitted online at [www.AskRose.org](http://www.AskRose.org) starting September 26. Responses to online questions are given during the Homework Hotline's hours of operation, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"Professors nominate students they believe have excellent technical and communication skills to man the Homework Hotline," Steele said. "Tutors are trained on how to best answer questions and explain difficult concepts to younger students. They are armed with copies of state-recommended textbooks and Internet access, in order to provide help with questions."

He added that tutors are not to give students the answers to problems or assignments, but to help students analyze questions and come up with solutions.

Teachers may access lesson plans, arti-

cles, a summary of Indiana's academic standards and other educational resources when visiting [www.AskRose.org](http://www.AskRose.org).

Thousands of Hoosier students took advantage of this educational resource during the 2010-2011 school year. Homework Hot-

line answered 45,042 calls and conducted 2,934 online tutoring sessions last year. Locally, students from Bartholomew, Brown, Jackson, Lawrence and Monroe counties received assistance in finding the right solutions to 2,063 problems.

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## Bovine TB investigation ends, wild surveillance continues

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) staff has completed testing for bovine tuberculosis of all livestock herds linked to animals associated with an infected (or "index") herd in southeastern Indiana.

Quarantines on the index site, located in Dearborn County, were released officially in August, after the site and facilities were depopulated, cleaned, disinfected, and then left empty for 60 days.

The investigation began in late December, when a *Mycobacterium bovis*-positive beef cow that tested positive at slaughter was traced to southeastern Indiana. Since then, BOAH staff tested more than 1,000 head of cattle and three goats that had contact with high-risk animals associated with the index herd. Another 174 animals in 10 states also were traced to or from the herd.

Throughout the investigation, only 15 beef animals, all part of the index herd, tested positive on culture for the disease. All were euthanized for confirmatory testing.

As part of the investigation, 47 free-ranging white-tailed deer on or near the index site were collected by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services for testing. None tested positive for TB. Wildlife surveillance efforts will continue during this fall's deer hunting sea-

son.

Since 2009, more than 690 deer from Franklin, Fayette, Harrison and Wayne counties have been sampled for TB when hunters check their animals at DNR stations. With the latest cattle case, that surveillance will be expanded to include Dearborn County.

Indiana has held a bovine tuberculosis-free status since 1984 with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Under federal guidelines, that status remains. The last time a Hoosier cattle herd tested positive for the disease was in the 1970s.

Bovine tuberculosis is a chronic bacterial disease that affects primarily cattle, but can be transmitted to any warm-blooded animal. TB is difficult to diagnose through clinical signs alone. In the early stages of the disease, clinical signs are not visible. Later, signs may include: emaciation, lethargy, weakness, anorexia, low-grade fever and pneumonia with a chronic, moist cough. Lymph node enlargement may also be present. Cattle owners who notice these signs in their livestock should contact their private veterinarian.

More information about the disease and details for this fall's hunting season will be available online at: [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr) and [www.in.gov/boah](http://www.in.gov/boah).

## Purdue study: Indiana farm accidents claim 23 lives

BY STEVE LEER  
*Purdue University News Service*

Twenty-three people died in farm accidents in Indiana in 2010, the fourth consecutive year farm-related deaths totaled at least 20, according to a Purdue University study released Tuesday, September 20.

The Indiana Farm Fatality Summary found that the leading causes of farm deaths were overturned tractors and workers being run over by farm machinery, said Bill Field, Purdue Extension farm safety specialist.

Purdue issued the annual study at the Indiana Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis to coincide with National Farm Safety and Health Week.

The 23 farm deaths were three more than reported in 2009 but five fewer than in 2008. Just eight farm deaths were reported in 2006, the fewest number since Purdue began collecting the data about 30 years ago.

"We're doing better so far this year. Our number of fatalities could be below 15," Field said.

Farming ranks among the nation's most dangerous occupations. The National Safety Council reports that the occupational death rate among farmers is 31.6 fatalities per 100,000 workers, compared with 3.5 deaths per the same number of workers in non-farm industries.

Farm deaths could be significantly reduced, Field said. Most farm accidents can be avoided if farmers use proper safety equipment and keep children away from dangerous work environments.

"Every one of the five incidents involving tractor overturns in Indiana this past year could have been prevented through the use of rollover protective structures," Field said. "And there is no reason to continue having young children die as a result of involvement with skid steer loaders, on-farm sawmills and grain handling equipment, as reported in 2010."

Rollover protective structures, known as ROPs, are metal frames that attach to the top of a tractor's driver compartment. Although ROPs have been standard equipment in tractors since the 1985 model year, farmers sometimes remove the frames to fit

a tractor through shorter storage building doors.

In addition to the fatalities, slightly more than 6,700 non-fatal farm injuries were reported in Indiana in 2010, Field said.

"Some of these left no visible scars, but some changed the victim's life forever due to amputations, head injuries and spinal cord injuries," he said.

Field hopes the agriculture industry has not reached a point where fatalities are considered a normal part of the job.

"One death is one death too many," he said. "I hope we don't forget the real costs of producing affordable and safe food."

For more information about the study and farm safety, contact Field at 765-494-1191 or by email at [field@purdue.edu](mailto:field@purdue.edu).

## Reserved hunt results now posted online

2011 State Park Deer Reduction Hunts can be found at [www.in.gov/dnr/park-lake/5655.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/park-lake/5655.htm).

Results for the following hunts have been posted online at [www.in.gov/dnr/fish-wild/5583.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-wild/5583.htm).

- 2011 Dove draw
  - 2011 Military/Refuge archery deer hunt
  - 2011 Military/Refuge firearm deer hunt
  - 2011 Youth firearm deer hunt at Muscatatuck NWR
  - 2011 Deer Creek deer hunt
  - 2011 Deer Creek upland game hunt
- Hunt deadlines approaching:
- 2011 Waterfowl draw hunt; deadline to apply: September 25
  - 2011 Fairbanks Landing deer hunt; deadline to apply: September 30
  - 2011 Pheasant draw hunt; deadline to apply: October 2

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## Imprelis herbicide banned from sale, use in Indiana

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
*Purdue University News Service*

The Office of Indiana State Chemist has banned the sale, distribution and use of Imprelis in the state after investigating hundreds of complaints and finding that the herbicide was responsible for damage to trees and ornamental plants.

The office this week is notifying lawn care companies and other professional users of the herbicide made by DuPont that the product's registration in Indiana has been canceled, said Dave Scott, pesticide administrator with the state chemist's office, based at Purdue University.

"The only thing they are permitted to do with it is return it to DuPont for disposal," Scott said. "We have been advised by DuPont that they will be reimbursed for it whether it is in a closed container or an open container. There is no reason to hold onto it."

Indiana's action follows a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency order in August requiring DuPont to stop selling and distributing it. The step Indiana took was necessary to prohibit others from selling and using it in the state, Scott said.

"Imprelis is already out there, so this is a way to plug any holes because the EPA order technically applied only to DuPont," Scott said. "Now, Imprelis cannot be sold, distributed or used by anyone in Indiana."

The office had notified DuPont in August that it intended to cancel the registration, and the company was given until September 15 to appeal. Instead, the company voluntarily asked the state chemist to cancel it, Scott said.

DuPont and the EPA are working out procedures for recall of the chemical, Scott said.

Imprelis, with the active ingredient aminocyclopyrachlor, was approved by

the EPA and registered in Indiana late last year for use by lawn care companies and other professionals. It was not available through retail sale.

The herbicide was intended to control a variety of broadleaf weeds such as ground ivy (creeping Charlie) and wild violet on lawns, golf courses, parks, cemeteries, athletic fields and sod farms.

Extension services in more than 20 states from Kansas to Pennsylvania reported cases of damage to trees and ornamentals possibly associated with Imprelis.

Imprelis became the target of complaints in Indiana in the spring from lawn care providers and their customers who suspected it was damaging trees — mainly evergreens — and ornamental plants near where it was applied. The state chemist in July urged lawn care providers not to use it until experts determined whether it was causing the damage. Since then, investigations have determined that Imprelis was the cause, Scott said.

The state chemist's office has investigated nearly 400 complaints about Imprelis since June, the most complaints about any herbicide Scott has seen in his 30 years at the state chemist's office. He said the office is finalizing the investigations and that property owners and applicators will receive a copy of the investigation report for their property.

DuPont earlier this month sent notices to users of Imprelis specifying how it would handle damage claims, Scott said. Those wanting to submit a claim must do so by November 30.

"For anybody who calls in now with a complaint about Imprelis, we're encouraging them to contact DuPont to make sure they get their claims processed by the cutoff date," Scott said.

More information about Imprelis, including how to submit a claim to DuPont, is available on the state chemist's website at [www.isco.purdue.edu](http://www.isco.purdue.edu).

## High milk prices keep struggling dairy farms afloat

BY JENNIFER STEWART  
*Purdue University News Service*

In a world of increased feed costs, uncooperative weather and problems with forage quality, high milk prices and strong demand are helping some dairy producers make ends meet.

In the last year, about 75 Indiana dairy farms were forced to close their doors because they didn't make enough money to survive or lost too much, coupled with having to meet increased regulations, said Purdue University dairy specialist Mike Schutz.

After a wet spring and extremely dry summer, silage, hay and other forages are expensive but low in essential components, such as energy. That means producers have to supplement the already pricey feed supply with corn, a crop now bringing record-high prices.

"In Indiana we've already seen per-cow milk production decline, partially due to feed quality issues," Schutz said. "Another big factor in the milk production decline was the summer's extreme heat and humidity; and delayed breeding cycles may affect production for some time."

Some farms also struggled to comply with tighter regulations on somatic cell counts. Somatic cells can lower dairy product yields

and reduce shelf life. The new regulations brought Grade B milk — manufacturing grade — cell counts down from one million per milliliter to 750,000, the same as for Grade A.

The one saving grace has been strong milk prices. But even at prices above \$20 per hundredweight, milk producers haven't been turning much of a profit. Milk prices producers receive have risen substantially since the average \$11 per hundredweight price they saw during the worst of 2009.

"Milk prices will probably stay in the \$19-\$20 range for the remainder of 2011, but the average cost of production is \$17.50 per hundredweight," Schutz said. "Margins are small, and they aren't off-setting the high feed prices or the losses producers experienced back in 2009."

Schutz said the best thing dairy farmers can do is to manage feed costs as well as they can by forward-contracting feed costs when fair returns are available. He also suggested focusing on risk-management when it comes to milk production.

"When producers find milk prices that guarantee a reasonable return, they should take advantage of those to protect against loss," Schutz said. "They also should make the best use of milk quality premiums."

Other ways producers can protect profit margins are to store feed properly to avoid shrink losses or spoilage, or to look at opportunities to sell culled cows and extra replacement heifers.

"Replacement heifers are bringing really good prices right now," Schutz said.





### Poker run for pets

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The Independent Motorcycle Riders Club (IMRC) held a poker run Saturday, September 17 with proceeds to benefit the Martin County Humane Society. Shown above are representatives of the IMRC Rob Stephens, on left, and Ken Thompson, on right, presenting a check for \$124 to Theresa Abney of the Martin County Humane Society.

### Denise Stewart's latest gallery show shares art as means of life-long learning

A public reception on Sunday, October 2 at Oakland City University's Dunn Gallery will open the art show of Denise Elaine Hume Stewart. Her works of art, ranging from watercolor and collage to sculpture and mixed media, will be on display from September 26 through October 21. Ms. Stewart will be present at the opening to share and discuss her work. The October 2 reception will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Ms. Stewart has entitled her show, "Art as Exploration". She views her art as a means of exploring the world and learning through the interactive process. Therefore, her art exemplifies curiosity and experimentation. Her works include various styles and media. Ms. Stewart often experiments with various methods and techniques in an effort to be constantly learning and expanding her art experiences.

True to her nature as an educator, Ms. Stewart views learning as an interactive and social process. "Sharing ideas and experiences with others encourages a stronger, more focused creative energy whenever I sit down in the studio. So, while producing my art can be a solitary experience, it often has a very strong social aspect to it."

Art has been woven through much of Ms. Stewart's life. From the time she studied

drawing and silversmithing as a teen at Culver Academies to her 34 years as a fifth grade teacher using art to support and enhance student learning, art has been a life-long learning experience. Ms. Stewart encourages everyone "to investigate art as a means of exploration and learning."

Denise Elaine Hume Stewart's Art as Exploration show will be open for viewing during regular gallery hours, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Harvesting ginseng and goldenseal from DNR properties is prohibited

Harvesting ginseng, goldenseal (aka yellowroot), and other plants is illegal on all DNR properties.

Although ginseng is currently in season, it can be harvested only on private property, with the permission of the landowner. Public Law 107 (IC 14-4-8) and the Ginseng Rule (312 IAC 19) prohibit all digging on state property.

The purpose of these regulations is to ensure a healthy ginseng population for the future. Details of the ginseng regulations are at [www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/files/ginseng99.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/files/ginseng99.pdf). The only items that may be removed legally from DNR properties are nuts, fruits, berries and mushrooms.

# Calendar of Events

#### Council special meeting

The Martin County Council will meet in special session Monday, September 26 at 8:30 a.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2012 budget and discuss the Local Option Income Tax (LOIT). 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.

## VU alumni receive citations at Family and Alumni Weekend

Vincennes University presented two Faculty Citation awards during a Family and Alumni Weekend banquet on September 16 at Green Activities Center. The awards recognize distinguished service.

Award recipients include Jamie Carie, '86, and Major Shawn Gardner, '92.

Both are natives of Vincennes who now reside in Indianapolis and Greenwood, respectively.

Jamie Carie - Carie is a writer who has published seven historical, inspirational romance novels that are currently in circulation. Her first three-book series will be published in 2012. The titles include "The Guardian Duke," "The Forgiven Duke," and "A Duke's Promise."

"My days at Vincennes University were some of the best college days of my life. I had amazing professors that encouraged me and inspired me and made me feel like I could do anything I wanted to do in my life. It was a great start for my professional career," Carie said.

Carie also writes feature articles, short stories, essays, poetry, song lyrics, and creative ad copy. Her book "Snow Angel" won ForeWord Magazine's Romance Book of the Year award, a USAA Book News Best Books 2007 award, and a 2008 RITA Awards Best First Book finalist award. In 2010, her third book, "Wind Dancer," was a finalist in the Indiana State Library Best Books of Indiana.

Maj. Shawn Gardner - Maj. Gardner serves as director of Public Affairs and Strategic Communications for the Indiana National Guard, making him the primary spokesperson for the Indiana Adjutant General. During his military career, Maj. Gardner has served as the operations officer and information officer for an Agriculture Development Team in Afghanistan, a role in which he planned and led tactical operations in support of more than 170 combat missions. Maj. Gardner also served with the US Army Special Forces during his first deployment to Afghanistan.

"Vincennes University was such an instrumental part of my young life - shaping me, molding me, and honing me into the individual I am today. It has allowed me to serve our



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Shown above are the VU Faculty Citation award recipients. On the left is Jamie Carie, VU Class of 1986 and on the right is Major Shawn Gardner, VU Class of 1992.

country. It is a wonderful University with a proud heritage. We should all be proud of this University and what it has done for the state, the nation, and what its alumni have done to improve the lives of those around the world," Maj. Gardner said.

Maj. Gardner has served as the operations officer for the Indiana Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command; served as human resources officer, 1st Battalion, 151st Infantry; and as branch chief, Total Army Training System for the U.S. Army Infantry School in Fort Benning, GA. While in the 82nd Airborne Division, he served in Operation Royal Dragon, the largest Airborne Operations since WWII. As the commander of the Warrior Training Center at Fort Benning, Maj. Gardner trained thousands of foreign allied and U.S. soldiers in Air Assault Operations and Small Unit Tactics.

Maj. Gardner has twice been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for service during Operations Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He earned a master's of communications degree from Northwestern University, a bachelor's degree in biology at Indiana University, and an associate degree from VU. He is also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Academic Honors Society.

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