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The Shoals High School Track team is shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Sasha Mains and Chelsey Baker. In the back row, from left to right, are Bryce Boyd, Waylon Bradley, Jondavide Hopkins, Jordan Sorrells, and Clayton Tow.

Shoals cross country team runs with heart

The 2011 Shoals High School Cross Country team began their season by traveling to Purdue University, Loogootee, Bloomfield, and Orleans to participate in meets. Last Thursday, September 22 runners participated in the Paoli Invitational which consisted of seventeen teams including Mitchell, Orleans, and Borden. In the girls' race Sasha Mains placed 23rd and Chelsey Baker placed 24th both receiving medals which were earned by the top 30 finishers in each race. Earning medals in the boys' race were Jordan Sorrells who placed 19th, Clayton Tow placed 21st, and Jondavide Hopkins finished in 23rd place. "They ran with their hearts and remained focused on their goal.

I am pleased with everyone's determination," said Coach Chris Jones. Bryce Boyd and Waylon Bradley also finished the race with great times for the course. "The runners are improving at every meet and have

finished each race faster than they did last year," said Coach Lanham.

Everyone enjoyed the trip to Lafayette and running on the Purdue University course was an amazing experience for the runners. Senior Chelsey Baker loved the course. She started the season there with her personal best. She was also intrigued by the teams from larger schools who had more than ninety members. Junior Clayton Tow and freshman Bryce Boyd are new to the Running Rox team this year.

The coaches said the team consistently works hard at practice and everyone continues to improve times and challenge themselves. They added that they are looking forward to the remainder of the season and hope to have supporters at the sidelines. The team would like to thank Mrs. Heckard and the parents for making sure the runners have a healthy lunch on meet days.

Martin County Sheriff's Department releases impaired crackdown results

The Martin County Sheriff's Department last week announced that officers made one alcohol-related arrest during the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over impaired driving crackdown. The enforcement was conducted August 19 - September 5.

"While our efforts did result in the arrest of a driver, that was not the goal for this campaign," said Sergeant Keith Keller. "Our aim, first and foremost was to keep Martin County roadways safe, and hopefully, save a life," Sergeant Keller continued. "According to our results, I believe we've been successful in meeting that objective."

In all, officers dedicated five hours of overtime towards Indiana's annual mobilization against impaired driving. A total of

one arrest was made during the 17-day enforcement, which was for operating while intoxicated. Citations were also issued for other violations, including seatbelts, speeding, and open container.

To learn more about Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement efforts, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" was supported by federal funding allocated to the Martin County Sheriff's Department from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). More than 10,000 law enforcement agencies participated in this nationwide enforcement effort, which generally occurs around the Labor Day holiday.

County council passes new tax

Minutes provided by Auditor Nancy Steiner

The Martin County Council met Monday and Tuesday, September 26 and 27 for the special meeting and first reading of the budget adoption.

Judge Lynne Ellis presented estimates for flooring in the downstairs area of the court. It was verbally approved for \$8,900 and will be voted on after Auditor Steiner advertises it for an Additional Appropriated out of the Cumulative Capital Fund.

Discussion on different options of health insurance for full-time employees ensued. The commissioners were working with a total budget of approximately \$432,000 for insurance and health savings accounts. There will be no spousal carve outs at this time but may be required in the future. A buy out of \$5,000 for an employee not to take the insurance was discussed. No definite decisions were made.

Sheriff Rob Street was asked if he could reduce the cost of medical for inmates. By statute it is required and would cost more if not for the contract with Correctional Risk Services.

Using current Certificates of Deposits was discussed.

Sheriff Street was asked about the transfer of the 911 service Martin County is now doing for the City of Loogootee. He will check into charging more for this service.

It was decided to reevaluate the budgets in March of 2012 to see if more cuts would be necessary. By that time, monies should be coming in and the amount would be more accurate on what Martin County would be receiving from LOIT.

It was decided to increase the commissioners' medical insurance up to \$100,000 and the HSA to \$158,000 with the remaining amount coming from the EDIT fund.

Auditor Nancy Steiner was asked to send a memo to elected officials and department heads stating they need to stay within their budgets and if additional appropriations are needed, the money will come from their part-time help line for 2012.

The maximum amount for a part-time

person per hour is \$8.50.

A vote to adopt the budget was made by a motion by Councilman Lonnie Hawkins and seconded by Councilwoman Lynn Gee. All were in favor except Councilman Randy Winger and he was opposed. The motion carried.

Salary ordinances were signed with all keeping the same salary as last year. Auditor Steiner is to check on the probation salary with Judge Ellis and will report back. Councilwoman Gee made the motion to approve the ordinances and Councilman Winger made the second. All were in favor and the motion carried.

County Attorney Dave Lett presented Ordinance 2011-14 to impose a tax rate for property tax relief for the county taxpayers of Martin County at a rate of .25 percent. This is to establish a Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) for homestead credit for owner occupied homes. Councilwoman Gee made the motion to approve this with President Richard Summers making the second. All were in favor except Councilman Stoll who was opposed. The motion carried.

County Attorney Lett then presented Ordinance 2011-15 to impose a tax rate for public safety funding at a rate of .25 percent, also LOIT. The motion to approve this was made by Councilwoman Gee and seconded by Councilman Winger. All were in favor except Councilmen Warren Albright and John Stoll who both voted against it. The motion carried.

Both ordinances needed to be enacted to provide funds for Martin County. One could not be adopted without the other. The 2011-14 would give taxpayers a credit on their homestead and the 2011-15 would provide new money for public safety use that would free up other money for the General Fund.

A motion by Councilman Hawkins to approve the salary of an unregistered surveyor at \$2,500 and a registered surveyor at one and one-half times that amount as minimum was seconded by Councilman Albright. All were in favor and the motion carried. Auditor Steiner is to check to see if the same re-

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Town of Shoals Election 2011

The voters of Martin County are notified by the county election board in accordance with Indiana Code 3-10-2-2 that a general election will be held in the county on November 8, 2011, with the polls open for voting from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., prevailing local time.

Candidates for the following office will be on the general election ballot:

ALL CANDIDATES FOR SHOALS TOWN COUNCIL

PICK 3 ONLY

Roger Abel (Republican)

Earl Boyd (Republican)

George R. Cresgy (Democrat)

David S. Holt (Republican)

Cecil L. Ragsdale (Democrat)

COUNCIL

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requirements are for a registered and unregistered coroner.

President Summers read the adoption of the budget for the first time.

The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. Monday and resumed Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Only an 11-minute meeting, Auditor Steiner explained the differences in the advertisement and adoption of two funds.

President Summers read the adoption of the budget for the second time and it was approved.

Santa for Soldiers

Loogootee VFW Post 9395 will be sponsoring Santa for Soldiers. The post will be sending Christmas packages to local men and women currently serving overseas. The Post is asking for the names and addresses of any Martin County resident currently deployed. Please call the Post at 295-4661 or submit names and addresses by mail to VFW Post 9395, 300 West Vine Street, Loogootee, IN 47553. The Post will also be accepting donations to fill the boxes until November 12, 2011. Boxes must be postmarked by November 19 to ensure a timely delivery. Suggested items are: Beef jerky, decks of cards, microwave popcorn, Little Debbie cakes, small packs of baby wipes, candy, gum, mints, nuts and any securely wrapped homemade treats.

Tickets on sale for musical comedy "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"

Tickets went on sale Monday for the musical comedy "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" to be presented by Vincennes University's Theatre and Music Departments. The show will open on October 26 at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center located on the VU campus. Tickets cost \$7 for adults/seniors and \$5 for non-VU students and can be purchased in advance at the Skelton Center Box Office, 812-888-4039, or online at www.vinu.edu/redskelton. Box Office hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1-3 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets will also be sold at the door one hour before performances.

Show dates and times are October 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. (EDT), October 28 and 29 at 8 p.m., and October 30 at 2 p.m. The all-student cast of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" includes local students Sami Cunningham of Vincennes, Brandi Ray and Brittany Ray of Washington; and Grady Dixon of Bridgeport, Illinois; as well as Pat Cramer of Anderson; Najee Forde of Bloomington; Allante Williams of Hammond; Amber Allen, Kevin Shaw, and Hannah Simpson of Indianapolis; Alax Traylor of Jasper; Michael Bostic of Lafayette; Daniel Vale of Osceola; Katie McConnell of Rushville; Kris Buchanan of Shererville; Randall Goldsby of Spencer; Tyler Smith of Velpen; and Erikka Gwyn of Worthington.

Calendar of Events

Martin County Survivors of Suicide

On October 13 the Martin County Survivors of Suicide will hold its first meeting at the Loogootee Municipal Building in the council chambers at 7 p.m. Meetings will be held every 2nd Thursday of the month thereafter at the same time and location. Anyone who has experienced suicide of a loved one is welcome to attend. This is a safe haven for anyone who would like to attend and meet others who have experienced suicide at some time in their life. These meetings are confidential. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hickman, at: 812-617-1933 or email karenhickmanloogootee@gmail.com.

Pamida Cruise-in

The Route 50 Cruisers present live music by "Paragon", a local talent band and possibly other guest bands, on Saturday, October 1 at Pamida. Dad's Root Beer Indy car will be on display and brats, hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas will be available. There will be a 50/50 drawing, games, and prizes. The band will warm up beginning at 2 p.m. with the cruise-in beginning at 4 p.m. This is a non-judged car show. Any make or model vehicle and motorcycles are welcome. Contact Bo Wilson at 812-296-6378 or visit www.route50cruisers.com for more information. Pamida is located on Highway 50 West in Loogootee. Rain date will be Sunday, October 2.

Jug Rock Fest markets

The 2nd Annual Jug Rock Fest flea market and farmer's market will be held October 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booth space fee is \$10 per vendor. Farmer's market vendors can participate at no charge. Booth space will be assigned starting at 7:30 a.m. that day. Anyone with questions or wanting to reserve a space should contact Deanna Bauernfiend at 812-322-7760 or 812-247-2053.

Loogootee PAC

The next Loogootee Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. at The Junction Restaurant (formerly Loogootee Family Restaurant).

Petsence Adoption Day

Adoptable pets from several shelters, including the Martin County Humane Society, and rescues will be showcased at Petsence in Jasper, Indiana from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, October 1, and Sunday, October 2. During this event, every adopter will be given pet supplies valued at more than \$100. Various activities will be going on throughout the day; including face painting, balloon

art, coloring contest, raffle booth, Wildlife Booth, "Ask the Trainer, Nicole Rexing", games, food, and much more!

Math Matters workshop

Vincennes University will host a Math Matters! workshop for parents of elementary school students on October 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT, at South Knox Elementary School. Parents, teachers, guardians, and other adults are invited to attend. To ensure that enough materials are on hand, those planning to attend should pre-register by contacting Dr. Danielle Goodwin, assistant professor of mathematics, at dgoodwin@vinu.edu or 812-888-5156. This free event is intended for adults and includes refreshments, a raffle, and handouts with math activities and games designed for elementary age students. Teachers can earn two professional development contact hours for attending.

WHS NJROTC Golf Scramble

Washington High School NJROTC will host a Golf Scramble October 2 at Country Oaks Golf Course. Opening ceremonies begin at 12:30 p.m. with tee-time at 1 p.m. An award ceremony will follow the scramble. There will be four-person teams with an 18-team limit. Cost is \$50 per person or \$200 per team. The event will be held rain or shine and the golf course is located at 5064 E US Highway 50 in Montgomery. Send entry of team and money to: WHS NJROTC 608 E Walnut St, Washington, IN 47501. Attn: Golf Scramble. Entry deadline is September 23. No Alcohol! Any alcohol will result in automatic disqualification without refund of entry. Proceeds will benefit the Washington High School NJROTC Program and the NJROTC Boosters. For questions, call Kim at 812-259-1368 or Captain May at 812-254-8380

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.

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POKER RUN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Sign up at 11 a.m. ~ Depart at noon
from Loogootee Industrial Park
Then to Lark Ranch
Run ends at Pizza & More

\$10.00 for players
\$5.00 for non-players
Prizes for winners

- Golf Carts
- Four-Wheelers
- ATVs (Mules)

All proceeds to benefit the Martin County Humane Society.

Questions?
Call Don at
812-296-0952



SILENT AUCTION

Friday, September 30

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Martin County Recycling Center

Winners will pay & pick-up merchandise between 4-5 p.m. on the 30th at the Recycling Center.

All proceeds go to the Martin County Junior Leaders.

For more information, please call 295-2412.

OVER 30 ITEMS TO BE SOLD. FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF ITEMS, GO TO FACEBOOK AND ENTER PURDUE EXTENSION-MARTIN COUNTY

ITEMS: 2-10' wide X 8' tall Garage Doors w/openers, Wood Bookshelf-6' tall X 29 1/2" wide X 12" deep w/4 shelves, 1 Blue computer chair 1 Blue metal chair 1 Green metal chair, 2 Tan desk chairs, 1 Beige office chair, Metal Desk-65" Long X 31" Wide X 30" Tall, L-Shaped Wooden Desk-5' X 34" Wide X 30" Tall, Wood Desk-5' X 34" Wide X 30" Tall, 8 Drawer Wood Chest Of Drawers 74" Long X 20" Wide X 26" Tall, L-Shaped Wooden Desk-34" Wide X 60" Long X 30" Tall (72" Length of 'L'), Pink & Purple Desk-5' Long X 30" Wide X 30" Tall, Wooden Desk- 66" Long X 30" Wide X 30" Tall, 7 Cubical Partitions-62 1/2" Tall X 49" Wide 2 Cubical Partitions-63 1/2" Tall X 37" Wide, Dark Wood Desk-5' Long X 30" Wide X 26" Tall, Light Wood Desk-5' Long X 30" Wide X 26" Tall, Metal Desk on Wheels-5' Long X 30" Wide X 29" Tall, Staplers, Phones, Polaroid Cameras, a variety of chairs and more...

OBITUARIES

ALISHA BUTLER

Alisha L. Butler passed away September 21, 2011 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Shoals, she was 32.



ALISHA BUTLER

She was born on December 26, 1978 in Washington; the daughter of Tammy Hert and Leroy Butler. She was a homemaker, formerly worked for Farbest Farms in Huntingburg, and attended the Loogootee Revival Center.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Tammy and Larry Hert of Shoals; her father, Leroy Butler of Nashville, Tennessee; three daughters, Brylei Butler and Alysa Butler both of Shoals; Jatin Butler-Nicholson of Whitfield; one son, Josten Fellers of Jasper; two sisters, Nikki Butler and Melissa Hert-Gibson both of Shoals; and one brother, Ryan Fields of Jasper.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, September 27 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals with burial following in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

MELVA BLUME SHERFICK

Melva Blume Sherfick went to be with her Lord and Savior at 3:35 p.m. on September 24, 2011 at Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Shoals, she was 89.



MELVA BLUME SHERFICK

She was born in Martin County, near Rusk, on June 11, 1922, along with her twin sister Margaret June, daughters of Noah and Ollie (Jones) Kerns.

She married Howard Sherfick on April 15, 1945. Upon his passing on May 23, 2011, they had been married for 66 years. She was a faithful and dedicated member of the Shoals Christian Church. She was extremely active and served on several church committees over the years, including missions and the kitchen ministry; however, she most enjoyed being the Nursery Superintendent for many years. She deeply loved the Lord, her church, and her church family.

She was an active 50-year member of the Town & Country Home Extension Club, member of the Jug Rox Grandmothers Club, Flower and Garden Club, and former member of the Martin County Fair Board. Blume and her twin June enjoyed a friendly competition for many years exhibiting flowers and vegetables in the Open Class at the Martin County & 4-H Fair. She loved her flowers indoors and outdoors. She was an avid gardener and always had a bountiful harvest which she shared with family and friends.

She worked at the Shoals Bus Stop for four years during World War II. She then started one of the first actual day care centers in 1946. She cared for many-many children for 30-plus years, and was an accomplished homemaker.

She loved and was very devoted to her family which includes daughter, Linda June

and Richard Hawkins; sons, David and Sonja Sherfick and John Daniel and Nancy Sherfick; nine grandchildren, Rod (Mimi) Hawkins; Mark (Missy) Hawkins; Lea (Shawn) Cullison; Tamar (Kent) Greenwell; Grant Sherfick; Lynette (Chris) Newman; Evan (Jean) Sherfick; Mason and Seth Sherfick; thirteen great-grandchildren, Shelby Sands, Ethan Sands, Emily Sands, Ashley Hawkins, Michael Hawkins, Ryan Hawkins, Megan Hawkins, Melanie Hawkins, Cati Greenwell, Seth Greenwell, Sophie Greenwell, Reagan Sherfick, Everett Sherfick and Crosby Sherfick. She is also survived by her twin sister Margaret June Hendrix of French Lick.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Essie Mae Harder, Grace Fuhrman, and Mary Harden; and five brothers, Homer, Oscar, Alton, Ollis and Walter Bert Kerns.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, September 29 at 11 a.m. at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held today, Wednesday, September 28 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Shoals Christian Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

BEATRICE KRODEL

Beatrice Krodol passed away at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 91.

She was born March 11, 1920, in Dubois County; the daughter of George F. and Cordelia (Weisheit) Hautsch. She married Philmore Krodol on October 24, 1939, and he preceded her in death on March 28, 1955. She retired from the Northwood Retirement Community in Jasper where she had worked for 25 years. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and WELCA of St. Paul's Church.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Kenneth Fuhrman of Loogootee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Carole Krodol of Johnsbury, Illinois, and Larry and Wanda Krodol of Newburgh; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one step-great-granddaughter.

Also preceding her in death are two grandchildren, Simon Fuhrman and Shannon Fuhrman Okesson; one brother, Lester Hautsch; and two sisters, Loretta Kieffner and Almeda Kieffner.

A funeral service was held Sunday, September 25 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with Rev. Charla Grieves officiating. Burial followed in St. Paul's Cemetery. Becher and Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper were in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or to a favorite charity.

BRIC PARKER

Bric A. Parker died at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, September 22, 2011 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 52.

He was born February 28, 1959, in Tell City; the son of William E. and Elizabeth (Betty) Rothgerber Parker. A 1979 graduate of Loogootee High School, he worked at



BEATRICE KRODEL

NSA Crane. He also was a member of Loogootee Knights of Columbus and Martin County Habitat for Humanity.

He is survived by his wife, Joni (Sargent) Parker, whom he married July 3, 1982. Also surviving are his mother; two sons, Brandon Parker and wife Jessica, and Bryson Parker, all of Loogootee; one daughter, Brittany Parker of Loogootee; a brother, Brian Parker of Madisonville, Kentucky; three sisters, Beth Blackwell of Bellville, Illinois, Beri and

husband Mark Speckman of McCordsville, and Bridgett and husband Dave Quackenbush of North Port, Florida; and two grandchildren, Ella and Ryder Parker of Loogootee.

He was preceded in death by his father. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, September 26 at St. John's Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John's Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Martin County Habitat for Humanity. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.brocksmith-blakefuneralhomes.com.

New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

Here is your God Isaiah 40:1-11

The moral decline in this country is on the rise. As in Hezekiah's day, the people have turned to false Gods and have made that which is a sin normalcy. Homosexuality now has been declared by the government as letting a person not be afraid to let people know who they really are.

Our government is joining the ranks of most people to say sin is okay. People are okay with sin. Idols of money, pleasure, and position have now become even more prominent.

We are on the path of Judah in Isaiah the prophets' day. Think about this, more and more of this country is owned by people from other countries. And false religions are on the rise. This nation is headed for disaster, morally and financially. Do you know what the fastest growing religion in American is? It is those claiming to have no affiliation with any religion, non-religion. If you look around you might get a little discouraged, but in this passage in Isaiah, we can see that God makes promises to his people and it is for comfort. Many of you have been going through some rough times. Something has come into your life to seem to put a damper on things; a struggle or trial here and there. Yet God says when it comes to the point that you will trust in Him totally that His comfort will be so great. It will come double back the discipline, trial or struggle you went through.

I want to tell you what Isaiah told God's people and want to tell every reader today. "Here is Your God!"

Here is your God who the Bible says is that he is the God of mercy, grace, love, forgiveness, faithfulness, truth, justice, gentleness. Not a God that wants you to think He is after you; wants to be mad at you; or some God that demands that you do certain things to get His love.

Here is your God! The Bible calls Him: Deliverer, Refuge, Rock, life, light of the world, Prince of life. He is the giver of abundant life. He is the giver of freedom from sin. He is the giver of unsearchable riches. He is the source of inexpressible joy. He is the source of strength. He is the conquering king. He is a wealthy benefactor. He is a tender Sheppard. Does this not sound like something we should be shouting about? Does that sound like church people who may look at you and condemn you for who you are? If you are missing that joy in your life, that peace that only God can give, maybe it is time for a change in your life. Not a change where you have to do all the right things, be the holier than thou hypocrite that some people are; but a child of the King. Know what it means when it's said, "Here is your God". A God of comfort. Regardless what people are, God is what

you build your journey on. We know we are sinners in need of something. And God is here to fill that, to show you His wonders, His wonderful acceptance, and His awesome forgiveness. Isaiah 40:28-31 really tells us what He wants to do for us.

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. 29 He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

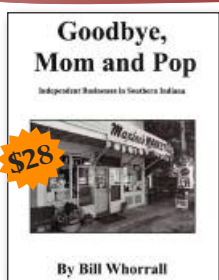
It will not do to put my faith in God while I keep my heart in this world. God will not underwrite my wordiness with His power. He never promised the soaring strength of eagles so I could go on living a life of sin. Waiting for the Lord means not only that I trust him to be true, but also that I admire Him as stunning.

Some people live defeated lives because God allows them to. He will not support our carnality (our worldly appetites), but he will renew the heart that says to Him "Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you" Psalm 73:25

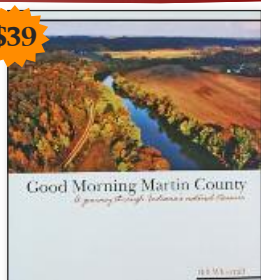
We're all weak, but we don't have to set our hearts to be supermen, God simple calls us to believe and to set our hearts on things above. If we will, that longing for God is the channel through which His power will lift us and renew us and cheer us all the way there.

Do you want to know what this belief in Jesus Christ is all about? Do you want to know what can fill that emptiness that seems to long in your heart today? Talk to a believer in Jesus Christ or call Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258 to find out how you can be assured of abundant life here and in the future.

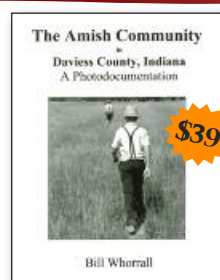
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This book covers Amish life in Daviess County, Indiana to a depth never captured before. 358 pages of photos, interviews, and explanatory text.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, September 20

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in a driveway on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

6:28 p.m. - Caller reported that they loaned a vehicle to someone and it was stolen from that subject. The vehicle was later located.

6:42 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in the Tech Park.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglary and theft of musical instruments on Gun Shop Road.

10:15 p.m. - Received a complaint regarding a subject burning trash late at night in Shoals.

10:34 p.m. - Received call from a female regarding a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee.

11:27 p.m. - Received a call regarding a suspicious subject, possibly armed, outside the U.S. Gypsum Plant.

Wednesday, September 21

12:22 a.m. - Received a report of a theft that occurred at McDonald's in Loogootee.

3:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Killion Mill Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:01 a.m. - Received a report of a theft and vandalism to a vehicle at the Martin County Health Care.

8:40 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance with traffic later in the day in Loogootee in reference to a load of concrete being dumped.

9:48 a.m. - Received a complaint regarding a subject parked in front of the caller's residence in Loogootee.

10:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - A caller advised that he is not at his residence but a logger that is on his property called him about a subject with a crowbar walking toward the residence.

1:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Odon. Daviess County was contacted.

5:00 p.m. - Received a call regarding a sick dog in Shoals.

5:25 p.m. - A male caller in Shoals reported harassment.

6:30 p.m. - A male caller advised he was having car problems and was broke down on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

7:00 p.m. - A welfare check was done on Boyd Hollow Road.

8:00 p.m. - Received a complaint of trash dumped on Poplar Grove Road.

8:57 p.m. - Received a call regarding copper being burned in Shoals.

9:45 p.m. - Received a call regarding an odor in Shoals.

10:20 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance on SE 1st Street in Loogootee.

11:56 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol on Brickyard Road.

Thursday, September 22

2:40 a.m. - Received a report of pallets on the roadway on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

8:23 a.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle heading west on U.S. 50 from the fairgrounds.

9:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported by Air Evac.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance and a coroner on Mount Pleasant Road.

12:06 p.m. - Received a complaint regarding a dog in Shoals.

2:05 p.m. - Received a complaint regarding a stray dog on a subject's property.

2:14 p.m. - Received a noise complaint from a subject in Crane Village.

4:18 p.m. - Received a call regarding harassing phone calls.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of possible shots fired in Shoals.

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of a dog walking in the roadway on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

Friday, September 23

9:30 a.m. - Received a call from a female in Crane regarding a noise complaint last night.

10:08 a.m. - Received a call regarding invasion of privacy.

10:30 a.m. - A male called and reported property damage to a rental unit he owns.

11:23 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with a vehicle that had the keys locked in it.

11:48 a.m. - A female caller in Shoals reported someone tampering with items at her residence.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, westbound from the Lawrence County line.

8:51 p.m. - Received a report of a van making dangerous passes.

9:12 p.m. - Received a report of a van

pulled to the side of U.S. 150, at Rusk Road.

10:40 p.m. - Received a call regarding phone tampering.

11:35 p.m. - Received a call regarding a property dispute.

11:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Bedford Regional Medical Center.

Saturday, September 24

2:05 a.m. - Received a report of a battery in Loogootee.

10:43 a.m. - Received a report of possible drugs located.

2:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. No transport was necessary.

4:30 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with children who have left a home without permission.

4:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Odon. Daviess County was contacted.

5:26 p.m. - A female in the Scenic Hill area called with a complaint regarding neighborhood cats.

8:05 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer regarding a dispute between his wife and her parents.

8:32 p.m. - Received a call from a female regarding harassment.

10:55 p.m. - Received a call regarding tanker trucks blocking the entrance and exit to the Martin County Civil Defense Building.

Sunday, September 25

1:00 a.m. - Received a call regarding a possible shot fired in Loogootee.

1:10 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, eastbound from the Martin State Forest.

1:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on S.R. 550. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:15 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver at McDonald's in Loogootee.

10:10 a.m. - Received calls regarding trucks and tankers parked near the fairgrounds.

6:07 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, eastbound from Cannelburg.

9:07 p.m. - Received a report of a tree hanging low toward the roadway on U.S. 231, near Hoffman Road.

10:15 p.m. - Received a call regarding a subject missing from an adult assisted living

home in Dubois County.

10:42 p.m. - Received a call regarding a semi off the roadway on U.S. 231, in Whitfield.

Monday, September 26

2:00 a.m. - A female caller in Shoals reported trespassing.

7:16 a.m. - A female caller requested to speak with an officer regarding problems with a child.

8:15 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle off the roadway on U.S. 231, near S.R. 58. Daviess County was contacted.

8:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

12:31 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Witt Road.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on the roadway on S.R. 450, approximately three miles west of Williams.

2:25 p.m. - Received another call regarding a domestic dispute in Shoals.

4:34 p.m. - Received a report of a semi truck in the roadway on U.S. 50, near the Martin State Forest.

5:45 p.m. - Received a call regarding theft of an unemployment card.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 50, eastbound from Cannelburg.

7:04 p.m. - Received a call regarding a controlled burn on Sorrells Lane.

Tuesday, September 27

1:35- 3:15 a.m. - Received several calls regarding a domestic disturbance on Brooks Bridge Road.

5:55 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee.

7:06 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 150, approximately three miles out of Shoals.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person at the Raglesville Church. Daviess County was contacted.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen firearm.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 231S, just north of Hoffman Road.

4:32 p.m. - Received a report of a possible overdose and battery in the Doe Run area.

4:57 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer for advice on posting no trespassing signs.

5:13 p.m. - Received a call regarding property that had been reported stolen has been located.

8:24 p.m. - Received a call regarding a group of suspicious subjects with hoods near a business in Loogootee.

10:25 p.m. - Received a request to speak to a Loogootee officer in reference to harassment.

Wednesday, September 28

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance at Southwind Manor in Loogootee.

6:15 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on S.R. 550.

Accident report

Thursday, September 22

4:59 a.m. - Jessica A. Rambsel, 19, of Bloomfield, was traveling southbound on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee near Raglesville Road, in a silver 2001 Chevrolet Blazer. Jason N. Bault, 37, of Spencer, was northbound in a white 1998 Kenworth semi. Rambsel crossed the center line and struck the side of the semi. There was extreme damage to her vehicle and had a severe complaint of pain. She was eventually cut out of her vehicle and flown by helicopter to Wishard Hospital. The semi had damage that left it undriveable, however the driver of the semi did not report any injuries. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Hale.

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Loogootee Police log

Monday, September 19

6:52 a.m. - Female caller reported a male driving a vehicle he has no license or insurance.

11:55 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a semi on fire just south of Loogootee on U.S. 231. Loogootee Fire was dispatched to the scene.

5:08 p.m. - Male subject was on station to talk with an officer about issues he was having with a neighbor. Sgt. Norris talked with him.

7:42 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on Park Street. Sgt. Norris went to the location and everything checked ok.

Tuesday, September 20

1:45 p.m. - Male caller reported theft of some checkbooks. Chief Rayhill talked with him and did a case report on it.

8:30 a.m. - Female came on station to report her 13-year-old son had run away from home. Chief Rayhill and Chief Deputy Dant located the juvenile and released him back to his mother.

7:01 p.m. - Unknown caller reported a dog complaint in Shady Estates Trailer Park. They advised a dog was getting into trash bags.

7:51 p.m. - Received a call from an employee at Chuckles of two people fighting in the street behind the station. Sgt. Hennette and ISP trooper Lents went to the location.

9:06 p.m. - Female caller reported being harassed by kids parked in the school parking lot. Sgt. Hennette went to the location and talked with the kids.

9:38 p.m. - DCS reported a white Ford Ranger driving erratically coming toward Loogootee on U.S. 50. Sgt. Hennette went to check the report out but was unable to locate.

10:34 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a suspicious vehicle on Fullerton Street. Sgt. Norris responded.

Wednesday, September 21

8:30 a.m. - Linda Bailey reported someone had cut donuts on their property. A case report was completed.

3:17 p.m. - Caller reported four-wheelers in Shaded Estates.

4:50 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle near Country Place Apartments.

6:42 p.m. - Caller requested a VIN check on his vehicle.

10:20 p.m. - Caller reported loud noises on SE 1st Street.

Thursday, September 22

5:06 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 South for a two-vehicle accident.

8:40 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up on North Line Street.

10:11 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested Loogootee Fire to secure the landing zone for Air Evac.

1:34 p.m. - Caller reported a leash law violation on Dogwood Lane.

Friday, September 23

3:15 p.m. - Male caller reported a viola-

tion of a protective order.

4:12 p.m. - Caller requested a VIN check.

4:41 p.m. - Male caller requested to speak with an officer regarding possible stolen property.

5:00 p.m. - Bradley Benson, of Loogootee, reported a theft from his residence. Sgt. Hennette is the investigating officer.

7:44 p.m. - Female came on station to speak with an officer regarding problems with her juvenile son.

11:35 p.m. - Male caller reported a civil dispute.

Saturday, September 24

2:05 a.m. - Male caller reported a disturbance at Chuckles.

10:43 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

8:34 p.m. - Caller reported a fight near Ruler. Subjects had left the scene prior to arrival.

Sunday, September 25

1:00 a.m. - Caller reported a possible gunshot on North Line Street. Officers were unable to locate.

2:15 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver leaving McDonald's.

11:36 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up on Mulberry Street. Call checked out okay.

4:38 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm on West Washington Street.

6:11 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

9:22 p.m. - Received a report of a 911 hang-up on 150 North in Daviess County.

11:18 p.m. - Caller reported being run off the road on JFK Avenue. No damage was reported.

Real estate transfers

Daniel Frye and Scott Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lane A. Magers and Bobbette R. Magers**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, Lot Number 84 in the Original Town of Crane.

Misty Ronelle Melvin, of Vanderburgh County, Indiana to **Ronald George McKibben**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West and containing 7.0770 acres. Except 5.577 acres, more or less, in the same section. Tract II: a part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West and containing one acre, more or less.

Mary Catherine Raney, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stephen J. O'Brien**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Number 27 and a part of Lot Number 26 in Keck's Addition to the Town, now City, of Loogootee.

Leslie Brooke Hawkins and Philip D. Hawkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jordan Hawkins and Leslie Brooke Hawkins**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 3 and 4 in Eastgate Terrace Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Part of Lot Number 2 in Eastgate Terrace Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

September 15

Rebecca Rush, theft, a Class D Felony.

September 20

Mark Anthony Payne, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Teiara R. Haines, theft, a Class D Felony.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

September 14

American National Property and Casualty Company vs. Jarrod Zins, civil plenary.

September 15

Julie Padgett vs. Larry Padgett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

September 16

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Ashley Steiner, civil collection.

Equable Ascent Financial vs. Michael Holzmeyer, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

September 12

Barclay Bank Delaware vs. Charlene Hatton, civil collection, dismissed.

North Star Capital Acquisition, LLC vs. Lois Brassine, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

September 15

Robert Harper vs. Alicia Sturgill and Justin Wiscaver, complaint.

September 16

Jail bookings

Wednesday, September 21

10:00 a.m. - Jacqueline Davis, 47, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police. Davis was wanted on a Gibson County warrant for intimidation and harassment. Chief Rayhill was the arresting officer.

Friday, September 23

3:00 p.m. - Daniel East, 25, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with petition to revoke.

Saturday, September 24

4:20 am - Christopher Bearden, 31, from Shoals, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

Sunday, September 25

1:43 a.m. - Richard O'Connor, 51, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

Tuesday, September 27

6:35 p.m. - Kendall Striker, 49, of Scottsburg, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated with a controlled substance.

Wednesday, September 28

12:01 a.m. - Aaron Young, 45, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Edmund and Nancy Cronk vs. Tommy McDaniels, Vicki Ann McDaniels, and Amanda Bockheim, complaint.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

September 14 - September 20

Ryan Cornelison, Oolitic, speeding 66 in a 50, \$124.

Jacob Daly, Louisville, Kentucky, speeding 82 in a 50; alteration by local authority; school, \$132.

Dusten Deckard, Bloomington, compliance with federal motor carrier safety regulations; speeding 64 in a 50, \$125.

Michael Elliott, Loogootee, improper passing, \$124.

John Epple, Saint Anthony, maximum weight restrictions; enforcement of limits, \$140.

Scott Key, Albany, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Zachery Langebrake, Huntingburg, speeding 65 in a 55, \$119.

Thomas Labadie, Mitchell, unregistered vehicle; expired plates, \$120.

Scott Woody, Loogootee, speeding 71 in a 55; driving while suspended, \$125.



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OPINION

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~



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

'Confessions of a TEA Party member'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I am a member of the Martin County TEA Party- there, I said it. I have been a member for over a year.

We believe in three things or principles:

1. The United States Constitution.
2. Fiscal Responsibility.
3. Free Markets.

The United States Constitution. It is the basis of all of our freedoms. It defines a republican form of government, not a democracy. It provides for checks and balances. It recognizes that the "natural" man of yesterday and today has a tendency to go astray. It defines a legislature, whose members who are elected by us and represent us (the people). Its words have meaning. It provides for change, through the amendment process. The principles of the constitution apply today, even with our present day inventions, such as televisions, computers, etc. I believe that the founding fathers counted on the freedom of the press (or the present-day media) to keep the people properly informed. The Constitution of the United States of America is the only document that defines a system of government that will provide for the prosperity and happiness of its people and protect them from an intrusive federal government. It limits the powers of the federal government to the so-called "enumerated" powers. All powers not "enumerated" are left to the states or to the people. When Benjamin Franklin was asked what the new constitution provided

for, he said that it provided for "a republic, if you can keep it".

Fiscal Responsibility. Fiscal responsibility means that spending must be controlled. Spending, by the federal government, should not normally exceed government revenues (taxes). We as individuals or families must balance our budgets. Our spending cannot exceed our income for very long. Our government should live by the same rules.

Free Markets. Our system of government provides for private ownership of property. That separates us from communism and socialism, where the government owns and controls all or most property. Each of us is free to start a new business. We are free to succeed or to fail. We are free to develop a new product or service. If it is a product or service that the public wants and if it is reasonably priced, we can become wealthy. If not, we will fail in that endeavor. It should be realized that failure is a necessary consequence. We vote with our dollars. It is not the government's duty to protect us from failure. Free markets provide the prosperity and conveniences that we enjoy in this country, like no other. Let's not lose our free market system.

The Martin County TEA Party does not support or endorse any political party or candidate. It is a loosely organized group that is based on the above principles. We invite you to join us if you share these principles.

God bless you and yours.

Dennis Jones
Shoals, Indiana

I can't wait for college basketball season! I have been an IU fan since 1987 which is one year the Hoosiers won the NCAA National Championship. Keith Smart took that last second shot . . . I was hooked and I was only 10 years old. I still have that game on a VHS tape somewhere.

This year should (I hope) be a good year for the Hoosiers who are very much due for a winning season – and a trip to the NCAA tourney.

With all of the coaching changes over the last 10 years, it takes a devoted fan to stay on board. Many times in the last few years I was forced to turn the TV off while watching a game, sometimes even before half-time, because it was just too painful. My sister, Tyra, and I run up our text messaging count in the winter griping about this game or that game, this player or that player. She is my basketball buddy.

And I don't just watch IU - I watch any and every college game I can find on television. When the season is over each March/April, I actually get depressed for a few weeks. I have been unable over the years, despite trying, to get into football or baseball – aside from my son's Little League team that is.

I can get downright nasty about college ball. I don't like people bashing IU – I defend the team like they are my children. I scream at the television and even sometimes throw minor temper tantrums. My family tells me that when IU loses, I tend to finish the day in a bad mood. Now that I think about it, I must have been in a bad mood a lot over the last few years.

When I moved back to Loogootee about five years ago, surprisingly the downstairs bathroom sink was IU red. Fitting, I turned that into my Hoosier room. I know a bathroom right? Many of my collectibles were

in boxes in the garage since I hadn't had a chance to unpack them. The garage fire we had a year after moving in destroyed many of them, along with a piece of the former Assembly Hall floor that was signed by the team and my IU jersey that was signed by Damon Bailey. I think I cried harder over losing those than anything else that burned. Some of the items did make it to the Hoosier room prior to the fire, thank goodness.

I have written about it before, but Damon Bailey is my all-time favorite IU player. It was just a pleasure watching him. You could tell by the way he played that he had a true passion for the game. Many years later I saw that same passion in Tom Coverdale who takes a close second to Bailey on the favorites list. Errek Suhr didn't get a lot of playing time but proved himself every time he made it on the floor. He was a crowd favorite too. You get attached to these players after four years and it is actually really sad when they leave. So far though, another favorite quickly comes along.

I have met Damon Bailey several times over the years, all of which I managed to make a fool of myself. Meeting IU players to me is much like meeting movie stars. I have a hard time speaking, I get all flushed, and I never remember what I said to them.

I always planned to one day have season tickets to IU . . . unfortunately I have never had the time or money to do it. Not to mention that my husband and kids really don't enjoy attending so I would have to go it alone. It is still a dream that's out there though.

The team starts playing on 11-11-11; I'm counting down the days. Being the positive person that I am, I will go ahead and predict a trip to the Final Four!

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National mass layoffs for August 2011

Employers took 1,587 mass layoff actions in August involving 165,547 workers, seasonally adjusted, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Each mass layoff involved at least 50 workers from a single employer. The number of mass layoff events in

August increased by 8 from July, and the number of associated initial claims increased by 20,547. In August, 391 mass layoff events were reported in the manufacturing sector, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 48,997 initial claims.

The national unemployment rate was 9.1 percent in August, unchanged from the prior month but down from 9.6 percent a year earlier. In August, total nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged from the prior month at 131.1 million and increased over the year by 1.3 million.

Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The number of mass layoff events in August was 961, not seasonally adjusted, resulting in 99,213 initial claims for unemployment insurance.

Mass layoff events decreased by 15 from August 2010, while associated initial claims increased by 6,778. (See table 2.) Nine of the 19 major industry sectors in the private economy reported over-the-year increases in initial claims, with the largest increases

occurring in information and manufacturing. The six-digit industry with the largest number of initial claims in August 2011 was wired telecommunications carriers.

The manufacturing sector accounted for 24 percent of all mass layoff events and 27 percent of initial claims filed in August. A year earlier, manufacturing made up 24 percent of events and 25 percent of initial claims. Within this sector, the number of claimants in August 2011 was greatest in the transportation equipment subsector. Eleven of the 21 manufacturing subsectors experienced over-the-year increases in initial claims, with the largest increase occurring in machinery.

Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Three of the 4 regions and 8 of the 9 divisions experienced over-the-year increases in initial claims for unemployment insurance due to mass layoffs in August. Among the census regions, the Northeast registered the largest over-the-year increase in initial claims. Of the geographic divisions, the Middle Atlantic had the largest over-the-year increase in initial claims.

California recorded the highest number of mass layoff initial claims in August, followed by Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. Thirty states and the District of Columbia experienced over-the-year increases in initial claims, led by Massachusetts and New Jersey.

Indiana students invited to enter national reflective writing contest

Indiana students, grades 4-12, are invited to enter the 2011 Letters About Literature contest sponsored by the Indiana Center for the Book and Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores. The national reading-writing competition calls for entrants to write a personal

letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre (fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, etc.) explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or their self. Entry forms, contest guidelines, and copies of past years' winning essays are available on the Indiana Center for the Book's website at www.in.gov/library/lal.htm.

As in previous years, all state semifinalists are invited to attend an annual awards ceremony featuring a notable young adult author. State contest winners will receive a cash award and plaque from the Indiana Center for the Book during a summertime awards ceremony. Top winners also receive a Target GiftCard and advance to the national level competition. National prizes include a \$10,000 LAL Reading Promotion Grant for the community or school library of the winner's choice. National winners also receive a \$500 Target GiftCard. National honorable mentions will each receive a \$100 Target GiftCard and a \$1,000 LAL Grant for the library of their choice.

Visit lettersaboutliterature.org for contest updates and valuable teaching materials, such as lesson plans, writing samples, assessment checklists, and teacher tips. Letters About Literature is open to legal U.S. residents enrolled as a student in grades 4-12 during 2011/2012 school year. Entries must be postmarked no later than January 6, 2012 for consideration.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer

Otwell Elementary: Another gem in our community

We have many good reasons to be proud of our community. Our strong traditions, good neighbors and continual growth are all proof that this is a great part of Indiana to work and live. An excellent example of that is Otwell Elementary, which continually receives honors and awards for their high achievement and strong academic standards. It was recently announced to be a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education (USDOE).

Otwell Elementary is one of nine schools in Indiana to receive this honor and one of 304 in the nation. The USDOE honors schools that demonstrate student achievement gains or score at very high levels on state assessments. In November, the National Blue Ribbon Schools will be honored at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

In the last two years, Otwell Elementary has also received exceptionally high scores on the ISTEP. In 2010 they were the only school in the state to have 100 percent of their students pass the ISTEP math exam. For this year, and for the last five years, they have exceeded 90 percent passing levels on ISTEP. And for all nine years of the No Child Left Behind program's existence they have passed its requirements. They have also been named a Four Star School the last two years.

This does not happen by accident. It takes commitment from parents, students, faculty, and staff all working hard to give and receive a top-notch education. Their commitment to education sets a very high standard

for schools both in Indiana and across the nation.

We are lucky to have such dedicated individuals in our community, and I know they are not the only ones. The strong work ethic I see demonstrated in organizations across District 63 is something we should all be proud of and continue to strive for. I look forward to continuing to congratulate members of our community for their success and achievements in the future.

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SCHOOL & SPORTS

Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

LOOGOOTE ELEMENARY
Breakfast
Thursday, September 29
Cereal, sausage, muffin, juice, milk
Friday, September 30
Sausage, egg, biscuit, juice, milk
Monday, October 3
French toast, sausage link, fruit, milk
Tuesday, October 4
Breakfast pizza, egg, juice, milk
Wednesday, October 5
Biscuit and gravy, sausage, applesauce
Lunch
Thursday, September 29
Chicken nuggets, salad, green beans, bread
Friday, September 30
Corn dogs, baked beans, carrot sticks
Monday, October 3
Chicken sandwich, tator tots, apple
Tuesday, October 4
Ham and cheese sandwich, corn, pears
Wednesday, October 5
Taco salad, corn

LOOGOOTE ELEMENARY
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch
Thursday, September 29
Chicken strips or pizza, carrots, rice, applesauce, salad plate, milk
Friday, September 30
BBQ rib or pizza, baked beans, cottage cheese, fruit, salad plate, milk
Monday, October 3
BBQ pork or pizza, baked beans, fruit, cottage cheese, salad plate, milk
Tuesday, October 4

Taco salad, corn, applesauce, salad plate, milk
Wednesday, October 5
Roast beef Manhattan or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Thursday, September 29
Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, September 30
Breakfast wrap, fruit, juice, milk
Monday, October 3
Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk
Tuesday, October 4
Pancakes, ham, juice, milk
Wednesday, October 5
Breakfast-on-a-stick, string cheese, milk
Lunch
Thursday, September 29
Chili soup with crackers and cheese, corn, Jell-O with fruit, milk; choice 4-12: corn-dog
Friday, September 30
Pork tenderloin sandwich, green beans, fruit, ice cream, milk
Monday, October 3
Cheeseburger, curly fries, fruit, cookie, milk
Tuesday, October 4
Chicken noodle dinner, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, milk; choice 4-12: pepperoni pizza
Wednesday, October 5
Chicken strips, lettuce salad, sweet potatoes, fruit, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

LHS Cross Country results

The Loogootee Boys' Cross Country team traveled to the Washington Invitational on September 10. Loogootee finished on top with 93 points followed by Mitchell with 80, Shakamak with 78, Princeton with 47, and Washington with 46 points.

Zach Wagler led the team and finished ninth in the invite with a time of 18:12. Also placing were Liam Hollihan who finished in 10th place with a time of 18:13, Wes Whitman finished in 24th place with a time of 20:15, Adam Lark placed 27th with a time of 20:37, and Mac Osborne placed 36th with a time of 22:02.

Ariel Jones finished in 22nd place in the girls' meet with a time of 25:40.

The boys and girls competed in the Bloomfield Invitational on September 6. Also in the invitational were Lighthouse Christian, Linton, Martinsville, and Shoals. Shoals finished on top with 71 points, Martinsville had 70, Loogootee finished with 67, and Bloomfield had 17.

For the Loogootee boys, Liam Hollihan placed fourth with a time of 19:44, Zach Wagler finished seventh with a time of 19:59, Adam Lark finished in 23rd place with a time of 22:38. Also, Chase Wilcoxon placed 27th with a finish time of 25:09, Shelby Hodges placed 28th with a time of 25:13, and Mac Osborne finished in 29th

place with a time of 25:24.

For Shoals, Jordan Sorrells finished in 10th place with a time of 20:20, C. Tow placed 11th with a time of 20:23, Juston Hopkins finished in 15th place with a time of 20:48, Bryce Boyd placed 26th with a time of 24:28, and Waylon Bradley finished in 31st place with a time of 26:01.

Placing for the Loogootee girls' team was Ariel Jones who finished 13th with a time of 29:56. Chelsea Baker, for Shoals, placed fifth with a time of 25:44 and Sasha Mains placed eighth with a time of 27:00.

Loogootee Junior High Cross Country results

On Thursday, September 22, the Loogootee Junior High Cross Country team competed in the Paoli Invitational. The boys' team placed 6th in the approximately 20-team field. Sixth-place team ribbons and individual awards went to Tye Collins 28th (medal), Jake Simmons 37th, Jordan Kaiser 43rd, Kaleb Lyon 51st, Jayden Wagoner 55th, and Ethan Ziegler 56th. Also participating were Bailey Dearwester, Jaymison Wagoner, Jaycobsen Wagoner, Wyatt Crane, Leighton Seals, and Dylan Arthur.

Anaya Carrico finished 85th in the girls' meet.

Loogootee Tennis Sectional Pairings

Pairings for the Loogootee Tennis Sectional are as follows:

Wednesday, September 28

Barr-Reeve vs. Paoli at 4:30 p.m.

Loogootee vs. Northeast Dubois at 6 p.m.

Thursday, September 29

Championship at 5:30 p.m.

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.

All proceeds will go toward the boys' track program to pay for needs during the 2011 season and to the Class of 2014 for prom and graduation.

Shoals 5K Run/Walk Registration Form

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Changes approved by NRC for 2012 deer season

The Indiana Natural Resources Commission last Tuesday approved a package of changes to deer hunting rules that will go into effect in the 2012 season.

None of the changes will be in effect this year.

The final adoption vote came after preliminary approval by the NRC in January and a six-month public comment period that included hundreds of written comments and two public hearings.

The rule changes include creating a cross-bow license and authorizing its use during the entire archery season; extending the archery season without interruption from October 1 through the first Sunday in January; extending the urban zone season from September 15 through January 31; requiring hunters in urban zones to harvest an antlerless deer before harvesting an antlered deer; establishing a special antlerless season from December 26 through the first Sunday in January in designated counties; adding the non-resident youth licenses and a new deer license bundle; requiring display of hunter orange on occupied ground blinds; and extending the rifle cartridge length that can be used in the firearm season to 1.8 inches.

These changes must still be approved by

the Attorney General's Office and Governor's Office and published in the Indiana Register before taking effect.

In other actions, the NRC:

–Approved the dedication of four nature preserves at Fort Harrison State Park totaling approximately 670 acres or more than one-third of the park. The sites are named Bluffs of Fall Creek, Chinquapin Ridge, Lawrence Creek and Warbler Woods.

–Authorized State Park Inns to increase lodging fees from January 28 through February 12 to coincide with the Super Bowl in Indianapolis.

–Approved final adoption of rule amendments governing logjam removal from floodways and navigable waters.

–Turned down a citizen's petition to allow high-speed boating on Shipshewana Lake in LaGrange County.

–Approved preliminary adoption of rules governing the sale, distribution and transportation of invasive aquatic plants, and a rule to regulate thousand cankers disease in walnut trees.

–Removed the four-toed salamander from and added the plains leopard frog and mole salamander to the state endangered species list.

Grouseland to host bus tour to Indianapolis on November 9

Grouseland Foundation is sponsoring a chartered bus tour from William Henry Harrison's Grouseland (3 W. Scott St., Vincennes) to Indianapolis on Wednesday, November 9. The tour will visit the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, the home of the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Experience. The tour will also visit the home of William Henry Harrison's grandson, President Benjamin Harrison, the only grandfather-grandson U.S. presidents.

A registration brochure is attached to this email, or it can be downloaded at <http://wp.me/pXodr-2p>. Those who are interested can also call Grouseland at (812) 882-2096, or email Grouseland@sbcglobal.net for more details. The bus tour costs \$60 per person and will last from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 8 p.m., departing and arriving from Grouseland. The charter bus has some handicap accessible features. Refreshments will be provided on the bus, including a continental breakfast upon departure. Participants should plan on purchasing lunch on their own at the History Center's Stardust Terrace Café.

Grouseland is proud to serve as a "Local History Partner" with the Indiana Historical Society, and participants on this trip will enjoy several premiums that highlight this relationship. Participants on the tour will enjoy a 15 percent discount at the Basile History Market and receive a free dessert (brownie or cookie) with a lunch purchase of \$7.50 or more. The cost of the trip is kept significantly low, because Friends of

Grouseland are receiving free admission to the History Center on this day.

The Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site contains many unique artifacts of William Henry Harrison, which will pique the interest of Vincennes history enthusiasts. Also, the 1874 Italianate home of the 23rd President, is only one of two original presidential homes in Indiana; the other being Grouseland.

Because the November 9 tour occurs only two days after the bicentennial of the Battle of Tippecanoe, Grouseland Executive Director, Dan Sarell, will give a presentation on the bus about the events that led up to, during and after the fateful battle, which is widely considered the opening salvo of the War of 1812.

Anyone can participate in this bus tour, and it will provide particular enrichment for those who are interested in Grouseland's "First Families" heritage education program, and for those who are currently attending the Vincennes Local History Seminar, by widening the scope of our local history to a statewide focus.

Registration deadline for the November 9 bus tour is Friday, November 4. Checks can be made payable to "Grouseland Foundation," and sent to 3 West Scott Street, Vincennes, IN 47591.

Registrants can also pay by credit card by calling (812) 882-2096, or visiting the Grouseland Gift Shop (open daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.), or on PayPal at http://grouseland-foundation.org/Grouseland/Support_Grouseland.html.



SCOUTING MATTERS

By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

Servant Leaders in the Great Outdoors

After a short departure, last month to address more pressing matters I want to return to my discussion of expanded BSA opportunities through the Order of the Arrow (OA). I spoke last time on the background, tradition, and history. Now I will speak to the true Mission of the OA. Simply stated, the mission of the OA is to help the local Boy Scout council provide a quality-scouting program through recognition of scouting spirit and performance. Consequently, this quality program was designed to develop . . .

Servant Leaders in the Great Outdoors.

The vast forests, fields, oceans, and mountains of the United States have become our most vital resources in the BSA and OA; they are, for us the staging grounds to learn life's most precious lessons for every scout. As an Arrowman, one of our central obligations is to be mindful of our duty to the outdoors, to not only preserve them but also to interpret the deeper messages that nature leaves behind.

We are charged to be servant leaders and as such must strive toward leaving an everlasting legacy of cheerful service. In doing so, each of us defines what our own dreams are and with every breath drawn and every mile tread come closer to the ultimate pinnacle. The domain of our leadership though, is the future. It begins as a single spark within and becomes a roaring flame so intense that all around become enveloped by it. However, we must keep in mind that as we dream and look toward the future, a fire must be built in steps.

There is a natural progression of life around us, soaring through the air, rushing through the rivers and rising from the earth. Every great achievement by our natural surroundings has taken time to develop and grow from its own modest beginnings to an awe-inspiring presence. The giant redwoods of Sequoia National Park, the deep gorges of the Grand Canyon, the breadth and power of the Mississippi River and the eloquent beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains took millions of years to become some of the most beloved natural treasures within our nation's borders. Each built upon past successes and accomplishments because the natural world we live in knows that great undertakings take time. It is from this simple observation, that we can learn a

valuable lesson.

Leaders are meant to be authors of great ideas and wild dreams, taking a simple problem and applying a unique form of creativity to imagine the possibilities. As the dream takes shape, a leader must also determine and define for themselves how success will be measured. If we only defined success as achieved after we had reached and perfected our dreams, no one would ever feel that deep sense of accomplishment. Never knowing the taste of victory can demoralize and dishearten those you serve. Within little goals and aspirations can a group find the will and energy to continue serving their ultimate purpose; it is through those "baby steps" that Mother Nature perfected the natural world and that we will come closer to reaching our own summits.

As a servant leader, celebrate victories often. Always seek out and learn to identify the building blocks that become the foundation of a truly great achievement and with every block placed, have a party. Observe the world around you and see that even the largest tree in a forest was once a sapling, the deepest canyon, a shallow hole, the widest river, a trickling stream and the oldest mountains, a modest hill.

A servant leader can look beyond the horizon of tomorrow and believe that although what they do today may seem small and insignificant, they too will someday realize their ultimate dream.

If you would like to learn more about the Scouting opportunities in your local area, drop me an email at mike.leighty@centurytel.net or call (812) 295-8417 and I will help you make contact with a local unit.

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

SAT Preparation Workshop - SAT preparation workshop for college-bound high school students will be offered at the Center by Karen Whorrall. This class will assist preparing students in securing competitively high scores for placement. This workshop is scheduled on Wednesdays, October 5 through October 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost for the session is \$25. This workshop is sponsored by the Loogootee and Shoals Guidance Counselors Offices. For registration or further information, contact Kris at 812-295-2674.

USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder) - The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway).

USAJOBS is the federal government's official website and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an on-line resume training session and will provide applicants with information and advice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshop will be held on Thursday, October 13 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Call the learning center to sign up.

Resume and Cover Letter Basics - This is a basic course designed to help applicants with their resume and cover letter for the private sector or government contractor positions. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 25 and the cost is \$25. This course is being offered by Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting. Applicants need to pre-register no later than the Friday before the scheduled class date. Contact Kris at the learning center to pre-register.

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

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NSWC Crane employee receives prestige award

Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC Crane) employee Nova Carden traveled to the 2011 DMSMS and Standardization Conference in Hollywood, Florida on August 31st where she received the Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS) Award from Alex Melnikow, DoD DMSMS Program Manager, in the Special Recognition category.

Ms. Carden, a resident of Bloomington and NSWC Crane employee of six years, has shown strong leadership and dedication for enhancing the DoD's ability to pursue

proactive obsolescence management across the entire enterprise. She is also leading the Common Use Tools Committee for the DoD DMSMS working group which is focused on sharing common processes and best practices among all DoD organizations.

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