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Newly-revised Animal Control Ordinance moves to commissioners

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With little on the agenda, the Martin County Commissioners held a quick 20-minute meeting Tuesday night, October 4. Theresa Abney, president of the Martin County Animal Control Commission, presented the commissioners with the newly-revised Animal Control Ordinance that the commission has been working on for the past five months. The original ordinance had been in place in the county since 1997 and the Animal Control Commission was formed to relook at it and make revisions. The ordinance was put on hold by the commissioners five months ago, unenforceable, while the commission took time to go over it.

Abney explained to commissioners that all of the wording on taxes and licensing had been removed from the ordinance. "I think the economy is bad enough that bringing another tax into Martin County is not a good idea," she said. Fines have been added however for law enforcement personnel to cite residents on animal-related offenses if

necessary. Citations begin with a written warning and after four offenses increase to a \$50 fine. Types of citations can include an at-large animal, cruelty and neglect, abandonment, dangerous or vicious animals, and nuisance animals.

Abney also said that sections were added and more detailed pertaining to cruelty, what a public nuisance animal actually is, and the definition of a vicious dog, among other things.

She said that the Animal Control Commission is ready for the commissioners to look through the ordinance to see if any changes need to be made. Commissioner Dan Gregory said that the board and county attorney needed time to look over the ordinance and asked that it be tabled until the next meeting. It will be revisited at the commissioners' next meeting on October 18.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams presented his two-week work schedule and updated the commissioners on the status of county's new tractor. He said that the windows were not put in correctly and a new installer is doing the work now. He said he

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One week left to register to vote; view ballot online

On Monday, Indiana Secretary of State Charlie White announced that the online resource "Who's On Your Ballot?" is now available to Indiana voters during the 2011 Municipal Election and reminded those not registered or who need to change registration to do so before October 11.

"Who's On Your Ballot?" is one of several online tools found at www.IndianaVoters.com that allows voters to view a complete list of candidates as they will appear on their ballots for the November 8 municipal elections.

"I'm thrilled that Indiana voters will again have access to 'Who's On Your Ballot?'" White said. "It's our hope that Hoosiers across the state will use this tool to research who their candidates are."

Indiana residents with a valid Indiana driver's license or state ID card number can also register or verify and update their registration online at www.IndianaVoters.com from a personal computer or mobile device. There, they can also download an absentee ballot application and find their polling location.

"Who's On Your Ballot?" is updated before and during each election cycle and lists every candidate running in each Indiana precinct. The information is compiled by the Indiana Secretary of State's office, and officials work in conjunction with all 92 of Indiana's county clerks to amass a complete list of candidates.

"We have been pleased in the past with the response to 'Who's On Your Ballot?' and continue to anticipate an enthusiastic response from Hoosier voters," White said. "The hardworking officials in the Election Division created this service not due to fed-

eral or state requirements, but because they saw the benefits it would bring to Indiana voters. I'm glad that Hoosiers have and continue to recognize those benefits as well."

White also noted that Indiana voters have one week to finalize their registrations in order to vote in the upcoming election.

"It's important that Hoosiers wishing to vote are proactive and complete the registration process early and accurately," White said.

White encourages Indiana residents who will be at least 18 years of age on November 8, to register to vote or update their current registration at the office of their county clerk or at a Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch on or before October 11.

"It is our goal to streamline the voting process, and www.IndianaVoters.com is a useful, one-stop shop for Indiana voters," White said. "We recently optimized the site to give Hoosiers easy access to valuable voting resources in just a few clicks from any smart phone."

Voter registration forms must be post-marked by October 11 if an Indiana resident wishes to vote in the 2011 municipal election. Online voter registration forms must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on October 11 as well. Forms that are not completed and submitted by these deadlines will not be processed for the 2011 election cycle, but will be processed for future elections following November 8.

Extended registration:

Certain military voters and their family members who meet criteria set out in the 2011 Military and Overseas Voter Guide may

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Loogootee fifth and sixth graders want to make a difference

The Loogootee Intermediate fifth and sixth grade students and teachers, along with the Parents Advisory Committee (PAC), will be starting work on a recycling project titled "You Can Make A Difference". According to PAC leader Lisa Nonte, the goal of this project is simple-to teach children and adults the advantages of recycling and implement a working program to accomplish this, while working together as a classroom, school, and community.

About 80 percent of what is thrown away each day is recyclable, yet only 28 percent is recycled. When we recycle, we save valuable resources such as trees and oil. We also protect ocean creatures, decrease pollution, and save energy when we recycle.

The 5th and 6th graders will be decorating collection boxes in art class that will be placed in the gyms and cafeteria areas for the collection of empty pop and water bottles. Collection containers will also be placed in various areas for the collection of ink cartridges, newspapers, magazines, and catalogs.

Residents are asked to help in the efforts by starting their own collection of recyclable in their home. The items to separate and collect include the following: newspapers, magazines/catalogs, junk mail/paper, pop/water bottles, milk/bleach/fabric softener/detergent jugs, grocery sacks, tin cans (rinsed), cardboard, aluminum, purses, belts, and textiles such as wearable shoes/clothing

(anything that is fabric and used on the body or in the home). No carpet, plastic clothing, rubber boots, slippers, or high heels can be accepted.

There will then be two ways to drop off your collected items.

The first way will be to take a Lion Receipt and your recyclables to the recycling center in Loogootee during their business hours. Make sure that the center's employee knows that it is for the Loogootee Intermediate recycling project. The school will then receive credit for your contribution.

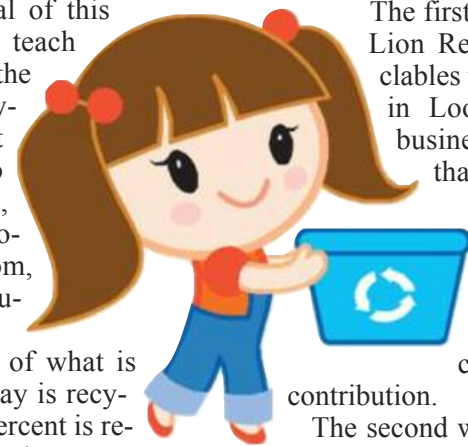
The second way is for you to drop your items in the back parking lot of the high school during the community collection day event on November 12 from 8 a.m. -11 a.m. Volunteers will assist you with all of your recyclables that day.

Nonte said, "We can make a huge difference with very little effort." The parent group encourages all citizens to take the time to set up specified areas in your home or garage for each type of recyclable, place your pop or water bottle in a collection container instead of a trash can,

rinse your tin cans/jugs/etc and drop them off at the center or to volunteers on collection day.

"We are hoping that this project inspires each and every one of us to go above and beyond to "Make A Difference" in our community," she said.

If you have questions, contact project supervisor Terria Fellers at 698-1438 or Lisa Nonte at 295-2925.



How you can help!
Drop off recyclables at the Loogootee Recycling Center (tell them it is for the Intermediate Recycling Project) or attend the Collection Day Event on November 12 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the high school back parking lot.

Council meeting cancelled due to member absences

The Martin County Council could not conduct business at their monthly meeting Monday, October 3 due to five of the seven members not being in attendance. Council members present were Richard Summers and Lonnie Hawkins. Lynn Gee was absent due to vacation and John Stoll was ill. Councilman Randy Wininger was absent due to a conflict. Also not in attendance were council members Keith Gibson and Warren Albright. President Summers opened the meeting at 6:15 pm. Without a quorum attending, no business could be voted on for approval and the meeting was adjourned.

Prayer on the square

Citizens are invited to participate in the 2011 Public Square Rosary Rally to take place on the "Square" in Loogootee (corner of Main Street and Highway 231) on Saturday, October 15 at noon.

Organizers ask that you join them in unison with many others in the United States on this day and time in praying for the nation.

Please contact Rita Butcher at 295-3464 or Pat Jones at 295-6525 for more information.

ORDINANCE

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hopes to have the tractor back by the end of the week.

He also reported that he has ordered half of the winter salt and it will be delivered soon. He said he didn't want to order all of it so that he had time to get it stored away. He said he also filled out the paperwork to get the ash that is used for the winter roads delivered also.

Emergency Management Director Monte Wolfe reported that a new light was received from the state for the county's mass casualty trailer. He said that the light runs off of a generator and inflates to around 20 feet. He said that during a mass casualty situation the light would be used at a command center and could be visible for miles. He was told the light costs around \$3,000 but was provided to the county for free.

Auditor Nancy Steiner reported that the Commissioners' Tax Sale has been changed to November 23 at 10 a.m. at the court-

house. There are five parcels remaining that did not sell at the county's tax sale. There will be a minimum bid of \$100.

VOTE

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be eligible to register to vote for the upcoming Tuesday, November 8th, 2011 Municipal Election after the voter registration deadline.

Early voting begins:

Monday, October 10th, 2011 is the first day a voter may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board in the office of the county circuit court clerk. Hoosiers can contact their local county clerk for specific locations and hours. Contact information for all 92 county clerks can be found at www.IndianaVoters.com. Voters should remember to bring a valid photo ID to the early voting locations.

MCCF to hold annual dinner

The Board of Directors of the Martin County Community Foundation invites the public to attend their 2011 Annual Dinner. The event will be held on Monday, November 14, in the Martin County Community Building on U.S. Hwy 50 in Loogootee.

Grants from the 2011 MCCF Open Grant Cycle will be awarded at the dinner. Funding for the grant application process is provided by the following unrestricted funds: Crane Fund for the Betterment of Martin County, Al and Helen Friesenhengst Fund for Martin County, Gregory Family Humanitarian Fund, Leo Harding Family Unrestricted Fund, Old National Bank Unrestricted Fund, Tri-Kappa of Loogootee-Shoals Community Grants Fund, and the Martin County General Unrestricted Fund.

Additional funding for the grant cycle is from the Sarah Bowling Fuhrman Memorial Fund for Youth and the MCCF Education Fund.

Tickets information will be released at a later date. For more information on the event, contact Jason Jones, MCCF Executive Director, by phone at 295-1022 or email mccf@rtccom.net.



-Photo provided

Shown above in the back row are Debbie Loyd, The Timbers of Jasper; Debbie Burris, Transitions Behavior Health; and Gina Wagler, Parkview Village Christian Care. In the front row are DeWayne Shake, WAMW; Janet Toy, Home Instead Senior Care; Lori Rainey, Extendicare Facilities.

Health fair to be held October 29 in Odon

Tri-State Marketing (a not-for-profit committee) was started to get local health care marketers together to share ideas and teamwork to benefit the community. It was founded by Debbie Burris, RN, Outreach Coordinator of Transitions Behavior Health located at Daviess Community Hospital. The Tri-State Marketing committee consists of Debbie Loyd, The Timbers of Jasper; Debbie Burris, Transitions Behavior Health; Gina Wagler, Parkview Village Christian Care; Janet Toy, Home Instead Senior Care; Lori Rainey, Extendicare facilities; and Tammy Davison, Willow Manor.

Tri-State Marketing will be having their 1st Annual Health Fair October 29 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. It will be held at Parkview Village Christian Care in Odon. WAMW is helping sponsor the event and will be doing a live-on-air remote broadcast.

Each vendor will be providing a health related service, and they are: Eastgate Manor, Home Instead, Willow Manor, Daviess Community Hospital, Vista Care, Parkview

Village, Dr. Holsapple, O'Brien Hearing Center, Wellness 1st, Daviess Community Home Health, Preferred Home Health, The Timbers of Jasper, Dermatology Center of Southern Indiana, North Daviess Medical Clinic, IU Health of Bloomington, Guardian Medical Monitoring, Pathways to Health, RSVP, Generations, Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center, Ketcham Memorial Center.

Services that will be provided for a fee are: (cash only, NO insurance will be billed) ear lavage \$20, pap smear \$25, total cholesterol \$25, A1C (8-hour fasting required) \$25; flu shots \$25 and pneumonia vaccine \$35

If you are over the age of 18 and would like to take advantage of Health Care Screenings, please join us. We are honored to be able to bring you these services at an affordable price with many being no cost to you.

The following health related services will be offered free of charge: hand paraffin, blood sugar, BMI, depression screen, massage, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, ear scope and screen, chiropractor-posture check, fall assessment, medication evaluation by pharmacist, grip assessment, skin assessment, cancer education, foot and nail care, carbon monoxide screen, vision screen, Guardian Medical monitoring, A Matter of Balance, and Healthy Living Coach.

Commissioners' executive session

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session on Wednesday, October 12 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b) (7).

Post participates in Meals on Wheels

Members of VFW Post 9395 cooked and delivered 27 hot, home-cooked meals to participants of the local Meals on Wheels Program, on October 4.

The meal consisted of Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot biscuit and a cupcake.

Diane Bauer, who organized the meal, said the club will be providing one hot meal each month for the next six months.

Members participating were Diane Bauer, Kim Jones, Pam Fellers, Kim Wagoner, Linda Trambaugh, Taylor Gould, Larry Fellers, and George Foster.

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Martin County Humane Society

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




100th Celebration

Shoals Christian Church

Sunday, October 9

9 a.m. - Charlie Lee Preaching
 1 p.m. - Service Celebrating 100 Years
 Mitchell Family will be leading Worship
 Reception to follow

600 Main Street in Shoals • Matthew Sullivan, Minister
 Call 247-2572 for information



OBITUARIES

DONALD JOHNSON

Donald C. Johnson died at 3:40 a.m. Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, he was 78.



He was born on December 31, 1932 in Shoals; the son of Harley and Ellen (Tabor) Cox, and after the death of his mother he was adopted by Charles L. and Laura (Gibbs) Johnson. He married Bonita "Bonnie" Kerns on July 15, 1952 in French Lick, and she survives.

Donald graduated from Shoals High School. He then served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He retired from N.A.D. Crane and was later self-employed as a carpenter.

Other survivors include a daughter, Donna Sue Johnson of Shoals; a son, Rick and Inger Johnson of Shoals; two grandsons, Jeremiah and Scott Johnson of Shoals; a sister, Gladys Hall of French Lick; one brother, Warren Cox of Vincennes; and a brother-in-law, Harvey Abel of Shoals.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters, Dorothy Abel, Nancy Cox, Lorraine Gammon, Maurice Tedrow and Ada Buffington.

A funeral was held Saturday, October 1 at

Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial was in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, with military graveside rites by Shoals American Legion Post 61.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

HALLEENA ST. CLAIR

Halleena (Clutts) St. Clair passed away at 10:35 a.m. Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 88.

She was born May 23, 1923 in Lawrence County; the daughter of Milton and Nora (Blackwell) Merry. She married John Clutts on December 4, 1948 and he passed away on July 12, 1988. She then married Mack



St. Clair on October 24, 1989 and he survives.

She retired from the Shoals Jay C Store and was a member of the Shoals Christian Church and Shoals Senior Citizens.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Gerkin, Sr. of San Antonio, Texas; one daughter, Diane and Al Stagner of Orrick, Missouri; grandchildren, Scott Saucier, Liberty, Missouri; Brent Shaw, Gladstone, Missouri; Lea Cruise, Daytona Beach, Florida; Cecil Gerkin, Port Clinton, Ohio; Jerry Jr., Steven G., and Cheryl Gerkin all of San Antonio, Texas, and James D. Gerkin of Converse, Texas; six great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband John, four sisters and nine brothers.

The funeral was held this morning, Wednesday, at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Mount Union Cemetery.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

How The Battle is won!!
2 Corinthians 10:4-5

How do people get so confused on spiritual things? What is it that stands in the way of having the peace of God that He promises? How do we get so many people believing so many different things, when it comes to God? How do those things happen? Satan and his demons want us to be confused, to believe lies (he is the father of lies), and to be lead astray, so they will not know the truth. Truth sets you free. False truths can manifest themselves in our daily lives. How? When we have no peace in our lives, when everything seems to be battling against us, many times it is because we have the truth mixed with error. We think the battles are in our physical lives.

Paul knew different. Paul knew that even though we are human, our battles in life are not battles of the flesh. We are in war. We are in a battle. This is probably the best known text on spiritual warfare in terms of the specific engagement of warfare. We know the armor of warfare is in Eph 6. But we find here the warfare itself is defined. Look at the war we are in and how it is working out in our lives. First, from the scripture we see the battle is not according to the flesh. Even though we live in this body of flesh the battle we face is not a fleshly battle. We can't fight those spiritual battles with fleshly weapons, we need divinely powerful weapons. We need the arsenal from heaven. Why? Because the enemy is formidable and gimmicks don't work. Just how formidable is the enemy? Look at the end of verse 4, "We have these divinely powerful weapons for the destruction of fortresses." What are some of the fortresses we have in our lives? They are these things we have built up through the experiences we have had. Everyone is different.

Some have abuse in their past and have built strong holds against opening up to God because they don't want anything to go to that place. Some have been hurt by some-

one they loved and now, have built a stronghold around their heart so no one or no thing can get in. Maybe some feel that so-called religious people have already made judgments against them so they feel God isn't the way to go. Strongholds can come from your environment you have put yourself in or from outside sources that have told you, you were no good. There are spiritual strongholds that come from what we have heard and think to be true. It is good to question spiritual matters concerning what is true about God. If you don't question you will be weak to fall for half truths or total false truths that build up preconceived ideas that we fight hard against.

Satan will lie to you. God says you are of great value so much so that He sent His only son to die on a horrible cross, in the worse form of torture that anyone can go through just because He loves you and knows that you are important.

This scripture says we are not just battling these things but are destroying them. Completely tearing them apart. They no longer will stand. We are not only destroying the fortresses but every lofty, prideful thing that comes against the knowledge of Christ. He is talking about the false truths, speculations, opinions and ways of doing things whereby we try to make scripture say what we want it to say to match our lives rather than our lives matching what the word of God says. The question we should always ask is where is that in the Bible? False truths begin with not going to the source. The issue is simple: Are they submitting to the word of God or are they making the word of God submit to their desires? This is where the rubber meets the road when it comes to spiritual warfare. Spiritual battles start with how we think and that is where the divinely powerful weapons come in. Our thoughts are where the battle begins and is. How do we take those thoughts captive?

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, what-

ever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me; practice these things and the God of peace will be with you." Phil 4:8-9 (NASB)

Where do those things come from? The word of truth. The word of God. Ephesians 6 gives us the only needed weapon. Just as the sword was the only weapon they had so the word of God is the only needed weapon to attack, is infinitely more powerful than any of Satan's. It was used both defensively to fend off Satan's attacks and offensively to help destroy the enemy's strategies. It is the truth of scripture. We have other defenses, like prayer, worship, faith, salvation and the Holy Spirit, all for the protection against the schemes of the devil.

If you want to win in the spiritual battle you have to be equipped with the divinely powerful weapons that will destroy fortresses, tear down strongholds in our lives and take every thought captive. Every half or false truth, every prideful thing that comes against the knowledge of God, which is His Word. It is time to break down the walls of the fortresses. It is time to start winning the war. You have the divine powerful tools to completely destroy the schemes of the evil one. Sometimes that takes serious changes in our thought life and in the way we react to things.

We are having Revival services October 30, 31 and November 1, and 2. Everyone is welcome! If you have any question about your relationship with Jesus Christ, please call Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258.

VU Jasper offers course on Project Management

A non-credit class on Project Management Fundamentals will be offered at the Vincennes University Jasper Campus October 25, 26, and 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT each day. Upon successful completion of the class, participants will receive a certificate toward the Professional Development Units necessary for earning Project Management Institute certification.

The course fee is \$595 and includes materials and lunch. The deadline to register is October 14.

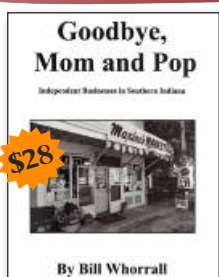
For details or to register contact Jim McFaul at the VU Jasper Campus, 812-481-5909 or email jmcfaul@vinu.edu.

Project Management Fundamentals will be taught by a certified instructor and will provide students with the foundational tools needed to apply project management principles in the workplace.

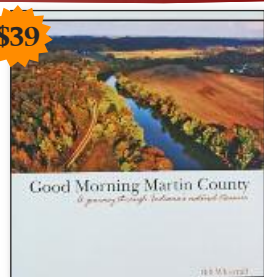
This skill-building class will focus on learning and using the framework for initiating, planning, executing, controlling, and closing projects. Participants will learn about all nine project management processes and five knowledge areas as defined in the Project Management Institute's Body of Knowledge book.

Course content will include challenges of managing projects, initiating and planning, executing the project and putting the plan in motion, quality and Six Sigma, and taking over an existing project, as well as how to control project costs, schedules and scope.

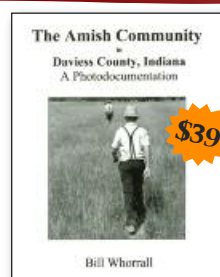
Get These 3 Books While They Last!



By Bill Whorrall
Hundreds of photos and interviews covering the last Mom and Pop stores in 35 southern Indiana counties, 222 pages depict a vanishing way of life.



By Bill Whorrall
This Martin County book has over 800 luscious color photographs of the natural beauty in Martin County, Indiana. 349 pages



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

Ruth talks about Parkview Village:



I came to Parkview after having a hip replacement and could not have been more satisfied with my rehab experience. The staff and rehab therapists were excellent and attentive and exceeded all my expectations.

The home-cooked meals and overall atmosphere were just like being at home.

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For more information:
CALL 812-636-3000
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Wednesday, September 28

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of a theft at a business in Shoals.

1:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 231, about two miles south of Loogootee.

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of a male tampering with reflectors on the highway on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

3:21 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol near a residence regarding a possible attempted theft.

8:04 p.m. - Received a call regarding a theft of jewelry and medication.

8:32 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check at a residence in Shaded Estates Trailer Court.

8:55 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, north of Haysville.

9:27 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen iPod.

11:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist at the Overlook in Shoals.

Thursday, September 29

5:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. No transport was necessary.

6:15 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on Haw Creek Road.

7:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Panhandle Road. The subject was transported to Orange County Hospital.

8:00 a.m. - Received a request for traffic assistance reference a truck that lost a trailer.

10:28 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check.

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 50, in Loogootee.

3:05 p.m. - A male caller advised that he was out of town but has gotten word that relatives are on his property stealing items and burning copper.

4:18 p.m. - Received alarms at the Tech Park in Crane.

4:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Loogootee Nursing Center. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:54 p.m. - Received a report of a hit and run accident in Crane Village.

6:19 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 231, approximately one mile south of Whitfield. It was later determined that it was a stranded motorist.

7:14 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance at a residence in Loogootee.

7:22 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance on Hindostan Road.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Brooks Bridge Road.

10:42 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver headed east on U.S. 50, nearing Loogootee.

Friday, September 30

7:12 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 150, approximately one mile from Shoals.

8:00 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm at the Tech Park in Crane.

2:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of a possible poisoning of a dog.

3:09 p.m. - Received a call regarding a property dispute.

4:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:34 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Chicken Farm Road.

Saturday, October 1

1:05 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, just south of Loogootee.

3:15 a.m. - Received a report of a water leak in Shoals.

10:33 a.m. - Received a report of a vandalism that occurred in Loogootee.

11:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of theft of game cameras.

3:31 p.m. - Received a call regarding a vehicle left in front of a residence in Shoals.

4:49 p.m. - A male caller reported being threatened.

5:12 p.m. - Received a request for a conservation officer in Loogootee regarding a bat in a basement.

5:16 p.m. - Received a report of a fire at a residence in Shoals.

5:55 p.m. - A female caller advised that someone had run her off the roadway on Poplar Grove Road.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of a break in at a residence on Warhoop Mountain Road.

7:01 p.m. - Received a call regarding possible violation of a protective order.

7:06 p.m. - Received a call regarding a property dispute.

9:38 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver driving erratically in the parking lot at Loogootee High School.

Sunday, October 2

5:45 a.m. - Received a call regarding an unauthorized control of a vehicle.

6:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:33 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on DH Gate Road.

12:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Mount Calvary Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:37 p.m. - Received a call regarding a four-wheeler on Friends Creek Road.

5:54 p.m. - Received a call regarding stolen medication.

7:24 p.m. - Received a call regarding a child custody issue.

7:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 50, east of Pomp's Tire. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:56 p.m. - A female caller advised of

farm machinery broke down on Brooks Bridge Road, near Friends Creek Road.

Monday, October 3

12:21 a.m. - Received a report of a house fire on Capital Avenue in Shoals.

1:07 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on Brooks Bridge Road.

6:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting to report vehicle vandalism on State Road 450.

9:08 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident at Pamida in Loogootee.

10:27 a.m. - Received a call requesting a report for vandalism on State Road 450.

10:30 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection on Poplar Grove Road.

11:47 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping at the bridge on Brickyard Road.

2:15 p.m. - Received a request for vehicle inspection on Hickory Ridge Road.

2:45 p.m. - Received a call reporting that someone broke into a house.

3:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting theft of a firearm near Shoals.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of fire in the woods at the intersection of State Road 560 and Deep Cut Lake Road.

6:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting issues with a neighbor in Shoals.

6:37 p.m. - Received a call reporting animal abuse in Shoals.

Tuesday, October 4

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk or sleepy driver on US 231. Caller advised it was a white Toyota heading southbound from Bramble.

11:18 a.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver on US 231. Caller advised that it was a dark colored Chevrolet truck with a boat trailer.

Jail bookings

Friday, September 30

8:56 p.m. - Steven Sargent, 20, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with invasion of privacy.

Sunday, October 2

2:10 p.m. - Christopher Clark, 30, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with escape and violation of home detention.

Accident report

Friday, September 30

2:30 p.m. - Lisa Doyle, of Loogootee, was operating a 2001 GMC on JFK Avenue when she went left of center and struck the driver's side of a 2007 Internat trailer operated by Randall Stafford, of Wheatland. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

4:11 p.m. - Patrick Shell, of Loogootee, was backing his 2008 Ford from a parking spot at Subway when he backed into a 2004 Ford owned by Edward Schnarr, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Sgt. Hennette investigated.

6:38 p.m. - Craig Fritch, 21, of Jasper, was southbound on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee, near Half Moon Road, in a silver 2001 Saturn. He ran off the roadway when he went straight through a curve and into a ditch. A passerby pulled him out of the ditch. There was minimal damage to the vehicle and Fritch drove away unharmed. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Hale.

Saturday, October 1

9:02 a.m. - William J. Moffitt, 34, of Shoals, was traveling westbound on U.S. 50, west of the fairgrounds, toward Loogootee in his red 1974 Ford truck. A vehicle was coming to a stop in front of him and when he pushed his brakes, he advised that the brakes locked up and the rear tires began to slide. The rear of the vehicle began to slide off the roadway and when it hit the side of the road the truck flipped on its side. Moffitt had small cuts to his head but did not seek medical attention. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Hale.



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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 13

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

September 28

Cesar E. Carralero Sainz, reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Scott A. Sellers, purchase of more than 7.2 grams of precursor in a 30-day period, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kayla R. Goodpaster, purchase of more than 7.2 grams of precursor in a 30-day pe-

riod, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kurt A. Kelly, purchase of more than 7.2 grams of precursor in a 30-day period, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Angela Allbright, purchase of more than 3.6 grams of precursor in a day, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Steven R. Sergent, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Sherry L. Youngblood, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Tennis A. Tinkle, criminal recklessness, a Class A Misdemeanor.

September 30

Christopher Bearden, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Mis-

demeanor.

Lawrence D. McCarty, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Richard O'Conner, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Tyler R. Inman, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

September 16

Jonathan W. Waggoner, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 337 days suspended. Defendant received no probation.

September 20

Steven J. Davidson, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 50 days in the Martin County Security Center with zero days suspended. Defendant received no probation.

Scottie R. Sowder, convicted of operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 363 days suspended. Defendant received 90 days of home detention and 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

September 16

Jonathan W. Waggoner, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; criminal confinement, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

September 22

Travis Bauernfiend, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 27

James L. Booker, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

September 21

Todd A. Winingers vs. Kimberly D. Winingers, petition for dissolution of marriage.

September 23

Asset Acceptance, LLC vs. Bethany Ve-nard, civil collection.

September 26

Chauffeurs, Teamsters, et al vs. Jefferson Trucking Co., civil plenary.

September 27

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Timmy B. Patton, civil collection.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Thomas L. Tirey, civil collection.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Wiley D. Tilley, civil collection.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. David M. and Stephanie L. Howard, civil collection.

Betty A. Edmondson vs. Jackie Ray Edmondson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

September 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Beneficial Indiana, Inc. and against the defendants James and Arin Pritchard in the amount of \$115,899.48.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crop Production Services, Inc. and against the defendant Matthew L. Haulk d/b/a Haulk Grain Farms in the amount of \$17,276.20.

September 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Betrice A. Lents in the amount of \$1,217.79.

September 30

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Citibank and against the defendant Charlotte Mundy in the amount of \$14,534.98.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Arnold Nugent in the amount of \$4,186.11.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Filings

September 22

White River Co-Op vs. Natalie B. Gibson, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Donald Howell, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Jessica Winingers, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Danny Clark, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Brian Clifton, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. April Domeck, complaint.

September 23

Toy's Auto Parts vs. Steve Harrington, complaint.

Toy's Auto Parts vs. Mark G. Arvin Farm, complaint.

Toy's Auto Parts vs. Haulk Grain Farms, complaint.

September 27

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kelly D. Rusher, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jeffrey S. Leonard, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Mandalyn L. Moody, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jessica E. Longfellow, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Tiffany F. Pell, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Cory J. Peters, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Pamela S. Robbins, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jordan L. VanMeter, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Derek S. Vincent, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Steven J. Walton, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Zondra Bailey, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Natalie L. Fisher, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Mary J. Burns, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kayla M. and Jordan K. Black, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Brian D. McNabb, Jr. and Lindsey L. McNabb, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

September 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Johnette Payne and against the defendant Robert Taylor in the amount of \$5,280.56.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Brandon and Latrisha McKibben in the amount of \$1,694.40.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Jason and Tina Wathen in the amount of \$610.69.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

September 21

Procol, Inc. vs. Janet Strange, complaint, dismissed.

September 26

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Christopher Chapman, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

September 21 - September 27

Charles Fox, Seymour, speeding 65 in a 50, \$120.

William Isaacs, Loogootee, reckless possession of paraphernalia, \$138.

Georgia Myers, Plainfield, speeding 43 in a 30 in an urban district, \$130.

James Payne, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Laura Swartzentruber, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Jerry Wolfe, Bruceville, maximum weight restrictions; enforcement of limits, \$340.

Cody Yoder, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

September 30

Nathan G. Carrico of Loogootee and Aundree A. Ader of Loogootee.

October 3

Alan Joseph Bowling of Loogootee and Alison Nicole Phillips of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

Monday, September 26

3:40 p.m. - A female came on station to report being harassed by phone calls. Chief Rayhill talked with the subject and took the information.

3:47 p.m. - A man came on station to report kids trespassing on his property. Chief Rayhill talked with him.

5:23 p.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver eastbound on U.S. 50 from St. Mary's Road. Sgt. Norris was given the information but was unable to locate.

6:14 p.m. - DCSD reported a reckless driver eastbound from Cannelburg, a white town car. Sgt. Norris was given the information he was unable to locate.

Tuesday, September 27

8:22 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported suspicious person at St. Vincent de Paul's. Sgt. Hennette went to the location but was unable to locate any kids. There were some workers there and everything checked ok.

Wednesday, September 28

12:10 a.m. - Unknown caller reported a party and carrying on at the Southwind Manor. Sgt. Norris went to the area and everything checked ok.

3:47 p.m. - Female caller reported that her mailbox had been hit at 307 SE First Street. Chief Rayhill went to the location.

3:56 p.m. - Female caller reported someone riding a four-wheeler in a field behind some rental property on SE First Street. Sgt. Hennette went to check it out.

5:32 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on John C. Strange Avenue. Sgt. Hennette went and checked it. A small child had accidentally dialed the number.

6:02 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on Cherry Street. Sgt. Hennette went to the address, no one had called, trouble with the phone line.

8:14 p.m. - Report of sparks coming from a light pole at the Little League ball field. Sgt. Hennette went to the location and there was a line down and contacted Duke Energy.

8:36 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested a welfare check in Shady Estates Trailer Court. Sgt. Hennette went to location subject checked ok.

Thursday, September 29

10:14 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department received a request for a vehicle ID check in Shady Estates. Chief Rayhill went to the location.

10:28 a.m. - Request for vehicle ID check at O'Reilly's parking lot. Chief Rayhill went to do the check.

12:07 p.m. - Received a report of an accident at the parking lot of Chuckles.

4:10 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle accident on US 231.

7:14 p.m. - First responders were requested on Brady Street for lifting assistance.

7:42 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Butcher Boulevard. Sgt. Hennette responded.

Friday, September 30

1:52 p.m. - Caller reported someone was burning a tire in Shaded Estates. Captain Akles responded.

3:11 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

Saturday, October 1

9:03 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was paged out for a vehicle accident west of the 4-H building.

10:35 a.m. - Female caller stated her vehicle was vandalized while parked at the swimming pool parking lot.

4:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

5:43 p.m. - Male caller reported a violation of a protective order.

5:50 p.m. - Caller reported four-wheelers on Riley Street. Officer Todd was unable to locate.

8:14 p.m. - Caller reported four-wheelers in Shaded Estates.

8:47 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

9:40 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver near the Loogootee High School.

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Saturday, October 29, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Martin County real estate transfers

Stephen J. O'Brien, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wagler Property Group, LLC**, 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, Indiana.

Tim Moffatt and Bill Moffatt, of Martin County, Indiana to **Zachary R. Kelsey and Lani K. Sorrells-Kelsey**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Mark L. Taylor and Dawn D. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brien F. Lagle**, of Martin County, Indiana, a parcel of land in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Daniel J. Simpson, of Orange County, Indiana to **Mark L. Taylor, Dawn D. Taylor, and Zachary M. Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 37 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

James M. Troutman and Bonnie L. Troutman, of Martin County, Indiana to **J&S Leonard Farms, LLC**, of Dubois County, Indiana, Lot Numbered One, south fractional Section 22 and Lot Numbered Two, same section, 87.62 acres. The east half of south fractional Section 22, 58 acres. All bring in Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

James M. Troutman and Bonnie L. Troutman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Elmer Lee Graber and Ruth Ann Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, except a 10-acre strip of even width

off the west side thereof, and containing 30 acres, more or less.

James M. Troutman and Bonnie L. Troutman, of Martin County, Indiana to **David Lee Graber and Tracy Beth Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Tract I: The southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 28; also, all that part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 28, lying south of the present public improved highway, all in Township 3 North, Range 4 West. Except parcels of land in the same section containing 2 acres, one acre, one acre, 1.32 acres, and one acre more or less. Tract II: The west half of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 80 acres, more or less. Except parcels of land in the same section containing 1.03 acres, one acre, six acres, 5.29 acres, and one acre, more or less. Containing in Tract II after said exceptions, 65.68 acres, more or less.

Kenneth R. Boyd, of Martin County, Indiana to **Hazel N. Fuhrman and Roger C. Survance**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 213 in Daugherty's Addition to the Town, of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana. Except a strip 10 feet wide of even width off of the north and thereof, subject to right of way of US Highway #50.

Anita L. Wildman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Norman L. Wildman and Debra E. Wildman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 0.694 acres, more or less.

1st Annual Martin County "Chalk-A-Lot" Art Contest

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee will sponsor the First Annual Martin County "Chalk-A-Lot" Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest on Main Street in downtown Shoals on Saturday, October 15. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with awards handed out at 4 p.m.

Cost \$5 for participants who are pre-registered and \$6 the day of the contest which includes 4'x4' spot (make checks to Martin County Chamber of Commerce).

You can pre-register at G & R Variety or White River Outfitters on Main Street in Shoals or the Old Fashioned Candy Store at 108 Mill St. Loogootee prior to October 8. You can also fill out the form below and mail to the chamber with your registration fee.

Age groups include: 4-7, 8-12, 13-19, and

20-Senior. Children must have parent or guardian present.

Prizes will be awarded in each group for: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and People's Choice. In addition there will be one overall champion who will be eligible to compete in the Hill Country Indiana Grand Champion Contest, held June 30, 2012 in Spencer.

The People's Choice Award will be given to the 4-12 year-old age group. Each child will be given a cup for change to be put in as a vote for their chalk art. The voting for this award will close at 1 p.m. and the cups will be turned in to the registration both to be counted.

All profits will be used to fund Shoals School Corporation's Art Department.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Stoughton 247-2306

Martin County "Chalk-A-Lot" Art Contest Pre-Registration.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 8

Name _____

Age _____ Shirt Size _____ Date _____

Please detach this portion and mail to: MCCC, PO Box 257 Loogootee, IN 47553 with \$5 check made out to Martin County Chamber of Commerce Register the day of the contest for \$6.

Please stay in your assigned spot, do not destroy other's drawings • Please be courteous Your spot number will be assigned at time of registration No nudity or inappropriate subjects will be accepted Children 4-12 must have a parent or guardian present

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County employment and wages for first quarter 2011

From March 2010 to March 2011, employment increased in 256 of the 322 largest U.S. counties, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Elkhart, Indiana, posted the largest percentage increase, with a gain of 6.2 percent over the year, compared with national job growth of 1.3 percent. Within Elkhart, the largest employment increase occurred in manufacturing, which gained 5,125 jobs over the year (12.4 percent). Sacramento, California, experienced the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in employment among the largest counties in the U.S. with a loss of 1.6 percent.

The U.S. average weekly wage increased over the year by 5.2 percent to \$935 in the first quarter of 2011. Among the large counties in the U.S., Peoria, Ill., had the largest over-the-year increase in average weekly wages in the first quarter of 2011 with a gain of 18.9 percent. Within Peoria, professional and business services had the largest impact on the county's over-the-year increase in average weekly wages. Williamson, Texas, experienced the largest decline in average weekly wages with a loss of 3.8 percent over the year. County employment and wage data are compiled under the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program.

Large County Employment

In March 2011, national employment, as measured by the QCEW program, was 127.9 million, up by 1.3 percent or 1.6 million workers, from March 2010. The 322 U.S. counties with 75,000 or more employees accounted for 70.7 percent of total U.S. employment and 77.4 percent of total wages. These 322 counties had a net job growth of 1,054,300 over the year, accounting for 65.0 percent of the overall U.S. employment increase.

Elkhart, Indiana, had the largest percentage increase in employment among the largest U.S. counties (6.2 percent). The five counties with the largest increases in employment level were Harris, Texas; New York, N.Y.; Los Angeles, California; Orange, California; and Dallas, Texas.

These counties had a combined over-the-year gain of 178,700, or 11.0 percent of the employment increase for the U.S.

Employment declined in 53 of the large counties from March 2010 to March 2011. Sacramento, California, had the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in employment (-1.6 percent). Within Sacramento, construction was the largest contributor to the decrease in employment with a loss of 9.5 percent. Montgomery, Alabama, and

Atlantic, New Jersey, tied for the second largest employment decrease, followed by San Joaquin, California, Marion, Florida, and Champaign, Illinois, which tied for the third largest decline.

Large County Average Weekly Wages

Average weekly wages for the nation increased by 5.2 percent over the year in the first quarter of 2011. Among the 322 largest counties, 315 had over-the-year increases in average weekly wages. Peoria, Illinois, had the largest wage gain among the largest U.S. counties (18.9 percent).

Of the 322 largest counties, 3 experienced declines in average weekly wages. Williamson, Texas, had the largest wage decline with a loss of 3.8 percent over the year. Trade, transportation, and utilities contributed significantly to the county's overall average weekly wage loss. Hudson, New Jersey, had the second largest percent decline in average weekly wages among the counties, followed by Durham, N.C.

Ten Largest U.S. Counties

All of the 10 largest counties experienced over-the-year percent increases in employment in March 2011. Harris, Texas, experienced the largest gain in employment (2.3 percent). Within Harris, professional and business services had the largest over-the-year increase among all private industry groups with a gain of 16,522 workers (5.3 percent). Los Angeles, California, and Cook, Illinois, both had the smallest percent increase in employment.

All of the 10 largest U.S. counties had an over-the-year increase in average weekly wages. New York, N.Y., experienced the largest increase in average weekly wages with a gain of 9.2 percent. Within New York, the largest impact on the county's average weekly wage growth occurred in financial activities, largely due to significant total wage gains over the year (\$5,287.0 million or 15.4 percent). Orange, California, had the smallest average weekly wage increase.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Bringing jobs and recognition to Indiana through technology partnerships

Last week the Interim Study Committee on Economic Development was held at Crane Naval Base. We discussed the many technology transfers that Crane is working on with multiple organizations across the state. These technology transfers include research and development projects with state universities, as well as partnerships with small businesses that create high-tech products and promote economic development in Indiana.

Crane's main development projects advance technology in the following areas: physical security for soldiers, small arms and accessories, lasers, pyrotechnics, sensors, communications, software and several others. Crane helps provide people with the know-how and expertise, the knowledge from existing patents and databases, and also the equipment and facilities to help make these ideas become reality.

Crane has partnered with IU's Kelley School of Business to study the economic impact of their technology transfers. Their studies looked at the 64 Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs) and the 39 Navy licenses they hold. They found that Crane has pumped more than \$545 million into the economy and created more than 2,600 jobs.

Other university collaborations include Purdue University's research on market analysis, a 'military to market' program led by Ball State University, and University of

Southern Indiana's work on additional business studies.

On top of Crane's university collaborations, they have set-up Partnership Intermediary Agreements (PIAs) that support not-for-profits that are owned or operated in part by the government. There are multiple local and regional PIAs that are helping small businesses grow and, in turn, boost the economy.

Through the PIAs and Crane, companies can attend meetings that educate them on how to work with federal labs, where to find funding for projects and help with working on terms of agreement when a project is approved.

Crane's partnerships with state universities and their support of small businesses have had a positive impact on Indiana's economy. Our study committee gathered a lot of information that will help us to try to find ways to promote these partnerships and to bring further recognition to Indiana's universities, small businesses, and also to Crane as they lead the way in creating high-tech, high-paying jobs.





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SCHOOL & SPORTS

Loogootee wins tennis sectional

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Team defeated Barr-Reeve last Thursday in the Loogootee Sectional, 5-0. The following are the individual scores.

#1 Singles - Conner Wittmer (L) defeated Jonathan Gingerich (BR) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2

#2 Singles - Tyler Booker (L) defeated Heath Graber (BR) 6-4, 7-6(5)

#3 Singles - Jesse Horney (L) defeated Matt Rohrer (BR) 7-5, 6-4

#1 Doubles - Waylon Matthews & Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Trevor Steiner & Tyler Swartzentruber 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles - Will Nonte & Bryce Wilz (L) defeated Tyler Bennett & Jon McMullen (BR) 7-5, 6-1

Sectional first-round scores

Barr-Reeve 5, Paoli 0
#1 Singles, Jonathon Gingerich (BR) defeated Dylan Hoover (P) 6-3, 6-1
#2 Singles, Heath Graber (BR) de-

feated Evan Marshall (P) 6-4, 6-2

#3 Singles, Matt Rohrer (BR) defeated Jeffrey Kenney (P) 6-3, 6-1

#1 Doubles, Trevor Steiner & Tyler Swartzentruber (BR) defeated Logan Cook & Jacob Tuell (P) 7-5, 6-4

#2 Doubles, Tyler Bennett & Jon McMullen (BR) defeated Logan Clark & Michael Fullington (P) 6-0, 6-1

Loogootee 3, Northeast Dubois 2
#1 Singles, Tyler Haas (NED) defeated Conner Wittmer (L) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3

#2 Singles, Gage Knies (NED) defeated Tyler Booker (L) 6-2, 2-6, 6-1

#3 Singles, Jesse Horney (L) defeated Caleb Scherzinger (NED) 6-1, 6-0

#1 Doubles, Waylon Matthews & Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Ethan Kieffner & William Schepers (NED) 6-0, 6-1

#2 Doubles, Will Nonte & Bryce Wilz (L) defeated Tommy Kelly & Tristan Linne (NED) 6-1, 6-3

Shoals Honor Roll

Seventh grade

All A's: Ashley Mullins and Alex Tedrow
Distinguished Honor Roll: Allison Boyd and Jessica Montgomery

Honor Roll: Makaya Baylis, Rusty Bonham, Ashley Boyd, Christopher Cushman, Quinton Floyd, Kelsie Graves, Marissa Hampton, Kaci Norman, Mykaela Peterson, Levi Smith, Jonathan Sullivan, Autumn Terry, Keylee Tow, and Dylan Way

Eighth grade

All A's: Allison Albright, Britney Cooper, Logan Harker, Megan Hawkins, Corbyn Sipes, Reva Troutman, and Dawn Wright
Distinguished Honor Roll: Ashley Phillips

Honor Roll: Taylor Atkison, Zachary Bleemel, Tyrell Brett, Kaden Butler, Julie Dorsey, Jasmine Gates, Damion Hart, Christina Hovis, Victoria Mills, Jessica Ryan, Michael Sorrells, Aundie Tinkle, Danielle Whaley, and Alex Wininger

Ninth grade

All A's: Logan Albright, Brittany Bauernfiend, and Holly Self

Distinguished Honor Roll: Amanda Grafton, Ashley Montgomery, Josey Waggoner, and Akela Wells

Honor Roll: Johnny Arnett, Amber Bessey, Audrey Bowers, Haylie Brace, Kyle Courtright, Kylee Hardwick, Jordan Haviland, Michael Hawkins, Austin Jones, Grady Key, Ashley McDonald, Dakota Newkirk, Kelsey Sellers, and Alexis Young

Tenth grade

All A's: Robin Hamby

Distinguished Honor Roll: Nicole Harder and Cole Hovis

Honor Roll: Erica Bratton, Luke Brett, Caleb Davis, Ariel Hert, Jalynn Hilderbrand, Hannah Land, Logan McCrary, Tyler McGuire, Cody McKibben, Dakota Mullins, Sistoria Neeley, Ashley Payne, Kandi Tichenor, Adrianna Todd, Jessica Walker, and Trandon Williams

Eleventh grade

All A's: Whitney Albright, Emily Richardson, and Ramona Simmons

Distinguished Honor Roll: Amberly Albright, Tristan Bennington, Jessica Courtright, Lezlie Hart, Ethan Jones, and Jennifer Montgomery

Honor Roll: Matthew Bruner, Jonathan Butcher, Kayla Butler, Austin Kimmel, Brittani Land, Courtney Overfield, Katie Payne, Elisha Schlaegel, and Clayton Tow

Twelfth grade

All A's: Audra Deckard and Rachel Harder

Distinguished Honor Roll: Victoria Bauer, Michaela Brockman, Zachary Cook, Denise Cornett, Alanna Dawley, MacKenzie Graves, Grace LaMar, Megan Sanders, Audrey Sorrells, Jacob Stoner, and Darek Turpin

Honor Roll: Elizabeth Abel, Tanner Abel, Austin Bailey, Chelsey Baker, Zachary Baker, Michael Basley, Alex Bauernfiend, Taylor Gaskey, Kelsey Hardwick, Brian Hert, Mackenzie Jones, Courtney Kender, Sasha Mains, Miranda Mullins, Kimberly Stroud, and Mindy Tarrh



LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY Breakfast

Thursday, October 6

Cereal, string cheese, fruit, milk

Friday, October 7

Sausage, egg, biscuit, juice, milk

Monday, October 10

Pancake, sausage, fruit, milk

Tuesday, October 11

Omelet, sausage link, toast, juice, milk

Wednesday, October 12

Biscuit and gravy, sausage, applesauce, milk

Lunch

Thursday, October 6

Hot dogs, baked beans, cottage cheese, pineapple

Friday, October 7

Fish sandwich, scalloped potatoes, peaches

Monday, October 10

Hamburger, French fries, apple crisp

Tuesday, October 11

BBQ pork sandwich, green beans, carrot sticks

Wednesday, October 12

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, apple sauce

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

Thursday, October 6

Cheese quadrilles or pizza, corn, fruit, rice, salad plate, milk

Friday, October 7

Spicy chicken sandwich or pizza, French fries, carrots, fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, October 10

Hot dogs, corn dogs or pizza; baked beans, French fries, fruit, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, October 11

Chicken wraps or pizza, corn, rice, fruit, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, October 12

Country fried steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

Thursday, October 6

Egg patty with a biscuit, juice, milk

Friday, October 7

Toasted cheese sandwich, cereal, juice, milk

Monday, October 10

Sausage McMuffin, orange slices, juice, milk

Tuesday, October 11

Cereal, peanut butter graham crackers, juice, milk

Wednesday, October 12

Breakfast burrito, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, October 6

Chicken tacos, rice, corn, pudding, milk; choice 4-12: beef and bean burrito

Friday, October 7

Cheesy breadsticks with marinara sauce, baked potato, Jell-O Surprise, milk

Monday, October 10

Chicken sandwich, potato wedges, fruit, cake, milk

Tuesday, October 11

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, roll, milk; choice 4-12: corn dog

Wednesday, October 12

Macaroni and cheese, green beans, garlic bread, fruit roll-up, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

LHS Cross Country runners compete in area invitationals

The Loogootee High School Cross Country team competed in the Barr-Reeve Invitational on Tuesday September 20. According to Coach Adam Tompkins his team's only girl, Ariel Jones did well for it being her first year running in a large race. She placed 49th with a time of 25:30. Junior Zach Wagler placed 23rd with a time of 18:04. Liam Hollihan, a sophomore, placed 29th with a time of 18:21. Rounding out the boys' team score of 275 were Shelby Hodges 70th, Adam Lark 77th, Chase Wilcoxon 79th, and Mac Osborne 87th. Junior Wes Whitman was unable to run to due to illness.

On Thursday September 22, the runners traveled to Paoli, for a 17- team invite. Ariel Jones finished 50th with a time of 29:44 on the difficult woods course. The boys finished 8th as a team with a score of 272 and leading the way for them was Zach Wagler in 14th with a time of 19:54. Next to come in was Liam Hollihan in 16th place with a time of 19:56. Zach and Liam both received medals. Finishing the rest of the Lions score were Chase Wilcoxon in 75th (22:37), Wes Whitman 75th (22:38), and Shelby Hodges 80th (23:05). Adam Lark was injured early on in the race and was pulled. "I told the guys at the start of the race that it wasn't going to be easy, but I saw no reason why they couldn't go out there and do their

best," said Coach Tompkins. "I am very pleased with everyone's effort. They all had to battle the narrow-rooted trails just like all the other runners and I couldn't be more pleased with their progress."

On Tuesday September 27 the team ran at the sectional course in the Jasper Invite which was held at VUJC. Thirteen teams were there for the competition. Ariel Jones once again ran a great race finishing 59th with a time of 27:13. On the boys' end, they placed 8th as a team with a score of 238. Leading the way was Zach Wagler in 28th with a time of 19:06. Liam Hollihan finished 35th with a time of 19:15, Adam Lark, Chase Wilcoxon, and Shelby Hodges finished 62nd, 63rd, and 64th. Mac Osborne and Wes Whitman finished 67th and 68th. "The guys really battled through injuries, sickness and the brutal course. The invite was a good look at how our sectional race is going to look," said Coach Tompkins.

On Tuesday October 10, the team competed at Northeast Dubois in their 17th annual invitational. LHS only had three runners compete due to injury, illness, and other school functions. Finishing first for the Lions was Zach Wagler in 30th with a time of 18:25. Second for the team was Chase Wilcoxon in at 61st with a time of 22:58. The third runner was Mac Osborne finishing 64th with a time of 23:29.

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Indiana early archery deer season started Saturday

Indiana's 2011 deer season began with the opening day of early archery, October 1.

Hunters must possess a valid deer hunting, youth, lifetime comprehensive hunting, or apprentice deer hunting license to legally pursue deer. Hunter education is required for anyone born after December 31, 1986; however, individuals of any age may buy an apprentice license without having to take hunter education provided they are hunting with a licensed mentor. Individuals are limited to three apprentice hunting licenses in their lifetime.

Legal archery equipment includes long bows, compound bows and recurve bows. A bow must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds. Arrows must be tipped with broadheads that are metal, metal-edged, or napped flint, chert or obsidian.

Crossbows are not legal for use in the early season, but are legal in the late season, December 3 - January 1.

"Last year archery deer hunters harvested approximately 28,000 deer," said Mitch Marcus, wildlife section chief. "Providing the weather cooperates and deer hunters take to the field, this should prove to be another great deer hunting season."

Hunters should stay safe in the field by following basic tree-stand safety rules.

"Hunters should always wear a harness and have three points of contact with the tree during their ascent and descent," said Lt. Bill Browne, DNR Law Enforcement. "Falling from a tree stand accounts for a large percentage of hunting related accidents and is totally preventable."

"Don't fall asleep. If you feel drowsy, move your arms and splash water on your face until feeling alert."

Anyone with questions regarding deer hunting rules, regulations and safety should consult the Indiana 2011-2012 Deer Hunting Guide at hunting.IN.gov.

Summer fish kill on St. Joe pinned on pathogens

An investigation into the cause of a summer fish kill on the St. Joseph River near Elkhart and Mishawaka has concluded the cause was a combination of fish pathogens.

"Our test results show pathogens, and not pollution, were the primary cause of death for several hundred common carp," said Bill James, chief of fisheries for the Department of Natural Resources.

The fish die-off, which occurred in July and August, triggered a joint investigation by the DNR, the State Board of Animal Health (BOAH), and the Elkhart County Health Department.

The Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Purdue University tested tissue samples and found that in addition to bacterial and parasite issues, the carp were suffering the effects of a pathogen known as Koi herpes virus (KHV).

Unusually warm weather also is believed to be a contributing factor.

"The carp that died were pushed beyond their normal defense limits by rapidly rising water temperatures, bacteria, parasites, and ultimately the Koi herpes virus," James said.

Indiana State Veterinarian Dr. Bret D. Marsh said, "The pathogens involved in this case are specific to selected species of fish and are not an imminent health threat to other fish in the river. Neither are they a source of health problems in people if fish taken from the river are eaten."

Marsh added that the Koi herpes virus

was not identified previously in Indiana waters but was found in many of the fish collected in this case.

The investigation shows the dynamic nature of life in rivers and the uncertainty for stable and apparently healthy fish populations. KHV is on the world watch list because it is known to cause significant losses in wild populations and captive environments where specially bred carp, commonly referred to as Koi, are used in the aquarium industry.

The bacteria and parasite identified are common in the aquatic environment and by themselves normally don't cause fish die-offs. However, when fish are stressed heavily by a virus, such as KHV, these other common pathogens can contribute to losses.

The new Great Lakes fish virus—viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS)—was not detected.

James said the situation is a reminder to boaters, anglers and other watercraft users that they can play an important role in preventing the spread of unwanted organisms from one body of water to another. The DNR advises boaters and anglers to clean, drain and dry all equipment when moving from one waterway to another, and only release fish into the body from which they came.

For more information on keeping Indiana lakes and rivers healthy, visit www.invasivespecies.IN.gov on the DNR website.

Calendar of Events

ABATE meeting

Martin County ABATE will meet at The Junction (Loogootee Family Restaurant) Wednesday, October 19 at 6 p.m.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held Wednesday, October 12 at noon on Crane Base (in the Club). All members are invited, but for security purposes, will need to notify the chamber office at 812-295-4093 in advance if they will be attending.

Talk to a lawyer for free

The holidays are fast approaching and many people find themselves with legal questions concerning the holidays or to get ready for that annual family trivial pursuit game. Be ready for either by asking those questions now and getting the answers from volunteer lawyers who are donating their time and expertise. The next scheduled talk to a lawyer telephone clinic is set for Thursday, October 6. Hours for the clinic are 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Evansville Time). For those who live in the Eastern Time Zone, the hours are 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Talk to a lawyer clinic has been in existence since 2002 and has provided thousands of answers as well as general legal guidance since its beginning. To access the clinic, the local number is: (812) 618-4845 and the toll free number 1-888-594-3449. Talk to a lawyer is co-sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc, Evansville Bar Foundation and Indiana Bar Foundation and takes place the first Thursday of every month.

RSVP vision screening

The RSVP Volunteer Center will be conducting a free Vision Screening Clinic for all children ages 3-18 on Tuesday, October 18 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. It will be held at the Eastside Park Community Building in Washington during the regular immunization clinic. Trained volunteers will check children for all vision problems and will refer them to an eye doctor if appropriate.

Shoals Adult Boosters meeting

The Shoals Adult Booster Club will be having their next meeting on Thursday, October 6 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals High School Library. The club will be discussing the Fall Festival plans and making signs for the volleyball sectional. They invite everyone to come and help support Shoals school and athletes.

Martin County Survivors of Suicide

On October 13 the Martin County Sur-

vivors 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.

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.

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.

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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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 online 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

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



Online pre-registration now available for Memorial Hospital patients

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center is now offering online patient pre-registration through its website at www.mhhcc.org. Patients can provide the information that is routinely collected during the hospital's registration process in the comfort of their home.

If the patient is pre-registering online, the form must be completed at least 24 hours prior to his/her scheduled appointment.

The "Patient Pre-Registration" button is located in the left column on the hospital's home page www.mhhcc.org just below "Maps & Directions." To begin the pre-registration process, click on "Patient Pre-Registration," then click on "Begin

Pre-Registration." After completing all of the required fields marked with an asterisk (*), click on "Finish." The patient will receive a confirmation message at the end of the pre-registration process.

When the patient arrives at Memorial Hospital, the Patient Registration staff will simply verify the patient's information and identification (photo ID) and scan his/her insurance card(s). If the patient has Medicare coverage, the staff will complete the MSP questionnaire. The patient will then sign the consent form, and the registration process will be complete.

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