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County closer to sheltering homeless pets

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Don Greene with the Martin County Humane Society told the commissioners Tuesday night, October 19 that plans are underway to move forward on an animal shelter for the county. He said the first thing that needs to be done is forming the animal control commission that will oversee a potential animal control officer and help come up with plans for the future of the society. He said that earlier that day he had met with Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling, Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill, and Sheriff Tony Dant to discuss the matter. "We really feel we need this commission," he said adding that once it's formed they will begin applying for grants.

Greene told the commissioners that he had looked at the old nursing home on Highway 550 as a potential property but the asking

price was \$169,000. He said he also spoke with Graber Post Buildings about the possibility of a pole building. An estimate on a 30-foot by 50-foot building with just the concrete and the shell was \$20,000. There is also a possibility of the city donating property in Industrial Park in Loogootee. He said that the plan is to house up to 20 dogs not including puppies which would have to be separated from adult dogs and up to 20 cats. Greene said that maintaining the building and paying utilities is another issue that's up in the air because although there have been three fundraisers recently, the amount of money coming in is not substantial. He said that they have looked at the idea of bringing in com-

munity corrections to help out with the cleaning. "We've got a long way to go, we are just looking at things right now," he said.

As far as fundraisers, the most recent one was an auction held at the home of Roy and Nancy Pannell and netted the society \$980 and the society's yard sale made \$1,000.

Greene said that the society has \$8,500 in vet bills so far this year to pay and has helped spay and neuter 75-100 pets in just the month of February, sometimes paying half of the cost and sometimes paying all of

it. Greene noted that the new pizza place in Loogootee has volunteered to hold a fundraiser once a month and donate a portion of money made to the society.

The dog tax is one thing Greene said may be a possibility. While the tax is already built in to the current ordinance it is not enforced, therefore zero money goes back into the county budget to help offset funding for the society. According to the current ordinance any person owning, harboring, or keeping a dog over the age of six months must obtain a county license for the dog, except for dogs in kennels for breeding, boarding, or training purposes. The fee for a license is one dollar and paid yearly. It also states that anyone in violation shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$200.

County Attorney David Lett said that the first step for the commissioners is to appoint a member to the animal control commission. It was discussed that after the commission is established decisions can be made on whether the county should hire an animal control officer, how much to pay the officer, ('SOCIETY' continued on page 2)

HELP MARTIN COUNTY GET EVEN CLOSER TO OPENING AN ANIMAL SHELTER!

Send a donation to:
Martin County Humane Society
P.O. Box 537
Shoals, IN 47581

Community Expo going on Saturday at the fairgrounds

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce, along with Old National Bank, Overlook Cabins, and Northwestern Mutual are sponsoring the 2010 Community Expo taking place on Saturday, October 23 at the community building at the fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Expo is designed to showcase a variety of services available in the area. There are nearly 30 vendors signed up to showcase their businesses and what they can do for you. In times like these we all benefit by supporting local businesses!!

Several booths will have activities, giveaways, or prize drawings directly from their booths as well as valuable information for consumers.

You won't want to miss the photo gallery put together by local photographers featuring beautiful pictures of weddings, families, graduation, sports, and local scenic vistas.

Everyone who attends the Expo is eligible to win one of nearly 30 door prizes, each valued at approximately \$25.

The cost for admission is free. The Expo committee just asks that those attending ('EXPO' continued on page 2)



Fall?

Since it's only 11 days to November and October is the most popular month for watching the changing of the leaves it looks like this year's drought and warm weather will prove to be somewhat of a disappointment for nature lovers and those looking to get beautiful fall snapshots. This view of the trees was taken on Hwy. 550.

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shoals School Board discusses eliminating a bus route

The Shoals School Board discussed the possibility of closing one bus route at their meeting last Thursday, October 14.

Shoals Superintendent Dr. Tony Nonte reviewed with the board the bus route specifications and bus route descriptions proposed for the upcoming 2011-12 through 2014-15 contract bidding cycle with the elimination of one route, with the affected student riders shifted to other routes. Following comments and questions by the board and patrons in attendance, the board instructed Dr. Nonte to calculate the potential number of student riders for each bus route during the next bidding cycle. They also asked him to drive each bus route affected by the elimination of a route

and report the amount of time students will be riding the bus daily. A special meeting was scheduled for November 4, 2010 at 5 p.m. to revisit the issue.

The board approved Shaleen Hammack and Karen Hickman to serve as substitute teachers during the 2010-11 school year. Lonnie Hawkins and Kevin Stewart were also approved as substitute and ECA school bus drivers.

The board accepted the resignation of Amanda Qualkenbush from the position of girls' varsity assistant/junior varsity track coach.

The board approved the following coaching recommendations: Lynette Harker for

junior high cheerleader sponsor, Jill Holt as elementary cheerleader sponsor, Travis Brett as varsity golf coach, Ed Farhar for girls' varsity softball, Jessie Tate as girls' assistant varsity softball coach, Cory Brassine as 6th grade boys basketball coach, and Brian Self as 5th grade girls basketball coach pending receipt of a satisfactory expanded criminal history background check.

The board approved the following field trips:

- High school soccer team to IU soccer game in Bloomington on Sunday, October 3
- Kindergarten to Lark Ranch Corn Maze on Tuesday, October 12
- Sophomore English students to Indi-

anapolis Repertory Theatre on Wednesday, October 27

-OCU Directions students to University of Evansville on Wednesday, November 3

-2nd grade to Marengo Caves on Friday, April 1, 2011

-Sue Lanham to take Summer Reading Program students to Barnes and Noble in Bloomington on Thursday, October 28

-Dana and Paul George to take the junior high soccer team to an IU soccer game on Sunday, October 31

-Beta students to State Beta Convention in Indianapolis on Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13

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Free tickets now available for U.S. Senate debate in Vincennes

The Indiana Debate Commission is offering 650 free tickets to the public for the last of its three U.S. Senate debates, which is scheduled at Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center on Monday, October 25. The debate will be broadcast live beginning at 8 p.m. (EDT).

According to the commission, tickets are required for admission and all ticket holders must be seated the auditorium by 7:40 p.m. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Only two tickets will be allowed per person and no group tickets will be accommodated.

Tickets for the Vincennes debate are available on a first-come, first-served basis in person or by phone at the Skelton Center Box Office, 20 Red Skelton Blvd. (formerly 20 Portland Ave.). Hours for pickup are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. Phone orders can be accommodated with calls to the box office, 812-888-4039, but the same rules will apply on ticket orders per person. The venue will be abiding by commission rules on ticket calls.

The one-hour live broadcast will be moderated by Anne Ryder. Ryder is a freelance television journalist, magazine columnist,

and national speaker. She was the longest tenured anchor in the history of WTHR-TV (NBC) in Indianapolis before she left in 2004.

"Our three debates will provide Hoosiers considerable opportunities to hear from the candidates. Voters also have the option to watch archives of the debates online at the commission website for 30 days following each broadcast," said Dennis Ryerson, president of the commission and editor of The Indianapolis Star.

Questions for the three candidates - Dan Coats, Brad Ellsworth, and Rebecca Sink-Burris - can be submitted for consideration for the Vincennes debate at www.indianadebatecommission.com. Questions can also be mailed to the commission's Indianapolis office at 3909 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis IN 46208. Candidates are not provided the questions in advance. Those people whose questions are selected by the commission will be asked to join the live broadcast in Vincennes as commission guests and to ask their questions.

About the Indiana Debate Commission The Indiana Debate Commission is a non-partisan, statewide group representing 13 citizen and media affiliates dedicated to promoting debates at the state level. The volunteer commission, which incorporated in 2007 and is organized as a 501c3, works with candidates, sponsors, venues, and citizen groups to promote open, unbiased, and transparent debates for Hoosier voters. For more information visit: www.indianadebatecommission.com

Leaf pick-up schedule for Loogootee residents

Attention Loogootee citizens. It's time to dust off the cobwebs and break out your rakes. Anyone wishing to have their leaves picked up should have them raked to the edge of the road or in bags. Since the city has a schedule for leaf pick-up it is not necessary to call the city hall. The start date will be determined as the demand arises.

On Mondays: Leaf pick-up will be in precinct two. This area includes everyone north of Hwy. 50/150 and everyone east of Hwy. 231 (JFK Avenue).

On Tuesdays: Leaf pick-up will be in precinct one. This area includes everyone north of Hwy. 50/150 and everyone west of Hwy. 231 (JFK Avenue).

On Wednesdays: Leaf pick-up will be in precinct three and precinct four. This area is everyone south of Hwy. 50/150 East and west side of the city.

SHOALS

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The board approved the following fund raisers:

-Class of 2014 to sell "Spirit Gear" from October 15, 2010 through November 23, 2011

-High school cheerleaders to sell home and auto first aid kits from October 25 through November 19

The board approved the Judy Winklepleck Memorial Walk to be held at the track on Sunday, October 17. Dr. Nonte reported that a bench purchased by the Winklepleck family was installed last week in front of the high school in memory of Judy.

The board held a second reading of Board

Policy 6168 - Non-Resident Student Admission and it was approved.

The next meeting of the board will be a special session on November 4 at 5 p.m.

EXPO

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bring a canned or dry donation for the local food pantry or a donation for the Martin County Humane Society.

The Martin County 4-H Horse & Pony Club will be selling lunch to raise money for the club.

Listen for more information Thursday morning on WAMW during their "Take 5" segment.

SOCIETY

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qualifications, etc. The commission would also discuss the laws and enforcement associated with animal control. The commissioners decided to work on finding members to serve before January. Those members must be appointed by the commissioners, the Shoals Town Board, the Loogootee City Council, the Crane Town Board, and the humane society. Greene said he would like to see a representative from the Loogootee Police Department and the sheriff's department to serve.

In another animal related issue Allen Voerger, a Shoals resident, came before the commissioners to find out what he should do about his neighbor's barking dogs. According to Mr. Voerger the neighbor has five coon hounds outside and two inside that bark through the night and keep him awake. He said he has been to the town board twice and nothing was done so he was told to go to the commissioners. He said that the Shoals Town Marshal has been to the residence on a few occasions but no one answers the door. He said that having the five outside dogs within 25 feet from his front door barking all night, has become a common nuisance. He noted that there is also a smell on warmer days. Don Greene told the commissioners that he did speak with the sheriff about the issue and Sheriff Dant said that it is a nuisance and that he would send a deputy over to talk to the resident. Whether a citation would be issued was unclear at this time but one can be issued.

In other business, Jim Williams, highway department superintendent, reported that the county's bridge inspection is complete and according to the report done by the engineer Leo Rumschlag if the county spent the money to bring the bridges where they

should be it would cost \$1.3 million. Williams noted that the bridges in the county are safe however.

Williams also told the commissioners that he met with INDOT on the Hwy. 231 project to be done in the next four years. INDOT has plans to alter or relocate four roads. Truelove Church Road's approach to the highway will be raised and Webb Road and Huffman Road will be relocated. Also to be modified is CR 162 to Alfordsville but Williams was not sure what INDOT planned for that road. Lowering speed limits to 25 miles per hour was also included in the plans.

Williams also recommended that the commissioners hire Terri Alcorn as the new highway department administrative assistant. Of the 33 to 34 applications received for the position, seven were interviewed last week. The commissioners voted to hire Alcorn and Williams said she will be speaking to her employer tomorrow to give notice and may be available to begin by the first of November if not sooner.

Williams also commended his employee, Leo Padgett, for helping out in the office while awaiting a replacement.

The commissioners approved bids for the Housing and Rehabilitation Program. USA Construction was awarded house one for \$21,465, house two for \$20,980, house three for \$23,350, house 10 for \$14,290, and house 12 for \$21,600. KD Mendenhall was awarded the bid for house four for \$16,113 and house six for \$12,555. K&K Construction was awarded the bid on house five for \$28,300, house seven for \$29,260, house eight for \$28,990, and house 11 for \$25,350. Commissioner Paul George noted that there were no bids from any Martin County contractors. The bids were accepted deemed as being the lowest, most responsible, and most responsive.

Other items discussed including the commissioners accepting the resignation of Eric Wade as the county's veterans' service officer. According to Commissioner George, Wade will stay on until a replacement is found.

Auditor Nancy Steiner presented contracts for the assessor and auditor's office for Manatron. According to Steiner Assessor Carolyn McGuire saved \$10,000 on the contract while the auditor's office saved a little over \$11,000. The recorder's office contract was also presented by county attorney Lett but no cost savings were included.

The commissioners appointed Paul George to the Department of Workforce Development South Central Region 8 board.

Auditor Steiner discussed with the commissioners information she received on software available to create the county's capital improvement plan. According to Steiner, Maximus, a company that bid \$5,000 to create the plan for the county recently informed her that she could obtain the software for \$600. The plan would be identical to the one put together by Maximus. Steiner said the original cost of the software is \$1,300 but Maximus worked out a deal to get it for \$600. Commissioner George said it was something that was definitely needed but said the request for the money from the EDIT fund would have to be taken to the county council.

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Obituaries

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

ADA BUFFINGTON

Ada B. Cox Buffington died at 12:14 p.m. October 14, 2010 at Eastgate Manor Nursing Center in Washington. A resident of that city, she was 81.

She was born July 27, 1929 in Dubois County; the daughter of Harley "Dick" and Ella Belle (Taber) Cox. She graduated from Shoals High School and she married Donald Ray Buffington on November 13, 1946 in Orange County. He preceded her in death on March 12, 1988. Ada was a homemaker and a member of the Fairview Church in Shoals.

She is survived by two sons Gary L. and Mary Buffington of Dale and John P. and Ruth Buffington of Washington; three daughters Casandra Chattin and Richard Elute of Tucson, Arizona, Mary Beth and Tim Norris, and Rita and Dale Cornett both of Washington; five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one step-great grandchild, one sister Gladys Hall of French Lick, and two brothers Warren Cox of Vincennes and Donald Johnson of Shoals.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and three sisters Nancy Cox, Maurice Tedrow, and Mary Lorraine Gammon.

A funeral service was held Saturday, October 16, at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial was in Highland Chapel Cemetery in Orange County.

Online condolences can be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

BEULAH FAY SOMERS

Mrs. Beulah Fay Somers died at 8:26 p.m. Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Hillside Manor. A resident of Washington, she was 91.

She was born May 23, 1919, in Meta, Missouri; the daughter of Anton and Elsie (Stokes) Pendleton. She married Albert Arthur Somers on December 3, 1939, and he preceded her in death on February 24, 1995. She was a retired hairdresser and was the owner/operator of Wright's Beauty Shop for 45 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Beta Sigma Phi, the Business and Professional Women and had been a Gray Lady with the Hospital Auxiliary. She was a graduate of Lincoln High School, in Vincennes, and Indiana Central Beauty College.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law,

Diana and Wendell Ahlbrand of Valparaiso, and a son, Dean Somers of Washington, four grandchildren and spouses, Marta Somers, Liz and husband, Rick Peterson, all of Bloomington, Stacey and husband, Galen Bradley, of Valparaiso, Mike Martz, Madison, Ohio, three step-granddaughters, three great-grandchildren, several step great, and great-great grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Freda and Dale Wilkes of Vincennes and Jean Boyer of Linton; brothers, Lewis and his wife, Catherine Pendleton of Loogootee, Bud Pendleton of Vincennes, sisters-in-law Dorothy Kirby of Terre Haute, Bernice and husband Dan Baggs of Terre Haute, and brother-in-law, Jib Somers and his wife, Mary, of Dennison, Illinois.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 19 at Gill Chapel, with the Rev. Tim Baxter officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, in Vincennes.

GEORGE "GALE" CHESTNUT

George "Gale" Chestnut passed away at 3:13 p.m. Monday, October 18, 2010 at Medco Health and Rehabilitation Center in French Lick. A resident of West Baden Springs, he was 86.

He was born July 15, 1924 in Orange County; the son of the late George Wilson and Bertha (Wining) Chestnut. He married Mildred Purkhiser on February 5, 1949 and she survives.

He was a retired Ordinance Person at Crane Naval Ammunition Depot and was a member of the American Legion Hanson McPhee Post #61 in Shoals and had been a previous member of the VFW. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Gale had served in the US Navy during WWII where he served aboard the U.S.S. John Land. He had participated in the capture of Saipan, Marianas Islands, the capture of the Tinian, Marianas Islands, was credited for crossing the equator on August 5, 1944, participated in the amphibious assault landing on Peleliu, Palau Islands and the amphibious assault landings on Leyte, and Luzon in the Philippine Islands. He was awarded Victory Medals, Three Asiatic Pacific Stars and One Philippine Liberation Star.

He is survived by his wife Mildred Chestnut of West Baden Springs, two sons Larry Michael Chestnut of Oolitic and Steven

Wayne Chestnut of West Baden Springs, two daughters Barbara Sue Free of Valeene and Judy Ann Wagner of Ferdinand, a sister Ruth Collins of Boonville, seven grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson Trevor Doan, three brothers Walter, Carroll "Pete", and Ben Chestnut; and two sisters Annabelle Chestnut and Miriam Chestnut.

Funeral Arrangements are being handled by T.L. Pinnick Mortuary in French Lick where the family will receive friends, Thursday, October 21 from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. and again on Friday, October 22, 2010 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The funeral service will be held Friday, October 22, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Mike Grable and Rev. Craig Chestnut officiating. Burial will be in the Ames Chapel Cemetery in Paoli, with Military Graveside Rites.

Family requests that memorials be made to Hillham Church of Christ in Christian Union, c/o of the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.tlpinnickmortuary.com.

Jim Comer to speak at Fall Caregiver Retreat

Jim Comer, nationally recognized author and expert on communication, will be the keynote speaker at a Fall Caregiver Retreat to be held November 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church, 1528 S. Hart Street Road, Vincennes. His presentation, "The Joys and Jolts of Parenting Your Parents," begins at 9:45 a.m.

For Jim Comer, parenting his parents was a life-changing choice that has led to a successful speaking career, a rediscovery of real family values, and the writing of "When Roles Reverse". His goal is to encourage families to plan ahead, talk about the difficult decisions, and help adult children realize that they can handle the challenges of caregiving and find great joy in showing up for their parents.

Comer will share how he changed his life in order to "show up" for his parents. He

Calendar of Events

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Loogootee Municipal Building, at 7 p.m. To become a member, contact Martin County Humane Society, P. O. Box 537, Shoals, Indiana 47581, call Don at 296-0952.

Recovery support group

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

Youth football meetings

Martin County Youth Football League meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Pizza Junction at 7 p.m. Questions, call Audrey Robinson at 295-4773.

Soil and Water meetings

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

Haunted House

The Martin County 4-H Council will sponsor a Haunted House Saturday, October 23 and Friday and Saturday, October 29 and 30 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The haunted house will be upstairs at Martin County Video on the square in Loogootee. The cost is \$5.



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will help audience members see how they can take action today that will make future caregiving responsibilities easier for them and for their parents.

"This is an event that we all can benefit from," said Ashley Seprodi, Generations Options Counselor and one of the organizers of the fall retreat.

"Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter once said, 'There are only four types of people in the world: those who have been caregivers, those who are caregivers, those who will be caregivers in the future and those who will need caregivers,'" she added.

"This is a special day for the caregivers in our area," she said. "It's our way of saying 'thank you' for the selfless act of providing care for a loved one. It is also designed to educate and inform caregivers on how they can both take care of themselves and their loves one better."

Local providers of home health care, personal emergency response systems, nursing facilities, respite programs, and other related agencies will also be on hand to discuss their caregiver services.

This free event is being sponsored by United Way of Knox County, Knox County Community Foundation, Generations, Good Samaritan Home Health Care, Eastgate Manor and Home Instead Senior Care. Lunch will be provided.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. To RSVP, call 1-800-742-9002 or 2-1-1 by October 29.

COMMUNITY EXPO

"Martin County - We Have A Lot To Offer"

Saturday, October 23; 9am - 12 noon

at the Community Building on U.S. Hwy 50

DOOR PRIZES
LUNCH
Kids Activities
VENDORS

SPONSORED BY:

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

ADMISSION: Bring a donation for the food pantry OR the Humane Society

Public RECORDS

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Tuesday, October 12

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle on U.S. 50, just west of Buffalo Bottoms.

1:51 p.m. - A female caller in Shoals reported harassment.

3:16 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee and approximately one mile north of Truelove Church Road.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of a driver appearing to be in need of assistance at a stoplight in Loogootee.

Unknown time - A male caller reported trespassing.

5:17 p.m. - Received a complaint about inappropriate text messages.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute and vandalism. Incident occurred in Greene County and they were contacted.

7:13 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee.

7:27 p.m. - A female caller from Crane Village reported threats against her and her family.

8:57 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County Hospital about a juvenile bitten by a dog in Loogootee.

9:50 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals.

9:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Bedford Regional Medical Center.

Wednesday, October 13

8:00 a.m. - A female caller requested to speak with an officer about a juvenile that has been staying with her.

3:34 p.m. - Received a report of a residential alarm.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of stolen medication.

4:05 p.m. - Received a report of a parent driving with a child with no child restraints.

4:22 p.m. - A female caller advised of a truck parked on Clark Cemetery Road in a dangerous area.

4:28 p.m. - A male caller reported racing and possible road rage south of Loogootee on U.S. 231.

6:01 p.m. - A female caller reported reckless driving.

7:58 p.m. - Received a report of cows on the roadway on Deep Cut Lake Road.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of an audible burglar alarm at a business east of

Shoals.

Thursday, October 14

1:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Williams Bros. in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:28 p.m. - Received a call about a property dispute.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity.

10:52 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Shoals.

11:42 p.m. - Received a request for patrol around the square in Loogootee for juveniles being loud and interfering with traffic.

Friday, October 15

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

9:00 a.m. - Received a request from the ambulance service to assist a woman in Loogootee in getting to her vehicle.

9:11 a.m. - A male caller advised that when he had returned home he found dogs on his property bothering his cattle.

9:26 a.m. - Received a call about a property dispute.

9:30 a.m. - A male came on station to report a battery.

10:43 a.m. - A female caller requested to speak to an officer about a theft.

11:20 a.m. - A female came on station to report harassing phone calls.

12:21 p.m. - Received a call about property dispute.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report from a female in Shoals about a theft of chairs from a shed.

2:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Dr. Poirier's office. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:14 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire on Cale Road.

2:32 p.m. - Received a call from a gas station in Loogootee about a vehicle that has driven off without paying for gasoline several times.

5:39 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on Highway 58. Daviess County was advised.

10:02 p.m. - Received a report of a battery on Doane Lane in Shoals.

10:22 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm on S.R. 550.

Saturday, October 16

12:58 a.m. - Received a report of loud

noises on Chicken Farm Road.

1:22 a.m. - Received a call about a truck speeding around Bailey's car lot in Shoals.

2:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Beard Road. The subject was transported to Vincennes Good Samaritan Hospital.

2:24 a.m. - A female caller reported being threatened in Doane Trailer Court.

7:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident one mile west of Odon/Cannelburg Road on CR 500E. Daviess County was notified.

7:50 a.m. - A female caller reported vandalism to her vehicle. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

11:43 a.m. - A manager of a business in Jasper called about an employee that was at a residence in Shoals on business, fell through the porch, and was injured.

1:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Killon Mill Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:30 p.m. - A male came on station to report threats made against him and his family by someone that he has a protective order against.

4:01 p.m. - Received a 911 in reference to two juveniles walking down 231.

6:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in the Rutherford area for a male having a seizure. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:40 p.m. - Received call from male subject in Shoals advising that he is getting harassed.

12:00 a.m. - Received a call from a female advising that she is receiving threatening text messages.

Sunday, October 17

7:25 a.m. - Received a call reporting cows on Hwy 50 at Max Warren's curve.

7:34 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a motor vehicle collision on US Hwy 231. A vehicle had went off the road and struck a tree. The driver was air lifted by Air Evac and transported to Deaconess Hospital.

9:53 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Crane for a female who fell off a ladder. Martin County Ambulance was notified. Subject called back in and advised that he was able to help her up, and will be transporting her to the hospital.

11:00 a.m. - Received a call advising that her neighbor's dogs were loose and were growling at her children.

1:45 p.m. - Received a call from subject on US Hwy. 231 advising that they found a Labrador dog. Gave us a description of the dog and location where it can be found.

2:42 p.m. - Received a call from a male subject in Shoals. He stated that he was attacked by a female.

4:02 p.m. - Received a call in reference to a possible breaking and entering in the Dover Hill area.

7:22 p.m. - Received a call in reference to a subject making threats against him in the Bramble area.

7:45 p.m. - Received a call of a broken down vehicle on Hwy 50 at Max Warren's curve.

7:49 p.m. - Received a call advising that there is a crowd of people wearing black at St. John cemetery.

8:03 p.m. - Received a call from male subject in Shoals advising that his mother hasn't made it home yet.

8:15 p.m. - Received a call in reference to a dog complaint in Shoals.

8:46 p.m. - Had a female call in and state that someone in a orange Chevy truck peeled out of RJ's and about struck her vehicle.

9:06 p.m. - Had a female come on station and advised that someone had been chasing her.

10:47 p.m. - Received call in reference to three children in Crane are playing with a fire.

11:15 p.m. - Received a call in reference to cows out near Sherfick School Road.

Monday, October 18

12:07 p.m. - A male called in to report that his seatbelt in his vehicle is broken and he is taking it to be fixed.

1:49 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire on Rusk Road.

1:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Dr. Poirier's office. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of someone burning trash that has possibly gotten out of control.

4:40 p.m. - The deputy responded to Windom Road for a vehicle check.

4:46 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Leaf Branch Lane.

6:39 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak to an officer about a custody issue.

6:54 p.m. - A male caller reported possible animal neglect.

8:13 p.m. - Received a report of a loud noise and unfamiliar odor in Loogootee.

9:09 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded semi on U.S. 50, near the Martin State Forest.

10:28 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire across from the overlook in Shoals.

Tuesday, October 19

8:23 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50 near the 4-H fairgrounds.

8:36 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 231 just north of the Haysville Bridge.

10:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Loogootee Swimming Pool parking lot for a four-month-old that was lethargic and having difficulty breathing. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:36 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50 west of Shoals.

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Loogootee Police log

Monday, October 11

12:35 a.m. - Female caller reported a disturbance on Mulberry Street. Sgt. Norris spoke with a male walking on Mulberry Street.

12:37 a.m. - Female caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked at Chuckles.

11:29 a.m. - Female caller reported harassing phone calls. Chief Rayhill spoke with the female.

2:08 p.m. - A male caller reported two vending machines broken into at Hoosier Suds car wash. Chief Rayhill filed a report.

Tuesday, October 12

3:47 p.m. - A female requested extra patrol at the Sunset Trailer Court.

5:58 p.m. - Robert Ader reported damage to his vehicle. Capt. Akles filed a case report.

11:38 p.m. - Caller reported barking dogs on Woods Street.

Wednesday, October 13

3:28 p.m. - Melissa Cox reported damage to her front door. Chief Rayhill filed a case report.

Thursday, October 14

5:58 p.m. - Employee at Marathon reported problems with a customer. Sgt. Hennette responded.

10:58 p.m. - A male caller reported he was having problems with his ex-girlfriend who has a protective order against him.

11:11 p.m. - A female caller reported a

noise complaint near the public square.

Friday, October 15

9:02 a.m. - First responders requested for assistance at Country Place Apartments.

Saturday, October 16

4:58 a.m. Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible prowler on Walnut Street. Sgt. Hennette responded.

7:00 a.m. - Kenny Dages, of Loogootee, reported vandalism to his vehicle.

11:22 a.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to West Washington Street in reference to a carbon dioxide detector was going off.

1:20 p.m. - First responders requested on Killion Mill Road for a subject with chest pains.

1:42 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to the railroad tracks behind St. John Center for a small fire.

Sunday, October 17

8:05 a.m. - First responders requested on U. S. 231 South for a personal injury accident.

12:41 p.m. - An employee at CVS reported a shoplifter who fled the store on foot. A suspects name was given. Capt. Akles responded.

3:00 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested an officer for assistance.

8:02 p.m. - A male caller reported several juvenile in St. John Cemetery.

Martin County jail bookings

Thursday, October 14

9:15 p.m. - Joseph L. Campbell, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with possession of precursors, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, illegal dumping of hazardous waste, dealing methamphetamine, and possession of a knife that opens automatically. Loogootee Police Officer Jason Hennette was the arresting officer.

9:15 p.m. - Warren Tenborge, 31, of Petersburg, was arrested and charged with possession of precursors, possession of methamphetamine, visiting a common nuisance, illegal dumping of hazardous waste, and dealing methamphetamine. Loogootee Police Officer Jason Hennette was the arresting officer.

9:15 p.m. - Miranda Tenborge, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with possession of precursors, possession of methamphetamine, visiting a common nuisance, illegal dumping of hazardous waste, dealing methamphetamine, and possession of marijuana. Loogootee Police Officer Jason Hennette was the arresting officer.

9:15 p.m. - Teresa Alspaugh, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with possession of precursors, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, illegal dumping of hazardous

waste, and dealing methamphetamine. Loogootee Police Officer Jason Hennette was the arresting officer.

9:15 p.m. - Jerry O. Armstrong, 42, of Loogootee, was charged with possession of precursors, possession of methamphetamine, visiting a common nuisance, illegal dumping of hazardous waste, and dealing methamphetamine, and possession of marijuana. Loogootee Police Officer Jason Hennette was the arresting officer.

Saturday, October 16

10:00 a.m. - Alan Moorhead, 54, of Loogootee, was arrested on a warrant for receiving stolen property.

2:58 p.m. - Deputy Keith Keller arrested Melissa Hess on a warrant. The warrant is for receiving stolen property out of Martin County.

Sunday, October 17

3:22 p.m. - Deputy Keith Keller arrested Jenette Holt, 62, and Salley Davidson, 60, of Shoals. They were arrested for battery on a police officer.

11:00 p.m. - ISP Trooper Sexton arrested Richard Ervin, Jr. for driving while intoxicated with prior. Bond is set at \$10,000 at 10 percent.

Monday, October 18

7:50 p.m. - John M. Seals, 49, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

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Martin County court news

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CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

September 28

Bruce B. Fithian, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Thomas J. Williams, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Terry W. Moore, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 1

David W. Terry, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

October 11

James M. Stewart, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor; neglect of a dependent resulting in bodily injury, a Class C Felony.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

September 27

Nathan T. Waddle, resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony, dismissed; reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

October 6

Godson Wright vs. Katie M. Wright, petition for dissolution of marriage.

October 7

Discover Bank vs. Clara A. Smith, civil collection.

Beneficial Financial, Inc. vs. Patricia L. Sander, civil collection.

October 8

FIA Card Services vs. Kimberly J. Hen-

ninger, civil collection.

October 12

Bank of New York Mellon vs. Aleva Lucas, USA Attorney General, State of Indiana Department of Revenue, and State of Indiana Attorney General, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

October 7

Household Finance Corp. vs. Daniel Wagler, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

October 6 - October 12

William Anders, Clarksville, speeding 60 in a 55, \$119.

Rhonda Boerste, Huntingburg, speeding 63 in a 50, \$119.

Tammy Carrico, Shoals, child restraint violation, child less than 8, \$25.

Tony Chestnut, Odon, disregarding automatic signal, \$124.

Robert Goldsberry, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Marvin Graber, Loogootee, driving left of center, \$124.

Michael Grunden, Marengo, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Anna Henderson, Orleans, speeding 45 in a 30, \$119.

Michael Kline, Loogootee, driving left of center, \$119.

John Mansfield, Vincennes, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Nathan Popp, Valparaiso, speeding 63 in a 40, \$124.

Kenneth Ulrich, West Baden, speeding 60 in a 45; alteration by local authority; school, \$119.

Braden Vaught, Crane, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Martin County real estate transfers

Jason B. Sanders, of Martin County, Indiana to **Amanda Witt and Phyllis M. Witt**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 35 and 36 as shown on the plat of the Town of Hillsboro (now Dover Hill), Indiana.

Dennis H. Wortinger and Edna J. Wortinger, of Martin County, Indiana and **Donald G. Owens and Veda J. Owens**, of Orange County, Indiana to **Dennis H. Wortinger and Edna J. Wortinger**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 12 in the town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana, except 14 feet in a strip and of even width off of the West side thereof.

Timothy H. Bartlett, David P. Bartlett, George R. Goebel, and Keith G. Hausmann, of Posey County, Indiana to **Larry Morin and Melody Morin**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, a part of the west half of Section 11 and a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 2, both in Township 1 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, and containing 2.00

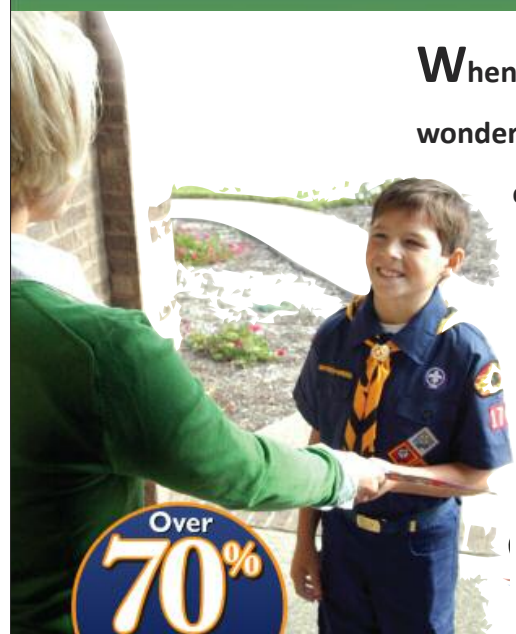
acres in Section 2 and 65.98 acres in Section 11, being 67.98 acres in total more or less.

Jerry L. Fish, of Marion County, Indiana to **Larry D. Francis and Flora E. Schubert**, part of the Northeast Quarter of the of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Second Principal Meridian, Lost River Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 20.14 acres, more or less.

G. Thomas Pendley, of Orange County, Indiana to **Marvin J. Bailey and Norma S. Bailey**, a part of Wilson's Chenoweth's Addition and a part of Williams Addition to Memphis (now Shoals), and a part of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.22 acres, more or less.

Judith E. Pealver, of Martin County, Indiana to **William P. Johnson**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 14 in the original plat of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

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Inmates at the Martin County Security Center recently received their G.E.D. certificates. Shown above, from left to right, are Erik Deal, Brandon Wildman, Jeremy Parks, and Stephen Hart. Stephen Hart, an inmate at the Martin County Security Center shown below, received high honors along with his G.E.D. He is pictured with Sheriff Anthony J. Dant.



Martin County accidents

Tuesday, October 12

5:19 p.m. - Christina M. McDonald, 52, of Shoals, was traveling westbound on U.S. 150 near Asbell Road in a green 1996 Toyota pickup. She was negotiating a curve in the roadway when the vehicle began to slide on the wet pavement. According to a witness, the driver over-corrected and the vehicle began to "fishtail" in the roadway. The vehicle spun off the north side of the road and briefly went airborne, striking a tree with the rear passenger bedside of the truck. The vehicle then traveled down a steep ravine where it came to rest on its wheels. It appeared that the vehicle may have rolled over at least once, due to significant damage to the driver's side cab. The cab was partially crushed and there were scuff marks on the roof of the vehicle. The driver was wearing a safety belt and sustained laceration to her left arm and facial area. She was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan.

6:13 p.m. - Joshua A. Davis, 35, of Stockton, California, was traveling eastbound on U.S. 150 near Fairview Lane in a teal 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt. He stated he was negotiating a curve in the road when the vehicle began to slide on the wet pavement. He also advised he was unable to regain control and ran off the roadway and struck an embankment. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan.

Wednesday, October 13

1:51 p.m. - Tristan Hamblin, 29, of Shoals, was traveling north on Jackman

Hill Road near the intersection of Brooks Bridge Road. Thomas Flynn, 58, of Loogootee, was traveling south on Jackman Hill Rd. Both vehicles met in a curve and struck each other head on. Tristan was driving a 2000 Ford F-150 which is owned by Kevin Boyd of Shoals. The Ford truck had significant damage to the front driver side wheel and fender. Thomas was driving a 1997 Jeep Wrangler and had extensive damage to the front/front driver side. Thomas and his passenger Pamela Padgett, 51, also of Loogootee, were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital by the Martin County Ambulance Service. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Assisting at the scene was Deputy Josh Greene, the Shoals Fire Department, and the Martin County Ambulance Service. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Investigating officer is Corporal John Fischer.

Thursday, October 14

1:06 p.m. - A female caller advised she backed into a tree on U.S. 50. Emilee Bauernfiend, 30, of Shoals, was backing her 2002 Ford Explorer in a driveway when she backed into a tree. The tree shattered the back glass and caused damage to the back hatch. The investigating officer was Corporal John Fischer.

9:00 p.m. - A male caller reported that a deer hit the side of his truck. Brandon Wilkie, 28, of Odon, reported that he was northbound on Harper Hill Road, north of S.R. 645, when a deer entered the roadway and ran into the side of his 2003 Chevrolet Silverado. The investigating officer was Deputy Keith Keller.

Woman arrested for embezzling over \$257,000 from local church

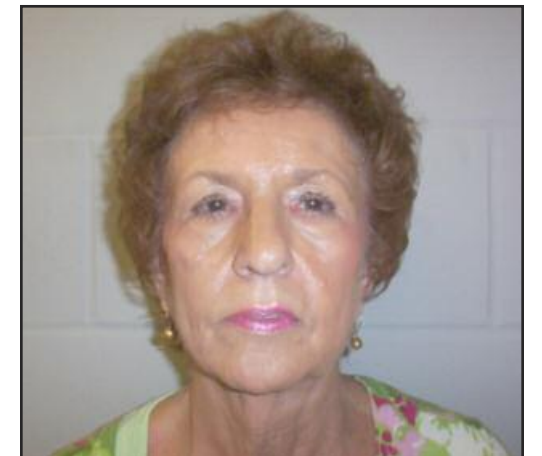
Monday afternoon, October 18, at approximately 3:15 p.m., Indiana State Police arrested former church treasurer Phyllis Jones, 68, of Petersburg, after a criminal investigation revealed she allegedly embezzled over \$257,000 from the Gospel Center Church in Petersburg.

Jones was arrested after she turned herself in at the Pike County Jail. She was later released after posting bond.

During the investigation it was determined that Jones issued over 1,000 checks to unauthorized payees totaling over \$257,000.

The alleged misappropriation of funds started in January 2003 with the most recent incident occurring in April.

Jones was charged with theft, a Class C



PHYLLIS JONES

Felony. Arresting officer was Detective Brad Chandler of the Indiana State Police.

Motorists need to watch out for deer

Indiana State Police would like to remind all motorists that many property and personal injury crashes involving deer occur this time of year as deer migrate from fields and wooded areas to area roadways.

Last year, 882 vehicles were involved in deer collisions within the Jasper district, which covers Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer counties.

According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, there were 16,225 vehicle-deer crashes reported statewide in 2009.

The Indiana State Police recommend the following driving tips:

-Use extra caution at dawn and dusk, as these are times when deer travel most frequently.

-Always scan the sides of country and rural roads and use high beam headlights when possible.

-If you see one deer, it's likely there are others close by so slow down.

-Watch for deer signs, as they are clear warnings of deer in the area.

-Don't swerve across the center line or brake hard to avoid a deer. It is actually better to hit the deer than cause an additional traffic-related crash as a result of avoiding the deer.

-Always make sure everyone is buckled up.

Vehicle vs. Deer Collisions (January 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010)

| | Crashes | Injuries |
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| Crawford | 130 | 5 |
| Daviess | 36 | 0 |
| Dubois | 152 | 1 |
| Martin | 52 | 0 |
| Orange | 211 | 3 |
| Perry | 93 | 2 |
| Spencer | 208 | 1 |

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Your GOVERNMENT

All 50 states launch investigation into improper foreclosure practices

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller is joining a 50-state bipartisan mortgage foreclosure working group, as part of a coordinated national effort by states through the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) to review the practice of so-called "robo-signing" within the mortgage servicing industry.

The Mortgage Foreclosure Multistate Group, comprised of state attorneys general in all 50 states, and state banking and mortgage regulators in 30 states, will investigate whether individual mortgage servicers have improperly submitted documents in support of foreclosures.

Specifically, the group will look into whether companies misrepresented on affidavits and other documents that they reviewed and verified supporting foreclosure documentation.

The group will also attempt to determine whether companies also signed affidavits outside the presence of a notary public, along with other possible issues regarding servicing irregularities or abuses.

"The joint investigation we are announcing today (last Wednesday) is an efficient and measured approach to address the common questions state attorneys general have of banks, servicing companies, and law firms involved in robo-signing. We need to quickly clear up the unknown aspects that lead to fear of the potential depth and breadth of this problem," Zoeller said. "While joining in this common investigation I will also be acting independently to best serve the interests of Indiana. That will include our own review of foreclosure documents and seeking information from banks and mortgage servicing agents in our Indiana housing

markets."

Submitting foreclosure documents without verification, with false representation, and/or signing certain legal documents outside the presence of a notary public may constitute deceptive acts and/or unfair practices, and may otherwise violate state laws and court rules.

Zoeller, as chairman of the Consumer Protection Committee of NAAG, will review some of the early results of this investigation with the directors of consumer protection at a meeting to be held in Oregon October 24-26.

The multistate group, through an executive committee, will contact a comprehensive list of individual mortgage servicers.

The group's initial objectives include:

- Put an immediate stop to improper mortgage foreclosure practices

- Review past and present practices by mortgage servicers subject to the inquiry

- Evaluate potential remedies for past practices and to deter future improper practices

- Establish a mechanism for more effective independent monitoring of future mortgage foreclosure practices

The Mortgage Foreclosure Multistate Group will consult with federal regulators and agencies, including the Mortgage Fraud Working Group of the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force (FFETF), which was created in 2009.

"Mark my words, there will be serious consequences if we find that there have been fraudulent documents filed in our state courts," Zoeller added. "But one consequence that I will work to avoid is allowing this to impact Indiana's movement toward economic recovery."

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Rep
Mark Messmer



Predictability, Please
Almost one million U.S. families foreclosed on their homes in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2010. With so much uncertainty in the housing market, wouldn't it be nice to have some predictability when it comes to your property taxes?

As you probably know, Hoosier property owners have experienced property tax crisis off and on for well-over two decades. The Indiana General Assembly attempted to plug the leaks in the system for years and eventually the discussion evolved into permanent property tax caps. In addition, the legislature has worked to bring uniformity to the assessment process.

Here are four things to know about the Property Tax Cap referendum on the November 2 ballot:

The main purpose of the caps is to bring taxpayers certainty. Back in 2007, the majority of Hoosiers throughout the state saw a tremendous spike in property taxes. Finally, the legislature and the governor decided enough is enough and permanent property tax relief was passed into statute in 2008. This was the first step in a long process to give Hoosier voters a chance to vote on real reform.

Not many homes or even businesses have hit the cap yet, and these caps apply to your gross assessed values. What this means is that the amount you pay in property taxes may still go up, according to fluctuations in the market or decisions made at the local level - but it will never be above one percent of your home's assessed value, two percent of your rental or farm property's assessed value, or three percent of your business property's assessed value.

Most Hoosier homeowners should have already noticed a reduction in their property tax bill because the caps and other

property tax reforms have already gone into effect. Local governments are receiving reduced revenues as a result and are being forced to rethink the way they do business. This year's ballot question is about whether or not the caps should be made constitutional. Government budgets have a tendency to creep up and up, and permanent constitutional caps would mean that future state legislatures will not have to deal with another property tax crisis.

Even if the caps are passed and become part of the state constitution, there are still some relief mechanisms for local units of government and schools to receive additional funding from property taxes. However, they do require taxpayer approval. A community can choose to fund a new school building or give more operating funds to their local school by holding a referendum. Since the caps have gone into effect, voters have approved referendums on new buildings about half of the time and referendums on school operating funds most of the time.

So now that I've given you all the caveats about property tax caps, let me tell you what the underlying message is.

Property tax caps are a taxpayer protection policy for everyone who owns property because they bring predictability and permanency.

This initiative started years ago, even before I was in office, and the ballot question in two weeks will provide the ingredient which was missing from all previous property tax reform efforts: a constitutional limit on how much the government may ask of Hoosiers each year in the form of property taxes.

Already, we are seeing their effects. 94.3 percent of homeowners have smaller property tax bills now than they did in 2007. And not just a slight dip: the average decrease has been 33.6 percent.

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Volunteers will be required to attend a training session in January and complete the home study in order to be certified for tax season. Generations will provide stipends and mileage reimbursement.

Last year, 25 volunteers were certified and provided tax assistance to nearly 2,000 individuals in the five-county area.

If you enjoy working with people and are interested in being part of this valuable community service, please contact Linda Yochum at 800-742-9002; 812-888-4854; or lyochum@vinu.edu

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Your OWN WORDS

~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

'We are being duped!'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*: I can't remember when, we the American people, have had so much hate pushed at us. It's been over 20 years, mainly mastered by Newt Gingrich, with his Contract with America (on America); now they have a new contract (NOT) with which they hope will put them back into power.

The new Tea Party (funded by Republican Source) which I might add, has the same platform as this new Republican contract on U. S. Wake up America, we've been there and done that. Not to pick on past President Bush (voted for the father once, the better of the two.)

I went to the Tea Party (in Loogootee) and found it well laid out. Most of those speaking were from outside Martin County. I had a few problems with what was said. The Tea Party was Anti-U.S. Government. They said things about the chosen leadership of our country that were hate-filled, untrue, and projected to all members of the Democrat Party. They were against all government social programs. When those attending started booing government social programs, I had all I could take and left. I could not understand the negativity since most of those in attendance are benefitting from said social programs. Social Secu-

urity (in which they paid into and earned), government retirement from Crane, US post office, veteran benefits, teacher retirements, subsidized government programs, and the list goes on and on.

Now, I am a veteran retired from Crane Naval Base, a Bible-believing Christian, on Social Security, Medicare (being over 65), and still employed. I, like most, have earned it (paid into both my retirement and Social Security). We do not need our earned benefits rolled back. We do not need to kick the Democrats out and put the failed Republican policies back in. Here is one big question, if they have a fix for these problems, why did they not use it when they were in control? They are spinning untrue facts and hate.

The only hope for this country will not be found in men or elected officials (Democrat or Republican). We will not be saved by pouring more money into suppressing other countries and building a bigger, stronger war fighting machine.

This country will only find peace by turning back to our Lord and Savior, the Creator of the heavens, earth, and every creature. Each and every nation is His, please read I Samuel 7 and 8. God's people wanted a king (president), like all other nations. This upset Samuel because he knew whom they should follow. He knew God would take care of his

people, if they followed Him and put no other god's before him. It is clear what the problem is, not our president. The Bible is clear. The leaders of this country or any other country are in place because of God's will, the good or bad, the Democrat or Republican.

We cannot put our faith in man. We are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God. Let him/her that is without sin, throw the first stone. Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's. Whatever you have done to the least of these, you have done unto me, etc.

For more than three years, we have been duped by the far right. Lies and hate, on a daily basis. They have degraded our government and its elected leaders, to upset and divide this country, for their own political gain. You have heard them. You've read a daily flow of un-American and hateful words toward all of our elected leaders. What for? To return the minority party to power? You know who the hateful un-American individuals are, the party of "NO". We cannot afford this brand of tea in the United States. Return to "In God we trust," rebuild our family units, and focus on the Creator, not the created. Then, we will have a chance.

Roy E. Pannell
Loogootee

'United States National Debt'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*: Do you realize that as of October 17, 2010, at 11:59 a.m., each United States citizen's (every man, woman, and child) share of the national debt was \$43,805? Every taxpayer's share of that debt was \$122,117. This can be verified at usdebtclock.org. According to government data, in 19 months the Obama administration has increased the national debt more than the cumulative total national debt that was amassed by ALL U.S. presidents from George Washington through Ronald Reagan (and that included two world wars and a depression). One of the so-called "STIMULUS" government payouts was for "a GPS-equipped helicopter to hunt for radioactive rabbit droppings". Money that government spends is NOT available for private investment (new products, factories, etc.) for job growth. Is this the CHANGE that was voted for???? A vote for a Democrat is a vote for Obama. The present Democrat party is NOT your father's Democrat party. I know, I have voted for Democrats in the past. Compare John F. Kennedy's positions with the present Democrats' positions. The government, under Obama, is growing by leaps and bounds and is gaining more power and control over us each day. As Thomas Jefferson said, "When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty". Check it out; don't take my word for it. Think before you vote on November 2, 2010. God bless you and God bless America.

Dennis Jones
Shoals

'We must do our research, investigate voting records'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*

As voters in the upcoming election, what can we do to insure we vote for candidates who best conform to the type of behavior we want from government today? I believe it is incumbent upon voters to examine the documents that gave us the freedom to become the most prosperous nation mankind had ever seen: the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

The Declaration tells us the PEOPLE are the masters and the government is the SERVANT of the people. The role of government is solely to protect the people's right to exercise natural, God-given rights. When government becomes destructive of our rights, WE THE PEOPLE, have the right to ditch those responsible for the destruction. A strong central government with unending power has been allowed to come to being by people like you and me who have not done our due diligence in researching the candidates to keep those who are self-serving power grabbers out of government. We have been forgetting the power of our vote.

We voters must insist on the freedom to continue have control over our own charitable giving: we don't need a government to decide that for us. When people are free to control their own wealth-building in a free market enterprise system, they voluntarily choose to give part of it away.

Government has grown itself to the point where federal spending has created uncontrollable debt, beginning hyperinflation, perpetual crisis, perpetual chaos, and perpetual ever-growing infringements on our fundamental rights. We taxpayers, our children, and grandchildren are paying the price for legislators' abandonment of liberty.

Can we reverse this tide of corruption? Yes-we are the new George Washingtons, Thomas Jeffersons, and Patrick Henrys of our time. We must do our research, investigate voting records, and ask ourselves who best would represent us in government. Then go to the polls and use the power of our vote!

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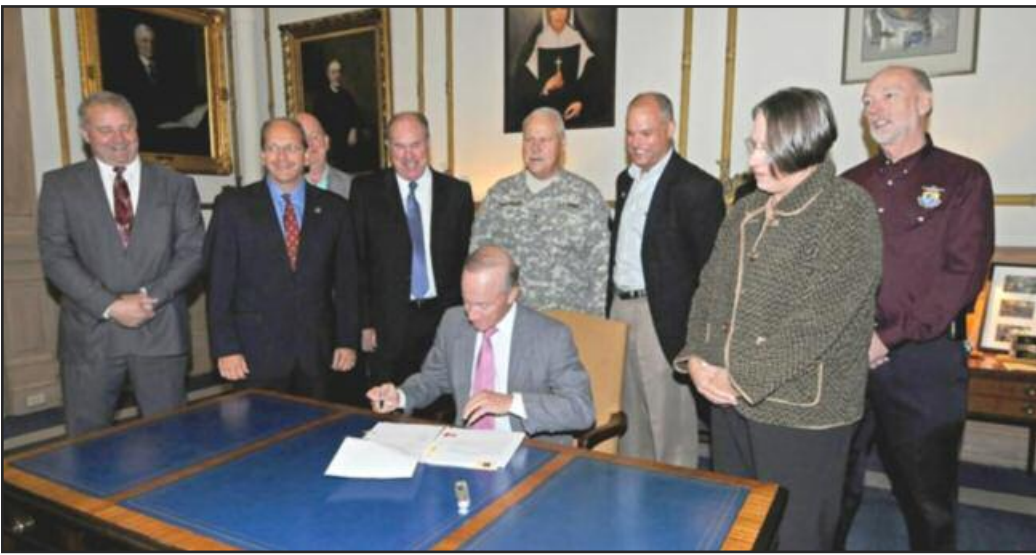
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Just **OUTDOORS**



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Governor Mitch Daniels is shown above signing the deed to transfer 1,250 acres of Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area to the Military Department of Indiana.

Governor signs Atterbury, Deer Creek deal Monday

Governor Mitch Daniels signed official papers Monday that finalize a land exchange for expansion of Camp Atterbury in Johnson County and creation of the new Deer Creek Fish and Wildlife Area in Putnam County.

"I'm excited for what this means for the growth of Atterbury, and Deer Creek is a very beautiful piece of property," Daniels said. "Both of these properties will be visible and add value for decades and decades."

Daniels approved a deed that authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to transfer 1,250 acres of Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area to the Military Department of Indiana (MDI). MDI will use the land to construct barracks and administrative facilities for its Camp Atterbury training operations in Johnson County.

The remaining 5,000 acres of Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area will remain open to public use, including fishing lakes, Sugar Creek and the Sgt. Joseph E. Proctor Memorial Shooting Range.

In return for the land being transferred to MDI, the DNR will receive 1,995 acres of surplus land in Putnam County from the

Department of Correction for development of Deer Creek Fish and Wildlife Area. Deer Creek will open to fishing, hunting and wildlife related activities on a limited basis beginning October 29.

"The new site includes a smallmouth bass stream, two lakes, and excellent hunting, wildlife watching and wildlife habitat, and we are pleased that this area will be protected and managed by the Indiana DNR and enjoyed by Indiana's citizens," said Charles Wooley, deputy regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The land exchange required approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service because both provided federal funding for the DNR's original acquisition of Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area in 1969.

After an environmental assessment was conducted and made available for public comment, the FWS and NPS determined no significant environmental impact would occur as a result of the land exchange and that the Putnam County land provided the DNR is of equal or better recreational, wildlife and appraised value.

Goat, sheep management featured in workshop

BY ELISE BROWN
Purdue University News Service

Goat and sheep producers can learn about management techniques for both species during three video classes taught by Purdue Extension and Kentucky livestock experts.

The Goat Video Seminar Series will be broadcast at 19 Purdue Extension county offices across Indiana. The seminars take place from 7 to 9 p.m. EST on October 26, November 2, and November 9. Martin County residents can register by calling the extension office at 812-295-2412. Registration is free and due by Friday, October 22.

Session 1 covers parasite control in small ruminants. Session 2 features a talk on nutrition and forage programs for goats. Session 3 discusses health programs for goats and sheep.

Mike Neary, Purdue Extension small ru-

minant specialist, said the program is geared toward those involved in small ruminant production.

"Its purpose is to educate goat and sheep producers on common management considerations," Neary said. "The video format will allow us to use speakers and to reach more people who wouldn't be available under traditional methods."

Presenters include Neary; Kenneth Andries, Kentucky State University Extension goat specialist; Terry Hutchens, University of Kentucky Extension goat specialist; David Trotter, Purdue Extension Clark County; and Michelle Bilderback, Extension veterinarian from the University of Kentucky.

For more information and a list of video sites, download the seminar brochure at www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/monroe/Documents/goatseminar2010.pdf.

Reserved hunt opportunities at Deer Creek Fish and Wildlife

The Department of Natural Resources offers reservation hunts at Deer Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, as described below. Deer Creek FWA is in southwest Putnam County.

-DEER: Four-day hunts, Friday through Monday, except for three-day hunts at the end of firearms season and the beginning of muzzleloader/late archery seasons. Tree stands are legal, cannot penetrate the bark of the tree more than one-half inch, and must be removed at the end of the hunt. Tree stands must have hunter's name, address, and telephone number legibly visible from ground level. Fall turkeys may be taken by deer hunters who are legally licensed to kill a fall turkey during the fall turkey season as long as those hunters have not previously filled their fall turkey bag.

-QUAIL: Hunts are Saturdays only from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hunts are in November and December. Hunting parties

may consist of one or two hunters.

-RABBIT: Hunts are Saturdays only from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hunts are in November, December and January. Hunting parties may consist of one to four hunters.

Hunters can apply for each of these hunts online from now until October 22 at 11:59 p.m. at www.Hunting.IN.gov. Click on the Reserved Hunt Registration link.

Hunters will be able to apply for up to three dates of their choice for each species. Hunters must have a valid license to hunt for that species in order to apply.

No first-come, first-served hunts for deer, quail and rabbit will be available at Deer Creek FWA.

Deer Creek information can be found at <http://www.IN.gov/dnr/fishwild/6297.htm>.

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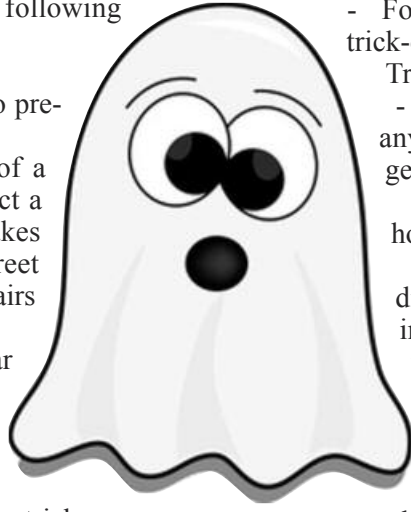
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Tips for a safe Halloween

Halloween may be a fun holiday for children, but for parents the holiday can be a little tricky. To help parents and children have a safe and enjoyable Halloween, the Indiana State Police offers the following safety tips.

- The Costume**
 - Keep costumes short to prevent trips and falls.
 - Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks often obstruct a child's vision, which makes tasks like crossing the street and going up and down stairs dangerous.
 - Make sure children wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.
- Trick or Treating**
 - Make sure older children trick-or-treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so parents know where they will be.
 - Instruct children to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.
 - Encourage children to trick-or-treat while it's still light out. If children are out



after dark, make sure they have flashlights and travel on well lighted streets.

- Remind children not to enter the homes or cars of strangers.
 - Follow your communities trick-or-treating hours.
 - Treats**
 - Remind children not to eat any of their treats until they get home.
 - Check out all treats at home in a well-lighted place.
 - Only eat unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Remember to inspect fruits for anything suspicious.
- Additionally, many communities, schools and churches offer children safe alternatives to trick-or-treating designed to keep children safely within parents' view. Some hospitals and schools allow children to trick-or-treat by going from room to room virtually eliminating the dangers associated with being out walking on the street after dark.

Expert offers parents tips to cope with cyber-bullying

BY AMY PATTERSON NEUBERT
Purdue University News Service

Parents should plan to have more than just "a talk" with their children about cyber-bullying, says a Purdue University child development expert.

"There needs to be an ongoing conversation about being civil to other people, and it is a must that parents understand the technology their children are using," says Judith Myers-Walls, professor emerita in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies. "Parents need to realize that technology is not good or evil by itself, and we have a responsibility to help children use it in positive ways. Each type of technology, whether it is text messaging on cell phones and privacy settings on Facebook, has unique characteristics, and it is important that parents understand those characteristics."

"Children know more than parents do

about these technologies, but parents can learn from each other and talk about strategies that work."

Myers-Walls says regularly engaging in conversation with children about cyber-bullying can be done without making a child feel like the parent is overbearing. For example, a parent can show a child a story from the news about cyber-bullying and ask what he or she thinks about it. Adults also can ask open-ended questions such as "Do you think that happens at your school?"

"One of the most important things is that parents model civility and how to deal with someone when they feel frustrated," she says. "Teaching children how to manage conflict or express their feelings without being mean are important life skills they need to learn." The National Crime Prevention Council reports that 43 percent of teens have been victims of cyber-bullying during the past year.

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My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett
Owner, Martin County Journal

As you will scroll down through this week's Journal you will see the pages and pages of candidate information for the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 2nd. I published this special section a week earlier than originally planned because there are so many pages. I want to give you ample time to read through all of them if you so choose before you have to cast your ballot.

There was not a word limit on answers and all of the answers are in the candidate's own words - I simply checked for spelling and grammar errors.

Also, you will notice that a few people did not respond to the questions. Questionnaires were sent out to candidates as much as a month in advance and then a follow-up phone call was made. Every attempt was given for each candidate to have an equal, fair opportunity to respond so the decision to not answer was entirely theirs.

The purpose of sending out a questionnaire is for one, to allow the answers to be

as accurate as possible without trying to recreate verbatim after an in-person or telephone interview. The second reason is so that each candidate could take the time to really think about their response and answer, hopefully, honestly and thoroughly. We all have busy lives so my hope was to also allow them to have time to work on them when they had a free moment.

While I know I will use the information to make my decision on who to vote for, I truly hope that what I've put together will also help you as well make an informed decision. After all, these people want to work for you so it is our duty as voters to put them through an interview process just like we would have to do if we were trying to get a job. Could you imagine going to a job interview and refusing to answer the questions posed by your potential boss? I don't think you would get that job.

I want to thank the candidates that did respond. I appreciate it as a voter and a journalist.

New Beginnings Church

WEEKLY MESSAGE

By Shirley Canell
-Pastor's wife

BY SHIRLEY CANELL
Pastor's wife

Forgiveness
Luke 17:1-10

The sermon this past Sunday was the first of a two-part sermon on forgiveness. Forgiveness is the hardest of all Christian attributes. Forgiveness is one attribute that is misunderstood the most and one that will change your attitude about others and about life itself. Forgiveness! What is it really? What is it not?

Nowhere in scripture does it tell us that forgiveness consists of apologizing. In fact that is unscriptural. Apologizing is the world's unsatisfactory substitute for forgiveness. "When someone wrongs me I expect him to come and apologize. Then I tell him that's ok." Is this your thought on forgiveness, your definition of forgiveness? Apologizing is just saying I'm sorry I hurt you, or basically admitting you got caught. It does not admit sin or ask the person for forgiveness. Apologies are often nothing more than a self-defense. Genuine repentance is properly expressed in an admission of wrongdoing and a plea for forgiveness. "It was un-thoughtful of me to say that. Will you forgive me?"

Nothing in the Bible tells us we should have a forgiving feeling. Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." We must model our forgiveness after God's forgiveness. When God forgives us, He doesn't simply sit in the heavens and have an emotion or forgiving feeling. When God forgives us, He goes on record declaring He will remember your sins no more. God lets us know He no longer holds our sin against us.

So we have learned forgiveness is a promise not a feeling. Forgiveness is an action not a feeling. Forgiveness is a choice to remember no more the transgression. It is a promise to not continuously rehash and remind of the sin, because as God tells us in Isaiah 38:17 our sins will be buried, be put behind His back to never be remembered.

Watch yourself be on guard for stumbling blocks that will come when we try to forgive someone. It will be like an acid that burns into your heart, into your feelings, into your attitude, in the way you respond to things in your life. The human condition makes stumbling blocks inevitable. The temptation to sin (literally snares or stumbling blocks) in this context is talking about the sin of not forgiving in the proper manner.

The next step in biblical forgiveness is if your brother's sins rebuke him. Rebuking someone for a sin against you is not judg-

ing. When someone sins against you or sins, it is the Christian duty to deal straight forward with that brother or sister. To judge is to pass sentence on someone for what they have done; the Lord is the only one to pass sentence/judgment on sin. To rebuke is to be serious and frank with the person. In Luke the command is for you to go to him. The duty to rebuke is attached to the responsibility to forgive.

If your brother or sister repents, forgive them. In the passage we see the disciples knew it was going to be hard to follow this command from Jesus. They were not even sure they could do it without more faith. They asked Jesus to increase their faith. What do you think Jesus said to them, I told you to do something and here you make excuses why you can't? You say give us more faith and we'll obey. Don't tell me you need more faith you have enough, this is a matter of obedience not a matter of the amount of faith you have.

Even if someone sins against you seven times you are to forgive them seven times. Jesus places the burden of responsibility on the person forgiving rather than on the person who is repenting. We must rebuke sin even though we do not want to and we must forgive sin even though we do not want to. To be obedient in these matters is to become more like Christ. He always stands against sin. His forgiveness is limitless. Has God forgiven each of us countless times?

What is in it for me? Forgiving? What is the purpose of granting others forgiveness? To do some good for yourself? No, it is to do good to another out of gratitude to God, honoring Him by magnifying His gracious forgiveness in Christ. With our forgiveness God's blessings will come. Forgiving others corrects wrongs, backbiting and rumors are squelched so relationships are mended and can grow.

Joy will come when correct forgiveness takes place, for the one forgiving and the one forgiven. Who can be joyful while secretly retaining grudges? Forgive and Rejoice.

Seek forgiveness yourself for your sin of refusal or putting off reconciliation. Then talk about those matters that stand between you and resolve them God's way. Don't put it off any longer. Repent, ask God's forgiveness and then go and do what Christ commanded.

Our Sunday morning service starts at 10 a.m. with Praise and Worship. Our dance team has practice at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. They have decided on a name, J.A.M. (Jesus and Me). They have been practicing and have performed twice during the church service. If you have any questions concerning the church call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

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Shoals Booster Club Fall Festival set for October 30

The Shoals Jug Rox Adult Boosters will conduct their annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 30, at the Shoals High School gymnasiums. The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$1, or free if masked.

Some of the new games this year are Bungee Run and a "Minute to Win It" tourney, as well as several individual "Minute to Win It" games. Many favorite games will be returning, including the popular "Pie in the Face." Come and throw a pie at your favorite coach. There will also be a big slide and jumping inflatables.

There will be many new door prizes given away during the evening. Some of the prizes to be won include: four box seats for the Indianapolis Indians, Indiana Fever memorabilia, a 60-minute massage gift certificate from Bowling Chiropractic, Ray-Ban sunglasses, several movie theater passes, a therapeutic pillow from Omer Chiropractic Clinic, tickets to Holiday World and Marengo Caves, gift baskets, and several gift certificates. This is only a partial listing. There will be many more door prizes.

Lots of delicious food will be served throughout the evening, including desserts created by the Culinary Arts class

The popular Cake Auction, sponsored by the varsity and junior varsity volleyball girls, will start at 6:30 p.m. The girls will provide the homemade cakes and goodies and Akles Auction Service will be in charge of auctioning the tasty treats.

A Costume Contest will be held, with judging to begin immediately following the Cake Auction. Costume categories for all

ages are funniest, most original, scariest, best costume, and best group. Age divisions are as follows: 0-3 years, preschool-kindergarten, 1st thru 3rd grade, 4th thru 6th grade, and 7th grade thru adult.

The always scary Haunted House will be sponsored by the junior class. This year there will also be a "Not So Scary" Haunted House for the younger kids and the "faint of heart."

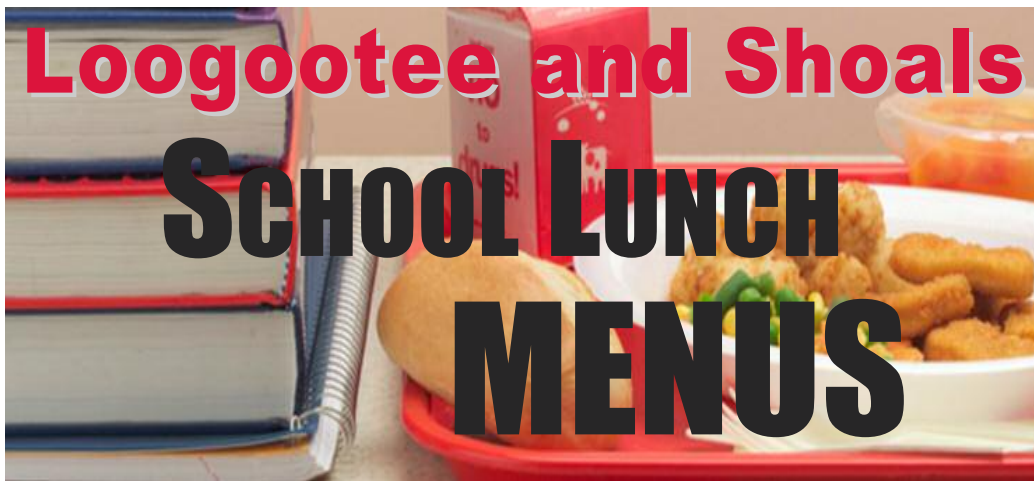
The 2010 Fall Festival Queen and King Crowning will be held at 8 p.m. The candidates this year are: 4th grade - Ashlynn Wathen and Caleb Belcher; 5th grade - Amelia Cooper and Ben Clymer; and 6th grade - Ashley Boyd and Hunter Davis.

The Coloring Contest winners will be announced and there will be a drawing for kids' free door prizes. Please join us for an evening full of fun at the Fall Festival.

Loogootee West fundraiser set for this Friday and Saturday

There will be a Fundraiser Open House to benefit Loogootee Elementary West Friday, October 22, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 23 from noon to 4 p.m. in the basement of German American in Loogootee.

There will be a raffle for a Colts fleece blanket donated by The Body Shop lia sophia items donated by Lacy Jeffers, Longaberger items donated by Karla Hawk, Mary Kay products donated by Theresa Swartzentruber, Pampered Chef items by Michelle Erler, Precision Laser Expressions donated by Jamie Bell, Tastefully Simple products donated by Brandi Henette, and there will also be baked items for sale.



LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY WEST Breakfast

Thursday, October 21

Cereal, sausage, toast, milk

Friday, October 22

Sausage biscuit, applesauce, milk

Monday, October 25

Pancake, sausage, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, October 26

Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

Wednesday, October 27

Biscuit and gravy, sausage, milk

Lunch

Thursday, October 21

Ravioli, celery sticks, pears, breadstick

Friday, October 22

Pepperoni pizza, green beans, applesauce

Monday, October 25

Chicken nuggets, corn, pineapple

Tuesday, October 26

Ham and cheese sandwich, tator tots, apples

Wednesday, October 27

Spaghetti, green beans, peaches, breadstick

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL Lunch

Thursday, October 21

Potato soup or pizza, grilled cheese, fruit, salad plate, milk

Friday, October 22

Spicy chicken patty or pizza, fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, October 25

Grilled chicken or pizza, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, cottage cheese, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, October 26

Chicken fajita or pizza, corn, rice, applesauce, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, October 27

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

SHOALS SCHOOLS Breakfast

Thursday, October 21

Fall Break - No School

Friday, October 22

Fall Break - No School

Monday, October 25

Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk

Tuesday, October 26

Pancakes with syrup, sausage, juice, milk

Wednesday, October 27

Egg with biscuit and jelly, juice milk

Lunch

Thursday, October 21

Fall Break - No School

Friday, October 22

Fall Break - No School

Monday, October 25

Chicken sandwich, fries, fruit, cake, milk

Tuesday, October 26

Country steak served with mashed potatoes, peas, yeast roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

Wednesday, October 27

Mini corn dogs, green beans, creamy slaw, pudding, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza

Oops . . .

In the Loogootee Band costume contest photo published last week with the two people dressed as elderly, the photo was actually Mrs. Betsy Graves and student Chase Wilcoxon. I apologize for this error.



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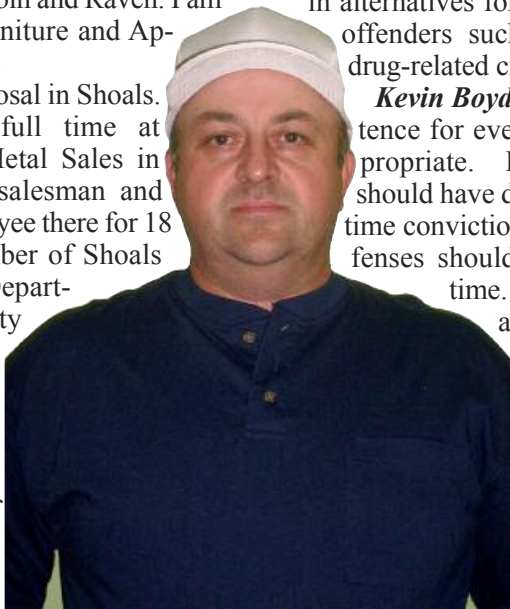
Questions and answers with the Martin County Sheriff candidates

Editor's note: Over the next several pages you will find questions created by the *Martin County Journal* and the responses from the candidates in the 2010 General Election. All local candidates, who were not running unopposed, were given equal opportunity to answer the questions a minimum of two weeks in advance of this special election issue; some chose not to respond and those candidates are listed in their corresponding race with "Chose not to respond" under their name. I hope this special helps you make a more informed decision on November 2nd.

KEVIN BOYD REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Kevin Boyd: My name is Kevin R. Boyd. I graduated from Shoals High School in 1985. I am 43. I have an associate degree in General Education from Jasper Center Vincennes University with my majors being Law Enforcement and Business. I married Riza Ledesma from the Philippines in 2007; we have one son, Devin. I have 5 other children from a previous marriage, Ashley, Justin, Amanda, Robin and Raven. I am owner of KRB Furniture and Appliance store as well as KRB Trash Disposal in Shoals. I am employed full time at Daviess County Metal Sales in Cannelburg, as a salesman and have been an employee there for 18 years. I am a member of Shoals Volunteer Fire Department, Martin County Emergency Management (Civil Defense) as well as a State Certified First Responder. I am also a member of Shoals Eagles Lodge #2442.



Martin County Journal: Why do you want to be sheriff?

Kevin Boyd: I have been a lifelong resident of Martin County, I would like to be able to serve and protect the people of Martin County. In high school they always ask what your future desired job is. My answer to the question was to someday be sheriff. My goal to be sheriff of Martin County has been a lifelong dream. With the right leadership, I do believe that one person can make a difference.

Martin County Journal: How do you feel about the reduction in the sheriff's salary recently by the county council?

Kevin Boyd: I feel that for the county, the reduction of salary for the sheriff was a necessary move. The salary that the council approved for the incoming sheriff is more in line with the surrounding counties. The salaries and perks of previous sheriffs have been up to and even over \$100,000.

Martin County Journal: What do you think about Sheriff Joe Arpaio's methods and would you adopt any of his methods in the sheriff's department?

Kevin Boyd: One of the biggest headlines of Sheriff Arpaio is about his fight with illegal immigration. Martin County is not the same as Maricopa County, Arizona. I do agree with Sheriff Arpaio that illegal immigration must be controlled, but not necessarily with his methods. We do not have the immigration issues that even our local neighbors such as Daviess County, Dubois County and Orange County have. Sheriff Arpaio has caused numerous lawsuits to be brought against his county, so no, I would probably not want to adopt many of his

methods.

Martin County Journal: Budgeting and income are at the top of everyone's mind. How would you handle budget demands? What would be the priorities?

Kevin Boyd: I was a commissioner district 1 in Martin County from 2005-2008. I do have knowledge of the budget and how budget demands work. I know that there is never enough money to go around for different programs, but with some changes in how things are done, I think that some money can be freed up to support the changes that I have in mind. Grants are sometimes available for programs too. While commissioner, we applied for numerous grants that helped get new fire trucks, new fire station, and several bridges replaced.

The salaries of the county jail employees are some of the lowest in the state. I believe that all the employees need raises. We have been a stepping stone for deputies. They come to Martin County, get their training, then move on to higher paying positions in other counties. We must get better pay for the deputies so that we can keep our deputies.

Martin County Journal: Do you believe in alternatives for jail time for non-violent offenders such as those convicted of drug-related crimes?

Kevin Boyd: I don't feel that one sentence for every drug conviction is appropriate. Different circumstances should have different sentences. A first-time conviction for more minor drug offenses shouldn't carry mandatory jail time. Convictions of drugs such as cocaine, meth, and prescription drug abuse should be handled more severely. Sentencing is up to the prosecutor and judge, not the sheriff. I do believe that ANY drug conviction should require drug counseling.

Martin County Journal: What is your favorite part or passion of the law enforcement field?

Kevin Boyd: On the side of most police cars are the words: TO PROTECT AND SERVE. I believe that over the course of time that the police have forgotten who they serve. They serve the people of Martin County. I look forward to being able to serve All residents of Martin County if I am elected sheriff.

Martin County Journal: What differentiates you from your opponent? Or why should you be elected over your opponent?

Kevin Boyd: I do not have the hands-on training that my opponent has, but I am a very fast learner. I am not afraid to ask for help when I do not know what to do. The State of Indiana offers training to new sheriffs. My opponent has already taken this training at an expense to Martin County. If I am elected sheriff, I would have to go for the training at my own expense. If my opponent should go back for refresher classes, it would most likely be on county time at county expense. Running the jail consists of a large amount of law enforcement, but it is also a business. I have been in some sort of business for the last 18 years. I do understand the business aspect of running the jail, and I can learn the law enforcement part very quickly.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

Kevin Boyd: While out campaigning many people have said that it is past time for a change. Remember, the only way to get true change is elect someone outside the sheriff's department to bring in new ideas.

ROB STREET DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Tell me about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Rob Street: My name is Rob Street and I am 45 years old. I grew up in Rutherford Township and lived there most of my childhood years before moving to Loogootee. I graduated from Loogootee High School in May of 1983 and started working at the Martin County Sheriff's Department a few days later. I continued to work full-time at the sheriff's department while I attended Vincennes University where I received my associates' degree in 1986. I continued to work my way through the ranks at the sheriff's department from dispatcher, jailer, deputy, corporal, sergeant, major, and to my current position of chief deputy, a position I have held for 8 years. During my 27 years I have worked at the sheriff's department, I have completed countless training hours including being licensed as a FAA private pilot, a Novel Network Administrator, HTCI Computer Crime Scene Technician, jail management, jail medical for inmates, as well as training classes for newly-elected sheriffs conducted by the Indiana Sheriff's Association. I am married to the former Dee Dee Helderma who is a registered nurse and we have two children, Dylan age 13, who is in eighth grade and Sara age 8, who is in second grade. We attend Saint John Catholic Church in Loogootee.



Martin County Journal: Why do you want to be sheriff?

Rob Street: I want to be your next sheriff for several reasons but probably the main reason is Martin County has always been my home. I was born as a Martin County resident and I want to continue to live my entire life here. With that being said, all my family and most of my friends live in this great county so I have an obligation to continue to protect not only those people, but the rest of the citizens who choose to make Martin County their home, their place to work, or their place to visit. I started out my law enforcement career at the Martin County Sheriff's Department and have worked my way up to Chief Deputy by working hard and maintaining great working relationships with the sheriffs and by also being an employee that the sheriff has confidence in to do the right thing. The experience I have gained by working at the sheriff's department for the past 27 years under three different sheriffs and the experience I have gained by serving as chief deputy for the past 8 years, as well as talking to taxpayers all those years, has given me an insight of what people are looking for and want in a sheriff. I feel I have the knowledge to move your sheriff's department forward in a positive and professional manner.

Martin County Journal: How do you feel about the reduction in the sheriff's salary recently by the county council?

Rob Street: Here are my thoughts regarding the reduction in the sheriff's salary. First, I feel the timing of the reduction is not appropriate. If the council wanted to reduce the pay, it should have been done sometime other than during an election year so someone running for that office knows what the salary will be for the position. Secondly, there is no consideration for experience. If a person with no experience what-so-ever gets elected, he or she would make the same

as a person with years of experience and training. What I would like to have seen is to set the sheriff's base pay at the minimum and then add an additional percentage to that for each year of law enforcement experience the person has. The reduction amounts to 20% which is pretty substantial. If you take into account that the sheriff can generate over a quarter of a million dollars by holding department of corrections inmates, that 20% reduction becomes a very small fraction of the overall budget.

Martin County Journal: What do you think about Sheriff Joe Arpaio's methods and would you adopt any of his methods in the sheriff's department?

Rob Street: For those that do not know Sheriff Joe, he is the Sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona which covers the jurisdiction of Phoenix. Sheriff Joe was first elected in 1992 and has since been re-elected for 5 four-year terms. He has some rather unique ideas in dealing with inmates and

started programs that some of you may be familiar with such as "tent city". Tent City is a 2,000 bed facility where inmates are housed in tents surrounded by fences. He uses chain gangs, and makes the inmates wear pink uniforms. Although I agree with some of his ideas and disagree with others, his department is so much larger than Martin County; it would be hard to adopt a lot of the methods he uses. For example the seven detention facilities in his jurisdiction have a total capacity to hold roughly 10,000 inmates compared to 75 inmates in Martin County. One of the biggest problems he faces is illegal immigrants. He had 40 of his deputies specially trained for immigration enforcement which is five times more officers that we have total. Immigration incidents are not problems that we are faced with here in Martin County at the present time. He does offer classes to the inmates like anger management, job preparedness training, GED, computer classes, 12-step recovery program, and 150 religious services weekly. These are programs that have already been adopted locally and are offered to our inmates. A sheriff has to constantly evaluate what is working and what is not working and then make that appropriate changes. He has to be in contact with and work closely with other sheriffs, share information, and be open to new ideas.

Martin County Journal: Budgeting and income are at the top of everyone's mind. How would you handle budget demands? What would be the priorities?

Rob Street: Budget issues are tough when you are limited with funds like we are here in Martin County. I have been involved in budget issues and have a good understanding on what it takes to get a budget established that will provide the best possible police service to our citizens without having added money to increase any taxes. Being employed at the department for 27 years I have seen where money needs to be spent and where one can cut back to pay for those items that have to be provided. The sheriff's office can be a great money maker for the county by holding department of corrections inmates to fill those empty beds in the jail. Depending on the amount of in-county inmates we hold, there is a potential to bring in \$250,000 to \$300,000 by holding DOC inmates. This is really an increase in work for the sheriff, but a great source of revenue (**'ROB STREET' continued on page 15**)

Questions to be listed on November ballot

Shall Judge Lloyd Mark Bailey be retained in office?

Judge Lloyd Mark Bailey was raised on the Decatur County farm homesteaded by his ancestors over 150 years ago. He was educated in Indiana, earning a B.A. from the University of Indianapolis (1978); a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis (1982); and an M.B.A. from Indiana Wesleyan University (1999). He also completed the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges. Judge Bailey was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals by Governor Frank O'Bannon in 1998, after having served as judge of the Decatur County and Decatur Superior Courts.

During his legal career, Judge Bailey has served public interest and professional organizations in various capacities. He was the first Chairperson of the Indiana Pro Bono Commission, having been awarded the Indiana Bar Foundation's Pro Bono Publico Award and the 2002 Randall Shepard Award for his pro bono contributions. His writings include: "A New Generation for Pro Bono," "Pro Bono Participation Preserves Justice," and "An Invitation to Become Part of the Solution," all published in the Indiana Lawyer. Judge Bailey also chaired the Local Coordinating Council of the Governor's Task Force for a Drug-Free Indiana and the Judicial Conference Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. Additionally, he served on the Board of Managers of the Indiana Judges Association and the Judicial Ethics Committee of the Indiana Judicial Center.

In 2004, Judge Bailey and his First District colleagues received the Indiana Bar Foundation Law-Related Education Award for their commitment to bringing oral arguments into community settings. In February of 2006, he served as the Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Stetson University College of Law; in 2007-08, he was the Moderator of the Indianapolis Bar Association's Bar Leader Series; in 2009, he was designated an ASTAR Science and Technology Fellow.

Currently, Judge Bailey is a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Council of the Indiana State Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section, and the Judicial Education Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana; he again serves on the Board of Managers of the Indiana Judges Association, now as the Appellate District member. A strong advocate of law-related education,

Judge Bailey teaches government classes at the University of Indianapolis. He is also a frequent presenter at Indiana Continuing Legal Education seminars, and he regularly volunteers to judge law school trial advocacy and moot court competitions and to teach National Institute of Trial Advocacy programs.

Judge Bailey was retained on the Court of Appeals in 2000. His wife of twenty-five years is a professor; the couple has two college-age children.

Shall Judge Melissa S. May be retained in office?

Melissa S. May was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals by Governor Frank O'Bannon in April of 1998. She was born in Elkhart, Indiana. She received a B.S. in criminal justice from Indiana University-South Bend and, in 1984, a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis. She is also a graduate of the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges.

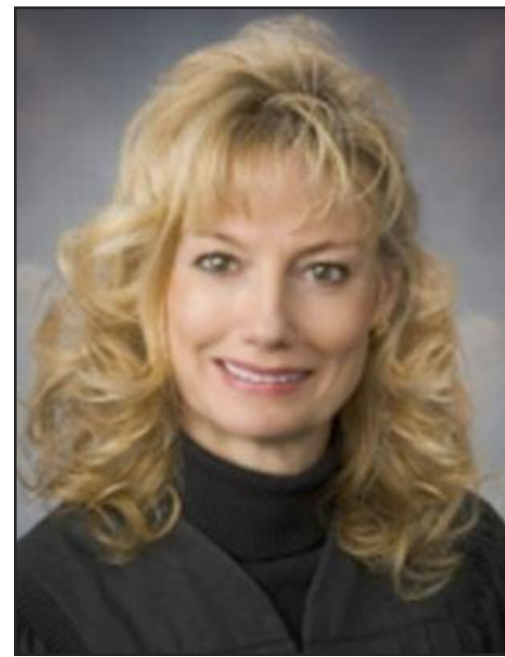
Prior to her appointment to the Court, Judge May practiced law for fourteen years in Evansville, Indiana, where she focused on insurance defense and personal injury litigation.

Judge May has been active in local, state, and national bar associations and bar foundations. She served the Indiana Bar Association on the Board of Managers from 1992-1994, as Chair of the Litigation Section from 1998-1999, as Counsel to the President from 2000-2001, as chair of the Appellate Practice Section from 2008-2009, and as Secretary to the Board of Governors in 2008-2009. She is also a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association and the Evansville Bar Association. In addition, she was a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum from 1994-1999 and has been a co-chair of ICLEF's Indiana Trial Advocacy College from 2001 to present. She is a fellow of the Indiana Bar Foundation, as well as for the American Bar Association, and she is a Master Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Association.

From 1999 till December 2004, Judge May was a member of Indiana's Continuing Legal Education Commission, where she chaired the Specialization Committee. She is currently on an Advisory Panel to the Specialization Committee. In 2005, she was named to the Indiana Pro Bono Commission and in July 2008, she was named as Chair of that Commission. While chair, she



JUDGE LLOYD BAILEY



JUDGE ELAINE BROWN



JUDGE MARGRET ROBB



JUDGE MELISSA MAY

worked with the fourteen pro bono districts to train lawyers and mediators on how to assist homeowners who are facing foreclosure. Judge May also serves on the Civil Instruction Committee, an Indiana Judicial Conference Committee, which has been working to translate all of the civil jury instructions into "plain English." She frequently speaks on legal topics to attorneys, other judges, schools, and other professional and community organizations.

In 2003, Judge May was named to the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Attorney Specialization. She is now special counsel to that committee. In

the spring of 2004, Judge May became adjunct faculty at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis, where she teaches a trial advocacy course. Also in the spring of 2004, she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Civil Law from the University of Southern Indiana.

Judge May was retained on the Court of Appeals in 2000, is married and lives with her husband in Morgan County.

Shall Judge Elaine B. Brown be retained in office?

Elaine B. Brown was appointed to the ('QUESTIONS' continued on page 16)

ROB STREET

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for the county. Another source the sheriff has to use from is the commissary fund. Commissary funds are monies that are made from selling items to the inmates such as chips, candies, and such. Although that fund is limited on what it can be used for, we have purchased police cars, items for the jail, and some training from it. These are a couple of things a sheriff can do to do his part in getting by with the limited amount of funding we have in Martin County.

Martin County Journal: Do you believe in alternatives for jail time for non-violent offenders such as those convicted of drug-related crimes?

Rob Street: I believe that alternatives for jail time are definitely something that not only Martin County, but any county, could benefit from if it is thought out and done right. For example offenders of nonviolent and less serious crimes could be given a choice of massive amounts of community service or larger sentence/fines. The less people we have in jail means less tax money needed to take care of inmates. The more people we have working on community projects means a healthier community. Basically it's counterproductive to have someone just sit in a jail cell for a minor non-violent crime, while they could be heavily engaged in helping the community.

With the overcrowding of penal institutions in the country we are definitely going to have to come up with a better game plan than the one we currently have. Furthermore it would have to be a program with a set of standards that would not pose increased dangers on our citizens and a program that would save the county money... not cost it more. Secondly, I feel that a work release program could greatly benefit our county. Currently, there is no such program, so if you get arrested and get sentenced to jail, you spend your time and then get released. Sometimes employers are sympathetic and will hold that person's job for them but most of the time they will not. Home detention is a program that the county does offer. It is where a person is confined to their home instead of jail. There are a strict set of rules that have to be followed to qualify for home detention, but it is a program that the detainee is responsible for paying a fee to be eligible for the program thus eliminating the incarceration costs of that person.

Martin County Journal: What is your favorite part or passion of the law enforcement field?

Rob Street: My passion for law enforcement began the moment I started working for the sheriff's department in May of 1983. Although that was several years ago and a lot has changed since then, my passion for

the job has not. It is hard to explain unless you have worked in law enforcement. There is such a variety of calls that you deal with over the course of a work week that always make the job interesting and never boring. I attribute this to the reason that not one day have I ever dreaded going to work. There are not too many other jobs out there that people can say that about. Although it is not always good things you are dealing with, great weather conditions you are working in, or safe conditions you are surrounded with, when a small child walks up to you and tugs on your pants leg and says "Hi Mr. Policeman, you are my friend"...How could you possibly not consider this the best job one could have.

Martin County Journal: What differentiates you from your opponent? Or why should you be elected over your opponent?

Rob Street: First and foremost is EXPERIENCE. I am a police officer with not only 27 years of experience, but 27 years of experience with the same department. I have spent my entire working career at the Martin County Sheriff's Department where I started at the bottom then worked my way up the ladder gaining valuable experience along the way. Unlike my opponent, I have made a career out of law enforcement but more importantly the experience you gain by working at a place for that amount of time is immeasurable. The training I have

accumulated over my career is something that my opponent would take years to achieve. I am a candidate that can take over as sheriff on January 1st and effectively run the department without needing months to be "trained in". Martin County Sheriff's Department is faced with a lot of employee turnover and employees that often have questions about situations that come up. Without a sheriff that has the experience to answer those questions, who can that employee go to for answers to his or her questions?

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

Rob Street: I ask each and every voter to go vote on November 2. Voting is still one right that you have where you can make a choice...you have a say. I hear so many people say "it's only one vote; it does not make a difference". I'm here to tell you it does make a difference when you count them. When you cast your vote please consider the experience of the candidate and the involvement of that candidate within your community. I feel that my 27 years of experience along with my involvement, my good standings in the community, and the experience gained by serving as your chief deputy for the past 8 years will help you decide on me being the best candidate to be your next sheriff.

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Court of Appeals by Gov. Mitch Daniels in May 2008. Before joining the Court of Appeals, she was a trial court judge for over 15 years and practiced law for 11 years. She is a 1996 graduate of the Indiana Judicial College. A Dubois County native, she is the mother of two adult children, an elementary teacher and a student at IU Medical School.

Judge Brown served as judge of the Dubois Superior Court from 1987 to 1998 and from 2005 to May, 2008. In the years between her tenure on the bench, she maintained a solo practice in Jasper and was a senior litigator with Fine & Hatfield in Evansville. Earlier in the 1980s, she practiced law with the firm of Thom & DeMotte in Jasper.

Judge Brown earned a bachelor's degree with distinction from Indiana University in 1976, and her J.D. from the IU School of Law in Bloomington in 1982. She was a teacher in the Jasper School Corporation for three years before entering law school.

A large part of Judge Brown's professional focus during her years on the bench has been on substance abuse issues. During her third term, she initiated a new county-wide alcohol and drug program, similar to the Dubois Court Alcohol and Drug Services Program of which she was President during her first term. She served as President of the Dubois County Substance Abuse Council and created the county's Drug Court. In the 1990s, she was on the Executive Board of the Dubois County Substance Abuse Task Force, the Committee for a Drug Free Jasper, and the county's Suicide Prevention Committee.

Since 1998, Judge Brown has been an Indiana Registered Civil Mediator. She served on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Judicial Conference and on the Board of Managers of the Indiana Judges Association. She is a former member of the Indiana Supreme Court Character and Fitness Committee as well as the Judicial Administration Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference, and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Judge Brown was a Leader in the Brooks Inn of Court in Evansville and a Bencher in the Sagamore Inn of Court in Indianapolis. She was an officer for four years of the Dubois County Bar Association, serving as President in 1985. She holds or has held memberships in the American Trial Lawyers Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the American Judges Association, the American Judicature Society, and the American, Indiana, Dubois County, Evansville, and Indianapolis bar associations. She served on the Family Law Study Committee of the Evansville Bar Association and currently serves on the Judicial System Improvement Committee and the Attorney Fee Dispute Resolution Committee of the Indiana State Bar Association, and on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference.

Her various community activities included the Scott School Improvement Committee and the North High School PTSA Executive Board. She supported the Restore Old Jasper Action Committee, the Dubois County Museum, is a life member of the Ferdinand and Community Center, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the St. Thomas Moore Society. A 1993 graduate of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series, she served on that organization's Board of Governors from 1993 to 1998. In 1992, Judge Brown received the Outstanding Young Hoosier Award from the Indiana Jaycees, one year after the Jaycees presented her with its Distinguished Service Award.

Shall Judge Margret G. Robb be retained in office?

Margret G. Robb was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Indiana in July 1998 by Governor Frank O'Bannon. She holds a B.S. and an M.S. in Business Economics from Purdue University, a Magna Cum

Laude J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis and is a graduate of the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges.

Prior to her appointment to the Court, Judge Robb was, for 20 years, engaged in the general practice of law in Lafayette, and served as a Chapter 11, 12 and a standing Chapter 7 Bankruptcy trustee for the Northern District of Indiana. She was a registered family and civil mediator and served as a Tippecanoe County Deputy Public Defender.

She has been an officer of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Fellows of the Indiana State Bar Foundation, Tippecanoe County Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, the Indiana University School of Law- Indianapolis Alumni Association and the Bankruptcy Section of the Indiana State Bar Association. She has also been a Board member of the Appellate Judges Council of the American Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Foundation, the Senior Council Section of the Indianapolis Bar Association, and the Appellate Practice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association. She was the moderator for the 2005-2006 and Chair for the 2006-2007 Indianapolis Bar Association's Bar Leader Series, and is a member of the American Bar Foundation, American Judicature Society, and a Master Fellow of the Indiana State Bar Foundation. She is a frequent speaker on legal topics for attorneys, other judges, and professional, civic and community organizations.

Judge Robb was Founding Chair of Governor Bowen's Commission on the Status of Women; was a recipient of a 1993 Indiana State Bar Association's Celebrating 100 Years of Women in the Legal Profession award; the 2001 Maynard K. Hine distinguished alumni award given in recognition of support and service to IUPUI and Indiana University; the 2004 Bernadette Perham Indiana Women of Achievement Award, bestowed by Ball State University to honor of one of their outstanding professors; the 2005 Indiana State Bar Association's Women in the Law Recognition Award; the 2006 Tippecanoe County YWCA Salute to Women "Women of Distinction" Award; and the 2007 Warren G. Harding High School, Warren, Ohio, Distinguished Alumni Award.

Judge Robb chairs the Supreme Court task Forces on Family Courts, the development of Trial Court Local Rules, and is involved in several projects to benefit the Indiana legal system. She has also served as a member of the Indiana Board of Law Examiners, the Governance Committee of the Supreme Court IOLTA (Interest on Lawyer Trust Account) Committee; the Federal Advisory Committee on Local Rules for the Federal Court for the Northern District of Indiana; and the Federal Advisory Committee for the Expediting of Federal Litigation. Judge Robb authored "Reflections of Baseball, Life and the Law" in the Indiana State Bar Association's journal, Res Gestae and "Running Bases, Winning Cases: Why the Grand Old Game of Baseball is like the legal profession," in the ABA's journal. She also authored a chapter on Supreme Court Justice Leonard Hackney in an upcoming book, Indiana Supreme Court Justices, and co-authored a chapter, From Juvenile to Family Courts, in Essays on Indiana Legal History. In addition, she serves on the ABA Committee that accredits law schools and Chairs the ABA's Appellate Judges Council - Appellate Judges Education Institute's national Summit for Judges, Lawyers and Staff Attorneys.

Judge Robb was retained on the Court of Appeals in 2000, is married to a professor at Purdue University. Their son, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, is a Lieutenant on active duty in the United States Navy.

SHALL PROPERTY TAXES BE LIMITED FOR ALL CLASSES OF PROPERTY by amending the Constitution of the State of Indiana to do the following:

(1) Limit a taxpayer's annual property tax bill to the following percentages of gross assessed value: (A) 1% for an owner-occupied primary residence (homestead); (B) 2% for residential property, other than an owner-occupied primary residence, including apartments; (C) 2% for agricultural land; (D) 3% for other real property; and (E) 3% for personal property. The above percentages exclude any property taxes imposed after being approved by the voter in a referendum. (2) Specify that the General Assembly may grant a property tax exemption in the form of a deduction or credit and exempt a mobile home used as a primary residence to the same extent as real property?

Council District 2

PHYLLIS KIDWELL
DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

Chose not to respond.

KEITH GIBSON
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Keith Gibson: I am have been married to my wife Neoma for 52 years. We have three children, one still lives in Martin County and the other two live in Indianapolis. I was pastor at Weibach Church for 17 years and retired three years ago. I have lived in Martin County for 20 years and I have driven a school bus for Shoals Schools for around 14 years. I have served on the Halbert Township Advisory Board for 13 years.

Martin County Journal: Why do you want to sit on the county council?

Keith Gibson: I was approached because there was an opening on the ballot for a republican candidate because Larry Shaw is not re-running. I am running because I was asked to.

Martin County Journal: Do you fear that with some of the low salaries of elected officials that the pool of qualified, skilled department leaders will begin to suffer over time?

Keith Gibson: I am not knowledgeable enough on the current salaries so should wait until I'm on the council before answering that.

Martin County Journal: Are there any goals that if elected you will shoot for?

Keith Gibson: I think the council is doing a good job and I would just like to be part of the team to continue that.

Martin County Journal: With limited funds coming into the county do you have any plans or ideas for operating on less?

Keith Gibson: I'm a conservative I believe in keeping spending down and taxes down as much as possible.

Martin County Journal: What do you think Martin County needs most?

Keith Gibson: I think we are doing the best we can with what we have to work with. A lot of people are not happy with the road situation. I don't think the wheel tax is the answer. Farmers and the people don't need it.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

Keith Gibson: I am not really a politician; I just want to be a part of helping the county where I can.

Council District 3

MICHAEL (MIKE) DANT
DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

Chose not to respond.

JOHN D. STOLL
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Chose not to respond

Council District 1



RANDY WININGER
DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Randy Winger: I am Randy Winger and I am seeking re-election for the county council district 1 position. I have lived in Martin County all of my life. I graduated from Shoals High School and Lincoln Technical Institute. I have been a self-employed grain farmer for the past 22 years and I am married to Vicki (Harding) Winger. We have one daughter, Calli, age 10, and we attend the Hindostan United Methodist Church. As far as experience in my field, I have served as commissioner for 8 years and have also been a councilman for 8 years. My interests include coaching girls' softball and spending time outdoors. I have also been very active in many civic and governmental organizations.

Martin County Journal: Why do you want to sit on the county council?

Randy Winger: All decisions made by the county council directly affect every person and business in Martin County. I will always strive to make the best decisions for the enhancement of our county.

Martin County Journal: Do you fear that with some of the low salaries of elected officials that the pool of qualified, skilled department leaders will begin to suffer over time?

Randy Winger: No. I feel there are many qualified people in this county that have the desire and are willing to serve, regardless of what the salaries may be.

Martin County Journal: Are there any goals that if elected you will shoot for?

Randy Winger: My goals are to continue to assist in bringing the type of jobs that are needed for the residents of our county and to make Martin County attractive to businesses that may wish to locate here.

Martin County Journal: With limited funds coming into the county do you have any plans or ideas for operating on less?

Randy Winger: We have been operating on less for the past couple of years and have been successful with continuing county business and not cutting services that our residents depend on.

Martin County Journal: What do you think Martin County needs most?

Randy Winger: Good paying jobs and expansion in tax base, and leadership that will continue to make a positive difference in overseeing the management of Martin County's tax dollars.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

Randy Winger: I live here, my business is here, and my child goes to school here. The decisions that are made affect all of us who live in Martin County. I will do my best to make decisions that will contribute to a brighter future for Martin County and all of us who call it home.

PHILLIP EMMONS
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Chose not to respond.

Judge candidates talk about plea bargains, sentencing, and changes

LYNNE ELLIS REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Background information (family, schooling, work history, training, experience, etc.)

Lynne Ellis: EDUCATION: 1994: Vincennes University, Paralegal major, Associate of Science Degree; graduated Summa Cum Laude; special honors for maintaining 4.0 overall GPA.

1996: Oakland City University, Accounting major, Bachelor of Science Degree; graduated Summa Cum Laude; received Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Award, Oakland City Business District Award, and 1996 Award for the Highest Grade Point Average for women.

1999: IU-Bloomington School of Law, Doctorate of Jurisprudence; received Scribe Award in Legal Research & Writing; Highest Grade in Negotiations; Highest Grade in Law & Psychology; Highest Grade in the Lawyering Process; participated in Community Legal Clinic - Family Law.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

1994-1999: Employed at Duncan Law Office; Certified Legal Intern.

1999: Joined John M. Duncan in forming law office of Duncan & Ellis, PC.

2007-Present: Duncan & Ellis, PC office established in Loogootee, IN.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

2009-Present: Adjunct Professor at Vincennes University Jasper Campus.

1980-1989: Managed Residential and Commercial Real Estate in Dallas, TX.

FAMILY:

Husband: Timothy Ellis, Ellis Trucking Company; son: Bobby, Ball State University photojournalism major; son by marriage: Timmy, resides with family in Bedford.

Martin County Journal: Why do you want to be the Judge?

Lynne Ellis: Becoming Judge of Martin County is a goal I have aspired to since I interviewed the Hon. Kelly Huebner while she was serving as Judge of Martin Circuit Court. I asked Judge Huebner what her favorite cases were, and she answered "Adoptions - because everyone leaves the court room happy." This statement made a lasting impression on me and made me realize that the court was more than just a place to prosecute criminals.

The Martin County judicial system has a tremendous impact on our daily activities. Legal assistance is needed to transfer real estate when homes are bought and sold; families become involved with the court when facing the difficult issues of divorce, child visitation, and support, probating an estate when a loved one dies, and mortgage foreclosures when jobs are lost. Children need the court's help when parents, for whatever reason, cannot provide a safe and loving home. Neighbors look to the court to resolve disputes, and grandparents need assistance when they find themselves raising their grandchildren. These are just a few examples of how our lives are touched by the Court.

As an attorney, I have worked in several courts and discovered many judges are open to suggestions regarding programs and approaches developed to meet the specific needs of the county residents. These judges do not reinvent the wheel, but rather seek the assistance of legal counsel and other county and court offices to implement ideas which have already proven to be successful. I have experienced the life-altering change in a person when a judge works with legal counsel and court offices to reduce the stress factor of court involvement and promote positive solutions to problems. As Judge of Martin Circuit Court, I believe I can bring these positive experiences to the

residents of Martin County.

Martin County Journal: What qualifications/expertise do you feel that you have for Judge?

Lynne Ellis: The answer to this question is multi-level.

Legal Qualifications: Have been licensed to practice law since 1999. My experience in the various legal fields include:

(1) Criminal Law - Court-appointed defense counsel in Orange County.

Privately-hired defense counsel in the following counties: Martin, Orange, Daviess, Dubois, Crawford, Lawrence, Pike, Washington, and Hamilton.

(2) Family Law - Court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem (representing best interests of children) and Guardianships in following counties: Orange, Daviess, and Pike. Privately-hired legal counsel for divorce, child support, paternity, custody, and visitation and Guardianships in following counties: Martin, Daviess, Dubois,

Pike, Lawrence, Orange, Greene, Madison, and Crawford. Contract Attorney for Pike County Department of Child Services for four (4) years. Certified Family Law Mediator from 1999 to 2005.

(3) Juvenile Law - Court-appointed in following counties: Orange, Daviess, and Pike. Privately-hired legal counsel in following counties: Martin and Orange.

(4) Wills/Probate/Estate Law in following counties: Martin, Orange, Lawrence, and Daviess.

(5) Small Claims in following counties: Martin, Daviess, and Orange.

(6) Real Estate in following counties: Martin, Daviess, and Orange.

(7) Worker's Compensation - Won Appeal which has created new case law.

(8) Other areas of practice include Contract Law, Civil Litigation and Administrative Law.

B. Expertise/Leadership Skills

(1) Management of Commercial and Residential Real Estate - required annual budget preparations and accountability.

(2) Own and Operate Duncan & Ellis, PC and The MANE Trails, Inc.

(3) Learned that employees are more "team" oriented when allowed flexibility with duties and schedules.

(4) Discovered staff is more efficient when allowed to recommend ideas without criticism.

(5) Accept responsibility for my employees' actions as well as my own.

(6) Acknowledge that no one is perfect - even the Judge.

C. Expertise/People Skills

(1) Wife of 20 years.

(2) Mother.

(3) Adjunct Professor at Vincennes University Jasper Campus.

(4) Learned that honesty is the best approach while treating people with respect, compassion and empathy.

(5) Discovered everyone has a specialty and should be given the opportunity to demonstrate his/her special skills whenever possible.

(6) Apply the theory that we can "agree to disagree."

Martin County Journal: Do you think that plea bargains and sentencing for criminals in Martin County are too lenient? Along with this do you think too many cases are being dismissed? Please explain.

Lynne Ellis: Plea bargains are negotiated only between the defendant and the prosecutor. The Judge has two options - accept the agreement or reject it. The judge does not participate in plea negotiations - including whether a case is dismissed.

I cannot comment on the leniency regarding past sentencing. However, when a sentencing issue comes before me, I will follow sentencing guidelines and consider the de-

DAVID LETT DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Background information (family, schooling, work history, training, experience, etc.)

David Lett: I am a lifelong resident of Martin County and graduated from Loogootee High School in 1970. I graduated from Franklin College in 1974 and Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1979. I have practiced law in Martin County and throughout Southern Indiana since 1979 with my brother, the late Michael Lett, and Mark Jones. I presently serve as the Martin County Attorney and legal advisor for the Martin County Redevelopment Commission, the Martin County Solid Waste District, and Loogootee and Shoals School Corporations. I have been privileged to serve the citizens of Martin and Daviess Counties as either Prosecuting Attorney or Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for 25 years. I have previously represented the Martin County Department of Child Services; served on the Community Corrections Advisory Board; the Martin County Child Protection Team; the Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board; and served as Chairman of Drug-Free Martin County. Community participation has included the Martin County Chamber of Commerce and the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth. I have also donated my time and legal services to numerous community groups and activities.

I am a member of White River Lodge No. 332, F & AM and also a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and served on the national alumni council for Franklin College. I also belong to the Indiana State Bar Association, the Martin County Bar Association, the Daviess County Bar Association, and the Indiana Bar Foundation. I have served on the Board of Directors of The Union Bank and Peoples Bank and now serve on the Board of Directors of German American Bancorp.

I am the son of the late Dr. E.B. and Mary Lett of Loogootee. I am a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church, where I have served the congregation in a number of leadership positions. My wife Linda is a Registered Nurse and works at Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center at Memorial Hospital at Jasper. My stepchildren are Jackie Foddrill, who teaches at Loogootee Elementary School and Ryan Burris, who is employed at NSWC Crane. Linda and I are the grandparents of Grace Foddrill, a first grader at Loogootee Elementary School.

Martin County Journal: What qualifications/expertise do you feel that you have for Judge?

David Lett: I will listen to people. I have learned that people before the court need someone to listen to them and to understand their point of view. Every participant before the court deserves to be treated with respect and to be provided with an answer in a timely manner. Sometimes that takes patience. It always takes compassion. These are qualities that I have been able to develop over my 31 years in the practice of law.

I was always taught by my parents and my brother to give back to my community in whatever manner that I can. As I have advanced in my legal career, I have become aware that I have the life experience and the disposition to continue my service to the people of Martin County to serve as circuit judge. I have the advantage of a varied professional experience. I have been active in family law; criminal law, defense and prosecution; social security law; probate law; and real estate law. I have written wills and trusts; real estate contracts; real estate descriptions; resolved real estate title problems; and instituted guardianships.

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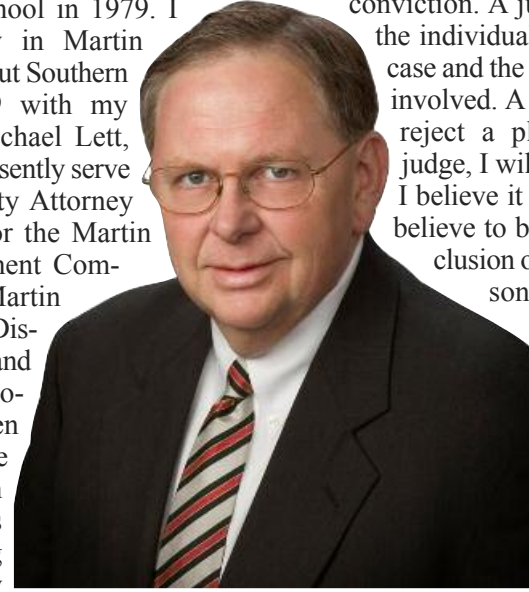
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Martin County Clerk candidates face off on array of topics

JULIE FITHIAN REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Background information (family, schooling, work history, training, experience, etc.)

Julie Fithian: I was born in Chicago and raised by my mother. I have two brothers, Steve and Richard. I graduated from a Catholic high school and went to a junior college taking classes in business management. In 1982, I started working at the Chicago Board of Trade as a receptionist. I continued working for various commodities firms in Chicago at the Board of Trade and Mercantile Exchange. The last one was Shearson Lehman Brothers, where I was the Operations Manager. After marrying Bruce in 1992, we moved to Shoals so I could stay home and raise a family. We have two daughters, Raquel, 15, and Alyssa, 13. I have worked part-time at the Shoals Eagles and various other jobs such as the 2000 Census and many elections as a poll worker. I homeschooled my children until I started working as clerk in 2008. I was also a Girl Scout leader from 2001 through 2008 and Girl Scouts Troop Services Director for Martin County from 2004 through 2008. I have been a member of the Eagles Auxiliary since 1995 and auditor of the auxiliary since 2001. I have been a member of the Friends of the National Rifle Association East Fork Committee since 2002. I attend Shoals Christian Church where I help with junior church and VBS.



Martin County Journal: Why do you want to be or continue to be clerk?

Julie Fithian: I would like to continue being clerk because I really enjoy the work as well as the people. The clerk's office has a wide variety of responsibilities. Such as processing and keeping court records, running elections, processing traffic citations, issuing marriage licenses and performing weddings, recording state tax liens, and accepting passport applications. Every day I learn something new and meet new and interesting people. My life is better because of my job as clerk.

Martin County Journal: How do you feel about technology in the clerk's office? Do you think that all files, records, etc. should be digital only without paper records?

Julie Fithian: Personally, I am not a fan of technology but if you can't beat them, join them. In 2009, we began scanning all case files to save all court documents on tape as well as paper. Eventually, we will not need to save the paper. We have also gone online with Doxpop. With Doxpop, all case information is available online, allowing attorneys and researchers to get the information they need without calling us,

LYNNE ELLIS

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defendant's prior criminal history (if any), the prosecutor's recommendations, the defense counsel arguments, the victim statements (if any), and the well-being of our community as a whole.

As to whether too many cases are being dismissed, each case is fact-sensitive and stands upon its own merits. The majority of cases are dismissed as part of the plea negotiations between the defendant and the prosecutor – not the judge.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything in the current court system that you would change?

Lynne Ellis: A. Get rid of the automatic answering system and have a "live" voice

freeing us to do other business.

Martin County Journal: What do you think is the most important job of the clerk?

Julie Fithian: The most important job of the clerk is keeping good records. Inaccurate records could make the difference between getting a new job or a loan for some people, since employers and creditors check our records before hiring a new employee or giving a loan.

Martin County Journal: If the clerk's office could have one thing, despite cost, what would it be?

Julie Fithian: The one thing I would like to buy would be new computers and software. The computers we use now are outdated and slow.

Martin County Journal: How do you feel about combining polling locations? Please explain why you feel this way.

Julie Fithian: I think combining polling sites is a good thing. Right now, we have fourteen polling places. I believe we could eliminate five polling places with minor inconvenience to voters while saving money on equipment.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything you plan to change in the clerk's office?

Julie Fithian: No, because the office is running smoothly right now. I have a great group of ladies working in the office. They enjoy their jobs and that is reflected in their work and attitudes. I can count on them to perform their individual duties and then help wherever they are needed. People do not like to come to the clerk's office, but I think they feel a little more at ease because of the friendly atmosphere.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything in the clerk's office budget that could be substantially reduced? If so, what? In not, explain.

Julie Fithian: No, I don't think the budget could be cut much more. I have already reduced the clerk's budget by \$10,000 and the election budget by \$17,000. In order to make any more reductions, we would have to sacrifice the quality of our work.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like the voters to know?

Julie Fithian: I would like to say that I really enjoy my job. With the help of the deputy clerks, I have worked hard to earn the trust and respect of the citizens of Martin County. It is my goal to provide the citizens of Martin County with the quality service and professionalism they deserve. I am a full-time clerk, and if I am re-elected I will continue to be in the office full-time.

answering the telephones.

B. Open communication between the court, attorneys, court staff, courthouse personnel, council members and commissioners.

C. Put transparency back into our court system.

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Lynne Ellis: This is an issue that has arisen during my legal career. Because I have lived in Martin County only 20 years, I have taken cases not always knowing "who is related to whom" and with what

BOBBI SUE NONTE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Background information (family, schooling, work history, training, experience, etc.)

Bobbi Sue Nonte: My name is Bobbi Sue (Hunt) Nonte and I have been married to Brent Nonte of Crane, Indiana for 19 years in October of this year. We reside in Loogootee with our 5 children: Brooke, Will, Jacob, Luke, and Abigail. I have lived in Martin County my entire life, attending Shoals Schools; grades K-5 and then graduating from Loogootee High School in 1988. I attended Vincennes University and obtained an Associate's Degree in Computer Science, while enrolled in the co-op program for Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC). Upon completion of my degree, I worked 11 years for the Department of Defense as a Computer Specialist and left to be a stay-at-home mother to raise my then three small children. I re-entered the workforce in August of 2003 and worked as an office manager for Dr. Angela B. Smith, DDS in Loogootee. In March of 2006, I was hired as Chief Deputy Clerk for the Martin County Clerk's office and continued my employment there until December 2008. I have been employed by Tri-Star Engineering since August 2009 as a Logistics Analyst. My family and I attend Martin County Catholic Churches. I have been active in the Christ Renews His Parish and attended the Southwest Indiana Walk to Emmaus (SIWE 21b). I have been a past lector, greeter, and Eucharistic minister in my home parish and have also been a director of VBS and assisted in other areas where needed throughout the years. I was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, Parents Advisory Council for Elementary East and West Loogootee Schools and I currently am a member of Loogootee Intermediate Parent Advisory Committee and serve as vice president. While Chief Deputy Clerk, I attended all clerk's conferences, conventions, and was a member of the Indiana Clerk's Association. I feel that my job experiences, past and present, have given me a diverse background to prepare me for the challenges of the office of the Clerk of Martin County. My expertise in the computer field gives me an edge to run the clerk's office, which is responsible for maintaining and operating three major computer systems; court system, voter registration system, and child support system, as well as connectivity to the bureau of motor vehicle traffic violation system.



Martin County Journal: Why do you want to be or continue to be clerk?

Bobbi Sue Nonte: I want to be clerk because I want to serve the people of Martin County and give back to so many that have given to me. While I was employed as Chief Deputy Clerk, I felt like I was where I be-

longed for the first time in my career. I left my position not because of personal conflict, but because I knew that I was going to run against my employer and felt that it was not ethically right for me to continue to work in the clerk's office and then turn around and run against her. I worked with and trained all but two of the current staff members in the current office and would love the opportunity to work with them again.

Martin County Journal: How do you feel about technology in the clerk's office? Do you think that all files, records, etc. should be digital only without paper records?

Bobbi Sue Nonte: I welcome new technology and feel that in order to be an effective, efficient leader in today's world you must stay trained and current with the ever-changing world of technology. Statute dictates the proper handling and disposal of public records and the clerk must follow it to the letter of the law. While Chief Deputy Clerk I was responsible for obtaining a match grant to purchase scanning equipment along with training for the use of said equipment. While there has been some minor progress made to scan new case files and disposed cases, the current system should have been fully implemented already, thus saving the tax payers money and time as well as having true accountability within the clerk's office. The system in place would have full audit capabilities from case filing to final disposition. This would improve the ability to produce public records in a timely manner or have accurate filing information and in case of catastrophic situations there is a failsafe in record retrieval. This initiative was my project and I would like to see it implemented to its fullest potential. Currently public records are available on Doxpop (online public record retrieval system) but there is a fee associated for its use.

Martin County Journal: What do you think is the most important job of the clerk?

Bobbi Sue Nonte: The most important job of the clerk is to be the official keeper of all court records. The clerk is custodian of its record (maintains files) and seal, issues process, accepts filings of commencement of actions in litigation, enters judgments and orders of the court, receives money, makes certified copies of record, issues many miscellaneous licenses and licenses to practice various professions, and must keep a record of all wills and matters of trust in probate proceedings. In general, the clerk is required to perform all official duties imposed by statute or by lawful authority of the court. There are other job responsibilities of the clerk such as the ex-officio member of the county board of elections and board of canvassers, chief registration officer in charge of voter's registration, a member of county commission of public records, and jury commissioner, but the keeper of the courts records is first and foremost.

Martin County Journal: If the clerk's office could have one thing, despite cost, what would it be?

Bobbi Sue Nonte: Renovated office areas and updated computers and hardware are a priority for public health and efficiency of the clerk's employees. While the clerk's office is a new building there is much to be done in the housekeeping area within the clerk's office. I feel that it is important to work along with the newly-elected judge to ensure that the proper handling of historical filings are transferred from the clerk's office area and stored properly and safely within another area of the courthouse. While I was working as the Chief Deputy Clerk, this was ('BOBBI NONTE' continued on page 19)

"group of friends" people are associated. However, I have discovered that by treating all parties with honesty and integrity, some may not agree with the outcome of the case, but have shown respect for the job that I have done. My goal, as judge, is to maintain these standards.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you want the voters to know?

Lynne Ellis: I WANT this job! While I understand some of my goals may be viewed as far reaching, without attempting to reach these goals, true change can never be accomplished. With your support, I can win the Election on November 2nd and begin working on the challenges we all face in the legal system.

District 63 candidates answer questions on redistricting, school funding

MARK MESSMER REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Tell me about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Mark Messmer: I am a graduate of Jasper High School in 1981 and Mechanical Engineering at Purdue in 1985. I became a licensed Professional Engineer in 1990. I worked at Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan from 1985-1986, and John Brown Engineering from 1986-1988, joining our family mechanical contracting business in 1988. I was first elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 2008. I am married to Kim for 25 years. We have four children; Eric-22, Laura-20, Mad-die-15 and Luke-14.

Martin County Journal: What is your opinion of the Obama health care bill?

Mark Messmer: I agree there are several issues that need to be addressed in dealing with access to and cost of health insurance, but do not agree with the direction of Obamacare. There are more issues to address in my reasons for opposing this bill than this article has room for, but one of the primary points I disagree with is that if the government can force me or you to buy a commercial product as a condition of citizenship (health care insurance) then there is no limit on what power the federal government can have on your life. The real impact of Obamacare will be higher insurance costs, more added to our national debt, and more people losing their company paid health plans. Is this what we were promised?

Martin County Journal: Would you be in favor of a state constitutional ban on same sex marriages?

Mark Messmer: Yes.

Martin County Journal: School consolidation is a hot issue in our area. Are you for or against? Explain why.

Mark Messmer: I am against school consolidation. The proposal two years ago was for forced consolidation for school corporations with less than 1,000 students. There has been no study shown that this will save any operational costs. There was a Purdue study that showed school corporations between 700-4,000 students had roughly the same overhead costs per student. If you close a

school in our small rural communities, it will eventually kill that community. If it is not going to save money, and it will damage our communities in the long run, why do it?

Martin County Journal: Crane is the largest employer in our area, what plans or ideas do you have for the tech park and bringing in even more jobs and firms?

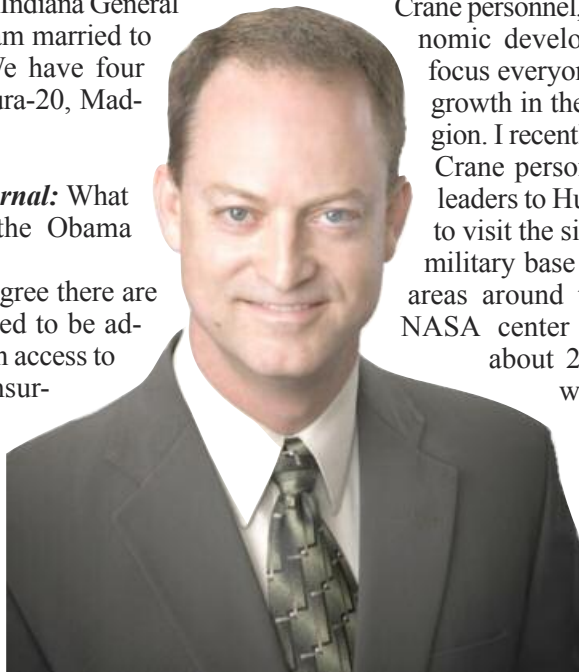
Mark Messmer: I have supported tax credit policy at the state level that will help attract high-tech companies to the Westgate development. I am also working with Crane personnel, industry, and economic development leaders to focus everyone's efforts at jobs growth in the entire Radius region. I recently made a trip with Crane personnel and industry leaders to Huntsville, Alabama to visit the site of the Redstone military base and the tech park areas around the base and the NASA center there. They are about 20 years ahead of what we are trying to accomplish at Crane and Westgate, and we went to learn and copy from them what has worked well. I will continue to work with the Crane Caucus that I have formed in the legislature to do all we can to make Indiana a "Defense Industry Friendly" state.

Martin County Journal: Indiana schools are running on very thin budgets. What, if anything, do you plan to do to help?

Mark Messmer: We will need to look at all other items in the budget and reduce spending in other areas to preserve funding for K-12 education.

Martin County Journal: Martin County has six townships for a little over 10,000 residents which pays salaries for trustees and advisory boards. Do you think this is too much government along with a seven-member county council and a three-member board of commissioners? Do you think they should be eliminated? Please explain.

Mark Messmer: I would support elimination of township advisory boards and have the county council provide oversight to the trustees and approve their township budgets. There are too many unanswered questions and too many very negative outcomes on how any other local government changes would be implemented and no detailed cost ('MESSMER' continued on page 20)



DANIEL (DAN) STEINER DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Tell me about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Dan Steiner: I am 59 years old. I grew up in Daviess County and graduated from Barr-Reeve in 1968. I received a BA degree in teaching from U of Evansville in 1972. I graduated from law School in 1980. I have been Deputy Prosecutor in Martin County for nearly 8 years. I live in Loogootee. I have a son Dean, 26, and daughter Dana 24; also a grandson, Kaiden, born on September 10, this year.

Martin County Journal: What is your opinion of the Obama health care bill?

Dan Steiner: The Health Care Bill is a much discussed and very controversial issue. I am a conservative democrat, a member of Right to Life and have other values which are in the mainstream of people in our county and district. If elected, I will do everything possible to represent the best interests of people in our district.

Martin County Journal: Would you be in favor of a state constitutional ban on same sex marriages?

Dan Steiner: Yes, I would support such an amendment.

Martin County Journal: School consolidation is a hot issue in our area. Are you for or against? Explain why.

Dan Steiner: I am absolutely opposed to forced consolidation of schools or the elimination of any county or township offices. I am opposed to state interference in local issues. This is only an issue because the people in Indy and other metropolitan areas don't have an understanding or appreciation for the way things work in small town and rural areas.

Martin County Journal: Crane is the largest employer in our area, what plans or ideas do you have for the tech park and bringing in even more jobs and firms?

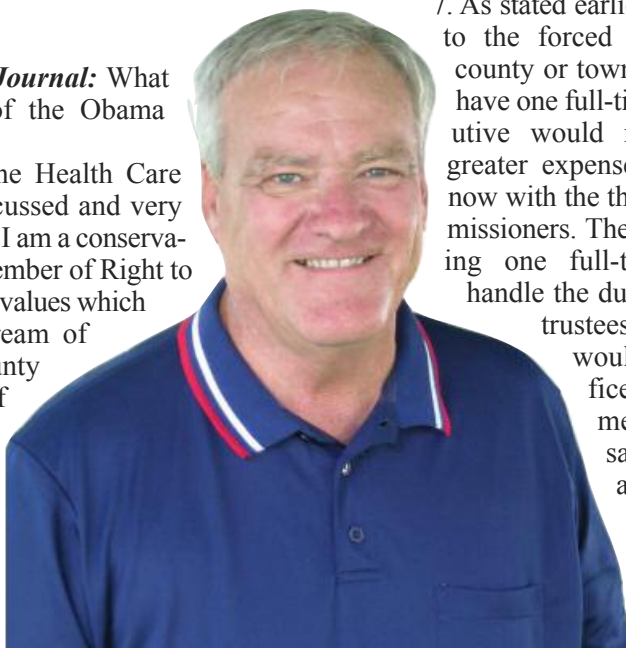
Dan Steiner: We need to keep doing everything possible to promote and retain employment opportunities in Martin County and in our district. Incentive programs at every level should be used to promote Westgate and any other technology or manufacturing business located in or which might

come into our area.

Martin County Journal: Indiana schools are running on very thin budgets. What, if anything, do you plan to do to help?

Dan Steiner: We don't want or need any more cuts in our local school budgets. Any budget cuts in state government should come across the board and not at the expense of any single branch or department of government. I would work to find a funding formula to provide a consistent and predictable revenue stream for our schools.

7. As stated earlier, I am opposed to the forced closure of any county or township offices. To have one full-time county executive would result in much greater expense than we have now with the three county commissioners. The same with having one full-time person to handle the duties of township trustees. These people would require an office, full-time staff members and a salary higher than all those local elected officials combined.



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Martin County Journal: Please explain the question on the general election ballot that pertains to property tax caps.

Dan Steiner: The property tax amendment would cap the tax rate for homeowners, business owners, and farmers. It would not cap assessed valuations for any of those. Most polls show that it will pass by a substantial margin and I fully expect it will also.

Martin County Journal: Please tell me your stance on redistricting and what that would mean for residents of Martin County.

Dan Steiner: I would fully support having Martin County all in one district. The current district lines that we deal with make no sense whatsoever. For instance, the district I am running in, the 63rd, includes nearly all of Center Township but does not include West Shoals. Another example is that the town of Dubois is split into two different legislative districts, with Main Street there being the dividing line. I believe that whenever possible entire counties should be in one district.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

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an issue that was being discussed with the current judge and to my knowledge the new filing/storage system was never followed through with.

Martin County Journal: How do you feel about combining polling locations? Please explain why you feel this way.

Bobbi Sue Nonte: I am not in support of it and would have to evaluate factual data before even considering it. Martin County has one of the largest voting turn outs per capita for the State of Indiana. While I was the Deputy Clerk, the Secretary of the State visited with our office to commend us on a job well done on the way we handled elections in our county. I feel that voting is a privilege and a person's responsibility that our forefathers fought hard to ensure that we all had the freedom to exercise. It is the responsibility of the clerk as the chief election official to ensure that every citizen living within its boundaries has full access to express that right. The clerk states that it is a savings to the taxpayers, but at what cost to our elderly and public convenience is that savings, is it worth lower voter turnout? As a computer specialist, I am interested in exploring the possibilities with voting centers, but I would

not implement such a system without fully investigating the ramifications and costs associated to the taxpayers, and acting only with public approval. I feel that instead of worrying about closing polling sites that the clerk should focus on running fair and unbiased elections and ensure that every person that files a petition to run for public office is recorded correctly and on the ballot. We still have 911 addresses not recorded and people that have expired on the voter polling lists. The clerk is responsible to ensure that public voter records are accurate, current, and that they are properly purged.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything you plan to change in the clerk's office?

Bobbi Sue Nonte: The areas I would change in the clerk's office are: transitioning and scanning of all historical records, automating all court documents, analyzing whether it would be cost effective to change the office hours of the clerk's office to provide more accessibility to those that work, and always researching opportunities for grant monies. I plan to ensure that the clerk's office is run in a professional/efficient/friendly manner. I will ensure that every citizen of Martin County is treated

with the utmost concern and respect while dealing with the office in any capacity. I feel that as a public official it is your responsibility to lead and serve setting high standards for yourself so that those that look upon you and your office have the utmost respect.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything in the clerk's office budget that could be substantially reduced? If so, what? In not, explain.

Bobbi Sue Nonte: There are processes followed for developing budgets and decreasing budgets. The clerk has the authority to make recommendations to the council for budget cuts, but does not have the power to make cuts without formal approval. Every elected official submits a budget and the council cuts and reduces it to where they see appropriate, so for any one person to make the statement that they have reduced the budget is not totally accurate.

While out of the office I have paid particular attention to the ever decreasing funds that the county has been able to appropriate to the clerk's budget. While the current clerk has quoted she has cut the clerk's budget by \$10,000 and the Election budget by \$7,000, there needs to be further data

provided to reflect what the actual impact was to the taxpayers. When I was Chief Deputy Clerk, we obtained grant monies that currently was not available for the county in the amount totaling \$138,436 from 07-09. This money was appropriated to the general fund and the County still capitalizes on that funding today for approximately \$20,000 a year. While the clerk has stated that she has cut funding, I have also noted that she has asked for additional appropriations totaling over \$35,100, so it really hasn't been determined whether there has been any actual savings to the taxpayer.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like the voters to know?

Bobbi Sue Nonte: If given the opportunity to serve the people of Martin County I will serve its people to the best of my ability. I will strive to make unbiased decisions that will not adversely affect any taxpayer and I will run the office of the Clerk of Martin County with professionalism, efficiency, and effectiveness. I am asking all voters to look at my education, professional experiences, loyalty to my county and its citizens, and vote for me to be your next Clerk of the Martin Circuit Court on November 2, 2010.

Q&A with the District 62 representative candidates

SANDRA BLANTON DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Tell me about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Sandra Blanton: Education: BS Business Administration 1977, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, Kentucky

Masters Business Administration 1987, Bellarmine University, Louisville, Kentucky

Masters Health Care Administration 2000, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky

Experience: Accountant for 33 years, most recently with physicians group in Paoli, Indiana

Family: Husband of 42 years, Larry; two children, Matt Blanton and wife Beverly, Britt Mays and husband, Rick; four grandchildren Mattison Blanton, eight years; Ellie Mays, seven years; Lucas Blanton, five years; and Max Mays, three years

Hobbies: Gardening and love to read

Memberships: Phi Beta Psi and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Orleans

I am a cancer survivor, seven years. All life is precious.

Martin County Journal: What is your opinion of the Obama health care bill?

Sandra Blanton: No answer provided

Martin County Journal: Would you be in favor of a state constitutional ban on same sex marriages?

Sandra Blanton: No answer provided

Martin County Journal: School consolidation is a hot issue in our area. Are you for or against? Explain why.

Sandra Blanton: I am opposed to school consolidation. In our small towns, our friendships and activities center around our children and our schools. Studies also show that consolidation of schools does not save money; in fact, it may cost more. Also, small schools are better for educating our children. There is more opportunity for their participation in activities and more opportunity for teacher attention for those who need help.

Martin County Journal: Crane is the largest employer in our area, what plans or ideas do you have for the tech park and bringing in even more jobs and firms?

Sandra Blanton: Crane is a precious resource for our district. I have met with the new Radius director, R.J. Reynolds and we had a discussion about what our eight-county region needs to stimulate job growth and our economic development. It involves working with Crane and other employers to boost Southern Indiana opportunity for business development. I have had meetings with URS from Westgate about their plans for the hydro-electric plant at Williams Dam, which will use local contractors and local workers.

Martin County Journal: Indiana schools are running on very thin budgets. What, if anything, do you plan to do to help?

Sandra Blanton: No answer provided

Martin County Journal: Martin County has six townships for a little over 10,000 residents which pays salaries for trustees and advisory boards. Do you think this is too much government along with a seven-member county council and a three-member board of commissioners? Do you think they should be eliminated? Please explain.

Sandra Blanton: I am opposed to the Kernan-Shepard local government reform plan. That plan proposes to have one elected county official who would then appoint the sheriff, council, commissioners and all other positions. Township duties would be moved to the county government, taking the trustees out of the township and requiring people to go to the courthouse for help. We need to be able to have a voice in our local government and be able to vote for our of-



SANDRA BLANTON

officials. In rural counties, local government should be close to the people and answer to the people.

Now if the people decide to do away with advisory boards; that should be decided by the people, not Indianapolis.

Martin County Journal: Please explain the question on the general election ballot that pertains to property tax caps.

Sandra Blanton: The question on property tax caps is about whether to put this in the Constitution. The 1-2-3 caps are already law. There is a fallacy about the caps that we need to know. The cap is 1 percent for homeowners, 2 percent for farm acreage, and 3 percent for commercial property. The fallacy is that this percentage is based on assessed value of the property. If your assessed value increases, so does your tax bill. In Martin and Orange Counties, for example, the current tax rates were under 1 percent. So, a cap of 1 percent has increased your property tax bill.

Since the assessed value is not limited in any way, your tax bill can continue to increase. Putting this in our Constitution is a serious step. If we put it in, it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to remove. I have already voted. I voted "no" on the referendum.

Martin County Journal: Please tell me your stance on redistricting and what that would mean for residents of Martin County.

Sandra Blanton: As to redistricting, I have not been in the State House long enough to have participated in the process. I believe that the districts should be compact and contiguous, fair and reasonable.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

Sandra Blanton: I believe that the job of a state representative is to listen to the people. I have no other agenda and owe no other allegiance. My special interests are education and the future of our children. They deserve a world-class public education, affordable university education or technical training after high school, and good job opportunities for a career. Our children are our future.

MATT UBELHOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Martin County Journal: Tell me about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Matt Ubelhor: I am a graduate of Perry Central High School and of HKU (Hard Knocks University). I am the seventh of 11 children. I have a wife, Lori, and two sons, August and Ross. August is a senior at Harrison Business College, and Ross is a senior at Washington Catholic High School.

I have worked thirty three years in the mining industry and am currently the operations manager for the Viking operation in Daviess and Knox counties.

Martin County Journal: What is your opinion of the Obama health care bill?

Matt Ubelhor: The Obama health care bill should be repealed. Common sense health care reform should be initiated. It



MATT UBELHOR

should not should be a bill containing 2,000 pages that bureaucrats can decide years later how to interpret.

Martin County Journal: Would you be in favor of a state constitutional ban on same sex marriages?

Matt Ubelhor: Yes.

Martin County Journal: School consolidation is a hot issue in our area. Are you for or against? Explain why.

Matt Ubelhor: I am against it. I have not seen any data that provides evidence that further consolidation would improve a child's education or decrease costs. I think that we should study best practices across the United States that would create centers of excellence in our school system and then make the common sense reforms that would give the greatest opportunities to the students.

Martin County Journal: Crane is the largest employer in our area, what plans or ideas do you have for the tech park and bringing in even more jobs and firms?

Matt Ubelhor: Even though Crane is the largest employer in our area, we should not limit ourselves to a single focus. I-69 will enhance the tech park's opportunities for

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studies to show if there would be any money saved by eliminating township government. There is a lot of opposition in the district as shown from my previous surveys on a single county executive and so I would oppose that idea as well.

Martin County Journal: Please explain the question on the general election ballot that pertains to property tax caps.

Mark Messmer: The property tax caps are currently in state law. I supported allowing the resolution to be put on the ballot this fall. The tax caps will provide good taxpayer protection and limit how much the government can take from you. Putting them into the constitution will make it difficult, but not impossible, for future generations of politicians to raise the tax cap limits and should be supported.

Martin County Journal: Please tell me your stance on redistricting and what that would mean for residents of Martin County.

Mark Messmer: I support drawing fair maps that are not gerrymandered. We will have to review the census data for all the counties to see what changes are needed based on population changes in all the counties. I do not know if there will need to be any changes to our district or not to.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

Mark Messmer: I would like to ask the citizens in district 63 to vote for me because I have done a great job of communicating issues with the district and keeping people informed with what is going on in state government. There were two very important victories I was able to achieve for the citizens of Martin County. The first was keeping the

additional jobs, but we should also look at the diversity of our community which has a strong agricultural base as well as forestry, mining, manufacturing, and a budding tourism industry. All industries must be capitalized on to have the tax base necessary that will support our schools and services.

Martin County Journal: Indiana schools are running on very thin budgets. What, if anything, do you plan to do to help?

Matt Ubelhor: Again, I would like to emphasize the need for attracting jobs to our districts. This will be the only solution for additional funding for schools. I would not be in favor of increasing taxes for additional monies that the school corporations want.

Martin County Journal: Martin County has six townships for a little over 10,000 residents which pays salaries for trustees and advisory boards. Do you think this is too much government along with a seven-member county council and a three-member board of commissioners? Do you think they should be eliminated? Please explain.

Matt Ubelhor: Rural townships cannot function without enough money to provide needed fire protection and emergency services. Can this be done in a more efficient and cheaper manner? That is the question. I will work with local communities to arrive at common-sense solutions that meet the needs of both the communities and cost controls. A blanket elimination of township government is unreasonable.

Martin County Journal: Please explain the question on the general election ballot that pertains to property tax caps.

Matt Ubelhor: From my understanding, property tax caps are limits put in place to protect homeowners and small businesses. However, I do have concerns that the small business person, whether it be the family with a rental property or a small downtown business with four or five employees, will suffer from the tax cap as it is currently pro-

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Community Learning Center open. In September 2009, ISU had decided to close the Martin County CLC. I would not accept that outcome and worked with ISU, Ivy Tech, and Hoosier Uplands to transfer operation of the CLC's to Ivy Tech. Without my intervention the learning center would have closed in December 2009. The other issue was working with the 4-H Council to get them a waiver from the State Fire Marshalls Office to keep from needing to install sprinkler system inside the community center building, saving the 4-H council and the county hundreds of thousands of dollars.

I am endorsed by the NRA, Farm Bureau, Right-to-life, the Fraternal Order of Police, and several small business organizations. I have fought to protect taxpayers by holding the line on state spending, and despite the difficult economic times we are in, kept from raising taxes, and will continue to do so. I have served the district with honesty and integrity and have represented the conservative values of hard work, personal responsibility, protecting the family, defending life, and protecting our constitutional freedoms and liberties in making my decisions in the legislature.

DAN STEINER

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Dan Steiner: I would like to emphasize that I am a native of this district. I understand the values of farmers and other everyday people. I love living here and intend to make this my home for the rest of my life. I appreciate the way I have been welcomed since I started working and living in Martin County. The scenery is beautiful and the people are warm and friendly, as they are throughout the 63rd district. If elected, I will show my appreciation to the voters by continuing to work hard and listen to your issues and concerns. Thank you.

Information for voters on candidates for Senate

BRAD ELLSWORTH DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

Background: With over two decades of experience in the local sheriff's office, Brad Ellsworth has spent his entire career protecting the people and communities of Indiana. During his brief time as the 8th District's Congressman, Brad has developed a reputation as an independent voice and effective problem-solver for Hoosiers.

Brad was born and spent his early years in Huntingburg, Indiana. When he was still in grade school, his family moved to Evansville where his father worked in Warrick County's Alcoa plant. His mother stayed home to raise Brad and his brothers and sister.

Brad received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Southern Indiana (formerly Indiana State University-Evansville). He worked in the paint and hardware department at Sears while in school to pay for his education. He later received a Master's Degree in Criminology from Indiana State University.

In 1982, Brad began his career in the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's office. Over the next 24 years, he held every merit rank, and was twice decorated for heroism in the line of duty.

In 1998, Brad ran for sheriff and won in a landslide victory. He was unopposed running for a second term.

As sheriff, he started the state's most comprehensive website to track and monitor sexual offenders. He also worked hard to expand jail facilities, on time and under budget, to keep criminals behind bars.

Brad has represented the 8th Congressional District since 2007, and currently serves on the House Agriculture, Armed Services, and Small Business Committees. During his brief time in office, he has put his experiences as sheriff to work solving problems, resolving disputes, and working to change the way Washington works. Brad is focused on creating an environment that encourages Indiana businesses to grow and hire, supporting efforts to restore fiscal accountability, cutting taxes for Hoosier families and businesses, and making significant investments in health care and educational opportunities for our brave veterans.

Brad and his wife, Beth, reside in Evansville, Indiana. They have a daughter, Andrea, who teaches special needs children in a Chicago public school and is looking forward to teaching in Indianapolis next fall. The family attends St. Agnes Catholic Church.

Economy: Brad's father was a factory worker at Alcoa, who taught him the value of hard work and honesty. Brad followed his father's example – working on the loading dock at Sears to pay his way through college – and has never forgotten those early lessons.

For too long, our economic policies have put profits over personal responsibility, and rewarded greed over a job well done. To get our economy moving again, Brad believes we've got to get back to the values that made this country great: working hard and playing by the rules.

That's why Brad supported tax cuts for 95 percent of working families, and worked to



BRAD ELLSWORTH

reduce health care costs and cut government red tape for small businesses. He also supports investments to rebuild our roads, bridges and schools, and will continue fighting to ensure all Hoosier kids have access to a quality education that prepares them to compete in today's global economy.

Brad and Beth, along with every other Hoosier family, make tough choices to balance their family's budget, and Brad believes Congress should be held to the same standard when it comes to the nation's budget. That's why he fought for pay-as-you-go rules that ensure government does not spend beyond its means.

As sheriff, Brad ensured the new Vanderburgh County jail was built not only on-time, but also under-budget, and he believes government contractors should be held responsible for meeting their deadlines and budgets too. That's why he's working to streamline the contracting process and increase oversight of government contractors to ensure the taxpayers' dollars are being used wisely.

Healthcare: I understand the most important and most personal issue to all Hoosiers is our health and well-being. So I supported critical reforms to reduce health care costs, prevent federal funding of abortion, reduce the deficit by over \$1 trillion and improve Hoosiers' access to affordable insurance options. I also supported closing the Medicare donut hole to save seniors money on their prescription drugs.

I will work to ensure the plan is working for Hoosiers and fight for any improvements that make sense for Indiana.

DAN COATS REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Background: Once called a "thinking man's conservative" by the Washington Times, Dan Coats has dedicated his life to public and community service and the Hoosier values of faith, family and freedom.

A graduate of Wheaton College, Dan began his service to the nation in the United States Army before attending Indiana University School of Law, where he received his J.D. and was Associate Editor of the Law Review. After completing his studies at IU, Dan worked for a Fort Wayne life insurance company, followed by serving as District Representative for then-Congressman Dan Quayle. Dan was elected to serve



DAN COATS

both the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate.

As a legislator, Dan worked to cut taxes and limit spending – including new energy taxes – and helped reduce the deficit through spending cuts and entitlement reforms, all issues he continues to champion today.

He also focused on defense and national security issues having served on the Senate Armed Services Committee and Select Committee for Intelligence and advocated for a number of defense reforms and transformation initiatives.

Dan stepped down from the Senate honoring a term-limits pledge in 1999. He then joined former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole as Special Counsel with the law firm of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand.

In 2001, he was named Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. His second day on the job was September 11, 2001. Dan worked closely with a strong ally and friend during one of the most crucial periods in the nation's history. As Ambassador, Dan played a critical role in establishing robust relations with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and in the construction of a new United States Embassy in the heart of Berlin next to the Brandenburg Gate.

After leaving Germany, Dan worked at the law firm of King & Spalding while continuing his community service, which started when he served as President of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. He has served on the boards of many civic and volunteer organizations, including the Center for Jewish and Christian Values, which he co-chaired with Senator Joe Lieberman. Dan is also currently Co-Chair of the Indianapolis based Sagamore Institute for Policy.

Dan and his wife, Marsha, formed The Foundation For American Renewal to continue their engagement in faith-based initiatives. Dan received national recognition as the author and champion of the Project for American Renewal, a comprehensive initiative aimed at shifting power and funding from Washington directly to local, faith-based and non-profit groups which are successfully working to resolve many of the Nation's social problems.

Dan and Marsha, who met in college, are the parents of three grown children and the grandparents of seven.

Economy: While Democrats – including my opponent incumbent Congressman Brad Ellsworth – focused on their health spending bill for the better part of 2009, Americans were concerned about the economy and jobs. Nearly ten percent of Americans, including Hoosiers, are out of work and yet, Democrats are recklessly spending money, piling on debt and adding to our deficit at rates we have never seen before. For instance, in June, our debt topped a staggering \$13 trillion for the first time in our nation's history.

The days of kicking the can down the road and passing our problems on to future generations have slipped away. We are facing very negative consequences not just for the future, but also the present, if Washing-



REBECCA SINK-BURRIS

ton doesn't get its act together quickly.

First, in order to turn away from our present disastrous course we must STOP the fiscal bleeding. Spending at our current levels cannot be sustained and will only add to the growing number of problems for future generations to fix. Therefore, we must put a halt to any new programs – regardless of how popular they are – until we get spending under control.

Second, I propose we take the necessary steps to incentivize our economy. We have to look at tax reductions for businesses, simplifying our tax code and creating tax incentives for innovation. We must grow our way out of the recession, not spend our way out as President Obama has repeatedly insisted we do.

Finally, it's important to remember that this crisis is so deep, so devastating, that the solution must rise above politics. Difficult, and perhaps unpopular, decisions must be made today in order to ensure a better tomorrow.

I think we have to ask ourselves an important question: Are you willing to make the tough decisions for the future of our county and for the sake of your children and grandchildren? In my opinion, recent elections have shown most people would answer 'YES!'

Health care: After repealing the damage that has been done with the Obama-Pelosi-Ellsworth health spending bill, we must seize the opportunity to ensure that constructive solutions to address the health care problems we face are the result of listening to the American people. Health care costs are out of control; we can make improvements without sacrificing personal freedoms and without tax increases and more deficit spending.

Unfortunately, for over a year, Washington was focused on their health spending bill while Americans were focused on our real first priority: jobs.

None of us should have been surprised that Obama, Pelosi and Ellsworth wanted to take control of one-sixth of our country's gross domestic product by putting their liberal agenda ahead of getting our economy back in shape. We do have problems with health care in the country. Americans understand that. But they also understand that solutions proposed by Democrats in this monstrosity of a health care bill, the same solutions they've been trying to push on us for decades, were not the right ones for us. We need to start over on health care; from scratch, from the beginning. Sit down and work on this incrementally, piece by piece, do what we can afford when we can afford it. We must avoid creating a government run health care – take a number and wait – system.

REBECCA SINK-BURRIS LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE

Background: Rebecca Sink-Burris and her husband, Mark Burris, became sweethearts at Warren Central High School in Indianapolis. They have been married 35

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MATT UBELHOR

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posed. This also places an additional burden on farmland that will need to be overcome. Do I believe that government should have limits on the taxes it collects? Yes. This question on the general election ballot is a now in the hands of the electorate.

Martin County Journal: Please tell me your stance on redistricting and what that would mean for residents of Martin County.

Matt Ubelhor: In my view of the world, redistricting should keep communities intact and should not be split along purely political lines. There is a formula that exists for the redistricting that has been manipu-

lated to retain politicians in office without regard for the communities' best interests.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

Matt Ubelhor: A vote for me this November will be a vote for a common sense approach to governance. I view myself as a person who can work across party lines and with people in all walks of life. I think my track record is proven by my success as a middle manager in a large corporation, and I have represented working people so that their lifestyle and working experience is enjoyable to themselves and their families.

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years. Mark owns Burriss Engineering Inc., which manufactures precision metal parts for turbine engines. Rebecca and Mark have two children, Matthew and Lauren.

Mark and Rebecca reside on an old farm property that is surrounded by the scenic Morgan-Monroe State Forest. Their dog welcomes families who often stop to play in the creek along their road.

Matt, 28, graduated from Kettering University in Michigan and is currently employed at Stimulus Engineering in southern Indiana. Lauren, 25, attended Indiana University as a history major and finished her undergraduate degree at Columbia College in Chicago. Lauren is pursuing a career in film making in Los Angeles. Matt and Lauren both are Libertarians, much to the pride and pleasure of their parents. The family raised Welsh Mountain Ponies for 11 years at Outcrop Farm. By November 2006, the last of the ponies found a new home. This freed time for Rebecca to immerse herself in Libertarian activities and opened the way for Lauren to pursue her education farther from home.

Outside of Libertarian advocacy, Rebecca's favorite activity is landscaping the property. Alas, it will never be done, especially since she tends to move plants around as if she is rearranging furniture. You can imagine how thrilled this makes Mark. Landscaping has suffered two severe setbacks: a flood in 2005 and marauding deer in 2010. Rebecca views these setbacks as challenges instead of game enders, and she will push forward, even though a less dedicated gardener would quit. Rebecca's political heritage includes a great-great grandfather, who was a state legislator, as well as Sen. Richard Lugar, who is a distant relative.

Rebecca discovered libertarian ideas her senior year of high school when an older sister handed her Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged. It opened Rebecca's eyes and she never looked back. Rebecca handed the book to her future husband right after she'd finished it, and he had a similar awakening.

The years and subsequent reading have only served to confirm the validity of the ideas.

Economy: While this issue affects almost all of us, it also is affected by our policies on immigration, taxes, education, and the economy. It is so important that I want to address it directly!

My plan for job growth is clear and constitutional:

Implement the FairTax – a national sales tax that would replace income and payroll taxes with the same amount of revenue, be fairer for the working poor, and make small businesses more able to hire new workers.

Lower corporate income tax rates for small business – If the FairTax cannot be implemented right away, I support providing corporate income tax relief for small business, which is a tax on capital and labor. The United States has the highest tax rate on corporations in the entire world! We can

lower these rates, especially for small companies and those that increase their employee count by a significant percentage.

End corporate welfare and bailouts – While we hear the Obama administration spin the stimulating effects of TARP and the bailouts, the opposite is true. Central planners in Washington or Indianapolis cannot and should not pick economic winners and losers. As your Senator, I will vote against giving your tax dollars to favored corporations and risky startups. If we lower our spending and tax rates, the small business owners who are creating 80+% of American jobs will be able to create even more.

Encourage vocational education and micro-lending to entrepreneurs through tax credits, not grants or subsidy. If someone takes a risk to change careers or start a business, they should rise or fall on their own merits and planning. But the government can reduce their tax burden to encourage personal initiative.

The simple answer to taxation is this: The lower the tax burden of government, the greater the liberty of its people. We see tax credits, tax holidays, tax shift, and myriad other instruments of alleged "tax relief" from big government politicians in their attempt to rhetorically win elections without ever following through.

In a polemic and divisive book about political psychology the phrase "tax relief" is investigated as a tool for the GOP to garner an emotional attachment to an ideal. The book points to what the author sees as a silly bit of elementary psychology from the republicans: tax relief suggests that taxes are an ailment and that there is some cure. The author goes so far as to suggest that this bit of rhetoric even suggests to voters that there is a hero and villain suggested by the phrase. Well I'm here to agree on many counts. Taxation is affliction, an affliction on liberty. The affliction has a cure, in fact a rather simple one. And lastly, there is a hero. That hero can be found in Libertarian principles of minimal spending and therefore minimal taxation.

Healthcare: As government grows in size, reach, and power, we begin to allow it to redefine itself. Today, government growth is out of control and its growth is evidenced by the push into Obamacare. Yes, it's time for "change", but in the opposite direction. It is time to redefine government as a means to keep the population safe and protect individual rights. It is time to stop the nanny-state; time to go back to a time when freedom mattered.

Health care represents one front on the struggle against a power that, as long as it is defined as provider, can also be denier.

Beyond the philosophical argument for privatization, there is also an economic and social argument. Health care, when allowed to be a truly free market, subsidized by individual and corporate giving and loans, is at its most efficient.

Obamacare leaves us exposed to higher costs, rationed services, and obsolete technologies. It is time to redefine.

US Representative District 8 candidates



W. TRENT VAN HAAFTEN
DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE

Background: Trent and his wife, Beverly, reside in Mt. Vernon, the same small town in Posey County where Trent was raised. The youngest of three children, Trent was the first in his family to attend college. After graduating from law school, Trent returned home to Mt. Vernon and began work as Posey County's Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Three years later he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Posey County.

While serving as the lead law enforcement officer for Posey County, Trent cracked down on the meth epidemic and took on the toughest criminals. Unafraid to take on his own party, Trent launched the investigation that led to the conviction of a corrupt elected sheriff of his own party.

Trent's expertise in the courtroom included being designated a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the prosecution of an international drug trafficking case.

After twelve years as a local prosecutor Trent went from the courthouse to the statehouse to use his experience as a prosecutor to work across party lines to pass the strongest anti-meth law in the country.

Trent built a reputation as a bi-partisan leader with a record of cutting middle class taxes, opposing new sales taxes, and creating a half a billion dollar property tax relief fund.

While living in Mt. Vernon, Trent has given back to his community in a number of areas. He served as President of the Posey County Community Foundation, assisted in the development of a community-wide recycling effort while a member of the Solid Waste Citizens Advisory Board and taught many young people the importance of teamwork as a youth football coach.

Trent and Beverly attend First United Methodist Church, the same church Trent has belonged to as a child.

Trent's family remains close as his parents reside in Vanderburgh County. Brett, Trent's older brother, resides with his family outside Mt. Vernon, while his sister, Jackie and her family reside near Louisville, Kentucky.

Jobs: Indiana faces an unemployment rate of nearly 10 percent. In some counties, that rate is upwards of 15 percent. In these tough times, we need an aggressive, new approach to put Hoosiers back to work – protecting the jobs we have while also creating new ones.

I understand small businesses are the engines that drive our local economy. I support tax credits for small businesses that create new jobs here in Indiana and the U.S. I will provide real relief to small businesses by working to reduce unfair and unnecessary bureaucratic red tape that hinders job growth. Furthermore, I will fight to increase demand for Indiana products and services here at home by protecting American businesses and jobs from unfair trade practices.

In Indiana, jobs are not only an economic issue, but also a matter of national security. I strongly support the important

service provided by the civilians and soldiers at the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center. Their work protects our uniformed men and women against the constant threat of IEDs in Iraq and Afghanistan and provides hundreds of good-paying jobs in Martin, Daviess and Greene Counties. I will work to strengthen Crane and oppose any effort that would reduce this critical installation.

Healthcare: Health care costs continue to rise for average Hoosier families. While there have been positive reforms – such as holding insurance companies accountable for abuses and ensuring they can no longer deny coverage because of a pre-existing condition – we must address rising health care costs. I support reform that includes:

- Providing tax credits for small businesses so they can afford health care for their employees.

- Requiring insurance companies to cover people with pre-existing medical conditions.

- Eliminating the Medicare prescription drug "donut hole" to help seniors afford prescription drugs.

- Allowing children under 26 to be covered by their parents' insurance policy.

- Making health care in rural areas more accessible.

I strongly support Medicare and will work to keep the program strong for years to come. I will oppose cuts to beneficiaries.

I know health care for our military veterans deserves special attention. I will work to strengthen health care for our military veterans and ensure that VA clinics are more accessible to our veterans, whether they be in urban or rural areas.

Energy: Energy independence is not just an economic issue but a matter of national security. I will fight to reduce our dependence on foreign oil by investing in alternative energy like wind, solar, and biofuels – energy that can be made in Indiana with Indiana products, creating jobs here at home.

Indiana is blessed with vast reserves of energy-producing coal. I support the local coal industry and the cutting edge technology our power plants, mines, energy companies and schools – like Vincennes University – are implementing to keep our coal clean, cheap and our energy affordable.

CountryMark, one of Indiana's two oil refineries, is located in my hometown and employs my brother. I understand the importance of home-grown energy and the need to preserve and expand our refining capabilities. I support the expansion of oil refineries across the country to increase our capacity to produce gasoline and reduce the cost of filling up our gas tanks.

Indiana is a manufacturing state. Hoosiers build the best products in the country and possess the infrastructure, both natural and man-made, to transport products far beyond Indiana. I will promote Indiana as the ideal place to manufacture the products needed in a green economy, similar to the efforts being made in Vermillion County to produce wind turbines for the harnessing of clean energy.

I believe federal legislation aimed at promoting energy independence must not be punitive to Indiana. That is why I oppose "cap and trade" legislation which will increase energy costs, eliminates jobs and disadvantages our coal and oil refining industries.

Veterans: Americans who put their lives on the line to defend our freedoms and our way of life deserve our utmost respect. I value the sacrifices our veterans made and current service members continue to make every day to protect us.

In Congress, I will work to ensure VA
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POLLING SITES FOR THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION

PERRY 1 & PERRY 3: Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, Loogootee

PERRY 2 & PERRY 4: St. John Center, Church Street, Loogootee

PERRY 5: St. Martin's Hall, Whitfield

PERRY 6: Martin County Community Building, Hwy. 50 at the 4-H fairgrounds

PERRY 7: Bramble Conservation Center, Bramble Road off Hwy. 231 North

CRANE: Crane Town Hall, 181 Larrimar Street

RUTHERFORD: Mt. Zion Church, Rutherford Road off Hwy. 231 South

LOST RIVER: Bateman Community Center, Windom Road off Hwy. 150.

MITCHELTREE: Trinity Springs Church of Christ, 8520 St. Rd. 450 NORTH

CENTER: Dover Hill Church of Christ, Hwy. 450, four miles north of Shoals

SOUTH CENTER: Hindostan United Methodist Church, 3882 St. Rd. 550

EAST MEMPHIS & SOUTH HALBERT: Shoals American Legion, High Street, Shoals

WEST MEMPHIS: West Shoals Church of Christ, 510 Lynwood Street, West Shoals

NORTH HALBERT & SOUTHEAST HALBERT: St. Mary's Church hall, 2nd Street, Shoals

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clinics are more available in rural areas and I'll fight for the rights of every veteran and service member who needs help. This will include providing the best equipment for our current troops, aid to the families at home and the proper medical and psychological care for those returning from our nation's current wars.

Here at home, I value the research and service provided by both civilians and uniformed soldiers at the Crane Surface Warfare Center. Their work protects our uniformed men and women against the constant threat of IEDs in Iraq and Afghanistan, supports our Special Forces on the most sensitive missions and provides hundreds of good-paying jobs in Martin, Daviess and Greene Counties.

I will work to strengthen Crane, and oppose any effort that seeks to reduce this critical installation.

Gun rights: I am a strong supporter and advocate for the 2nd Amendment rights of each individual.

In the Indiana legislature, I authored legislation and supported the right for each of us to legally possess and carry firearms as well as preserving the right to hunt and fish. Advocating these principles is why I received an "A" rating from the National Rifle Association as a State Legislator.

I will always uphold the bedrock principles of our 2nd Amendment for all Americans.

Border security: Washington has failed when it comes to solving the problem of illegal immigration. As a former prosecutor, I believe in upholding the law. We need to confront this problem on two fronts. First and foremost, we need to secure the border. Secondly, the federal government has got to crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants. It's time we held these corporations accountable.

I believe we also need to increase our enforcement of laws against passport and visa fraud.

It's not surprising that states are attempting to deal with an issue for which Washington has failed them. The federal government must step up, enforce our laws and do their job to prevent immigrants from crossing into our country illegally. We need a fundamental, bipartisan common sense solution to immigration reform, now more than ever.

Social Security: We must keep our promise to our seniors because every American deserves a dignified retirement. That is why I will always defend social security.

My parents are both recipients of their social security investment. I know that without this vital safety net, many seniors, like my parents, would struggle to stay in their homes and maintain independent lives. I oppose changing the age of retirement.

As we have all seen from the recent financial catastrophe, the private market is not a safe place to keep our social security funds. I oppose any effort toward social security privatization.

LARRY BUSCHON REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Background: Larry Buschon was born in 1962 and raised in Kincaid, Illinois, a small town of 1,400 people in central Illinois. His life was shaped by this small town upbringing by two hardworking parents. Larry's father was an underground coal miner and his mother was a nurse. Both are now retired and still live in Kincaid. Larry attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and upon receiving his bachelor's degree, attended medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Following medical school Larry completed a residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he served as chief resident in surgery, and then re-



mained there to complete a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery. During this time he also enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve and served with them for almost a decade. Larry's wife, Kathryn, is a physician and a practicing anesthesiologist in Evansville and they reside in Warrick County with their four children, Luke, Alexander, Blair, and Zoe.

Jobs: Tax cuts and investment incentives create jobs. I'm a former small business owner who has experienced directly the negative effects of government regulation and taxation. The difficulties and obstacles placed on business by government are real; and, I will pursue well-reasoned, responsible, long-term economic policies that focus on reducing our tax burden and encouraging investment, spurring innovation across all sectors of our economy. Specifically, I will work to:

- Provide immediate tax relief for working families by reducing the lowest individual tax rates from 15% to 10 percent and from 10 percent to 5 percent.
- Provide immediate tax relief to small business by reducing its tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent.
- Oppose any tax increase for new spending.
- Make unemployment benefits tax free.
- Implement a new above-the-line tax deduction for Americans who do not receive tax-preferred employer sponsored health insurance.

I oppose the Value Added Tax (VAT) - a national sales tax that is being promoted by the Obama Administration and the Pelosi led Congress.

Health care: I do not support the legislation recently passed by Congress. As a cardiothoracic surgeon of 14 years, I understand the need to lower health care costs and provide for better accessibility. To do so, we must focus on the fundamental issue of health care costs. By doing so, we will increase health care coverage and accessibility to those who cannot now afford it. Cost is the issue here, and I will work to lower cost specifically by working to:

- Pursue meaningful Tort Reform
- Expand Healthcare Savings Account eligibility
- Employee pooling to create larger, more competitive buying groups
- Remove denial of insurance based on preexisting conditions
- Protect seniors from Medicare cuts
- Apply the following principles to our health care solution:
 - Expanded choices of doctors, hospitals, and health plans
 - Greater tax fairness and simplification
 - Remove barriers to choice and competition by allowing individuals and companies to purchase health insurance across state lines
 - Demand greater transparency insurance price disclosure

Energy: We must work towards energy independence, for both economic and national security purposes. I support new exploration for sources of oil, clean coal technology, the expanded use of nuclear energy, and solar and wind energy technology.

Veterans: Too often the sacrifices of our veterans go unnoticed. During my residency from '88 to '95, I worked at the VA Milwaukee, and saw firsthand the inadequacies and limitations of our veteran's healthcare. I will work tirelessly to implement programs that ensure veterans receive the benefits and care they deserve. I support allowing veterans to receive healthcare at private facilities if they chose to do so, and have these services covered under their benefits through the VA.

Gun rights: The right to bear arms will not be infringed on my watch. I'm an ardent supporter of protecting the second amendment.

Border security/immigration: I am against amnesty for illegal aliens. We need to strongly enforce the immigration laws that already exist. Provide funding for stronger border fencing and control along the U.S./Mexican border. We need to hold employers accountable who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

Social Security: We must honor the commitment to protect our nation's seniors. I am against privatizing our country's social security system. I do not support any plan that changes the commitments made to Indiana's seniors and I will work to find solutions to ensure that our current and future retirees have retirement security.



JOHN CUNNINGHAM LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE

Background: Education

- Associates Degree in Christian Ministry.
- Military Service and Education
- Honorable Discharge from the Indiana Army National Guard 2009
- Honorable Discharge from the United States Army 2002
- Honorable Discharge from the Indiana Army National Guard 1994
- Military Education
- United States Army Chemical School Graduate 28 August 1991
- Military Awards
- Army Service Ribbon
- National Defense Service Medal awarded twice
- Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal awarded twice

Global War on terrorism service medal
Armed Forces reserve medal
Indiana Military Volunteer Emblem
Special Training US Joint Forces Command Certifications.

1. Anti-Terrorism Certified
 2. Homeland Security and Defense Certified
 3. Defense against Terrorism Certified
 4. Crowd and Riot control Certified
- Washington State Homeland Security Institute courses.
1. WMD Awareness Course
 2. Intro to Hazardous Materials Response
 3. Technical Rescue Awareness FEMA Courses
 1. Developing and Managing Volunteers
 2. Leadership and Influence
 3. ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
 4. Intro to the Incident Command System
 5. National Incident Management System
 6. National Response Plan an Introduction
- Texas Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M University System) course
- Emergency Management for the first Responder in Terrorism and Disaster
 - New Mexico Tech course Understanding & Planning for School Bomb Incidents
 - National Enforcement Training Institute (United States Environmental Protection Agency)

Immigration: There should be no amnesty given for those who choose to cross our borders illegally. We should take all necessary measure to encourage voluntary deportation and must enforce all Immigration laws to include involuntary deportation. We must also hold employers responsible for hiring illegal immigrants. I support E-Verify

Economy: Low taxes and sound money, rather than high taxes and inflation, are the key to a robust economy. Less debt and less creation of money out of thin air are the solutions to our economic problems. I support a Congressional Audit of the Federal Reserve to make them accountable to the people I believe after the Audit we should Abolish The Fed and return to the Gold Standard.

Health care: The quality of health care available in the United States is the envy of the world. Promoting a competitive free enterprise system of health care ensures that we continue to get the best care.

Energy: Abundant affordable energy is the life blood of economic progress and prosperity, and energy independence is the key to national economic success in America.

Gun rights: Every person has the right to self-defense, whether against hunger, crime or tyranny. To that end, the Founders declared that the right to bear arms may not be infringed.

Photo identification laws

Public Law 109-205 requires Indiana residents to present a government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot at the polls on Election Day.

Your photo ID must meet four criteria to be acceptable for voting purposes. It must:

1. Display your photo
2. Display your name, and the name must conform to your voter registration record. Conform does not mean identical.
3. Display an expiration date and either be current or have expired sometime after the date of the last General Election (November 4, 2008) Including Military IDs with expiration dates of "INDEF"
4. Be issued by the State of Indiana or the U.S. government

In most cases, an Indiana driver license, Indiana photo ID card, Military ID or U.S. Passport is sufficient.

A student ID from an Indiana State school may only be used if it meets all of the four criteria specified above. A student ID from a private institution may not be used for voting purposes.

If you are unable or unwilling to present ID meeting these requirements, you may cast a provisional ballot.

If you cast a provisional ballot, you have until noon 10 days after the election to follow up with the county election board and either provide the necessary documentation or affirm one of the law's exemptions applies to you.

2010 Election Calendar

Thursday, October 21, 2010

First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Absentee voter board in the office of circuit court clerk must be open at least 7 hours to permit absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may re-

duce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.
Monday, October 25, 2010

Deadline, by midnight (except for confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board), for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed absentee ballot applications requesting to vote absentee by mail..

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit absentee voting. How-

ever, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

Monday, November 1, 2010

Deadline, by noon, for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered or faxed absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

Deadline, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk.

Deadline for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, November 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., prevailing local time.

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Deadline, by noon, for a candidate to file a verified election recount or contest petition.

Absentee voting information

You can vote by absentee ballot in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse October 4 thru October 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday October 23, Saturday October 30, and Monday November 1 from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

You can also request an absentee ballot to be sent to you thru the mail, or if to choose, you may vote by traveling board. To request to vote by mail or travel board please call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

All registered voters in Indiana are eligible to vote absentee-in-person at the county election board office beginning 29 days before Election Day. The first day a voter may vote an absentee-in-person ballot at the county clerk's office for the 2010 General Election is October 4, 2010. The deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the 2010 General Election is October 25, 2010.

For more information call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651

CANDIDATES

U.S. Senator

Brad Ellsworth (Democrat)
Dan Coats (Republican)
Rebecca Sink-Burris (Libertarian)

Secretary of State

Charlie White (Republican)
Vop Osili (Democrat)
Mike Wherry (Libertarian)

Auditor of the State

Tim Berry (Republican)
Sam Locke (Democrat)
Eric Knipe (Libertarian)

Treasurer of the State

Richard E. Mourdock (Republican)
Pete Buttigieg (Democrat)

State Senator District 48

Lindel O. Hume (Democrat)

US Representative District 8

W. Trent VanHaaften (Democrat)
John Cunningham (Libertarian)
Larry D. Buseshon (Republican)

District 62 State Representative

Sandra Blanton (Democrat)
Matt Ubelhor (Republican)

District 63 State Representative

Daniel M. (Dan) Steiner (Democrat)
Mark B. Messmer (Republican)

Martin County Circuit Court Judge

Lynne E. Ellis (Republican)
David Lett (Democrat)

Martin County Prosecutor

C. Michael Steiner (Democrat)

Martin County Clerk

Julie Fithian (Republican)
Bobbi Sue Nonte (Democrat)

Martin County Sheriff

Robert F. (Rob) Street (Democrat)
Kevin R. Boyd (Republican)

Martin County Assessor

Carolyn Sue McGuire (Republican)

County Commissioner District 2

Paul R. George (Democrat)

County Council District 1

Randy Wininger (Democrat)
Phillip Emmons (Republican)

County Council District 2

Phyllis J. (Allen) Kidwell (Democrat)
Keith Gibson (Republican)

County Council District 3

Michael (Mike) Dant (Democrat)
John D. Stoll (Republican)

County Council District 4

Lynn Gee (Democrat)

Township Trustees

Perry Township
Noel D. Harty (Democrat)

Rutherford Township

J. Sue Hembree (Democrat)

Mitcheltree Township

Michael R. LaMar (Democrat)
James Norman (Republican)

Lost River Township

Mildred C. Brown (Republican)

Halbert Township

Exzelia Montgomery (Republican)

Center Township

Charles S. Hamilton (Republican)

Township Advisory Board (Voters choose up to three in their township)

Perry Township

Brandi Hennette (Democrat)
Julie Green (Democrat)
Sandra (Sue) Hunt (Democrat)

Mitcheltree Township

Barbara Bratton (Democrat)
Tammy Gore (Democrat)
Dan J. Butler (Republican)
Kay Belcher (Republican)
Charity D. Tolbert (Republican)

Rutherford Township

Rosamary Street (Democrat)
Lonnie E. Survance (Democrat)
Jason Survance (Democrat)

Lost River Township

Keith Emmons (Republican)
Alice D. Butler (Republican)
Bruce Fithian (Republican)

Halbert Township

Travis Montgomery (Republican)
Kimberly L. Albright (Republican)
Stephanie Horton (Republican)

Center Township

Kenneth L. Brett (Republican)
Larry L. Downs (Republican)
Norma J. Baker (Republican)

From the employees of Matt Ubelhor

- United States Department of Labor Mine Safety and Health Association 2006

HEARHAND PUMP *Rod Lytle* Sentinels of Safety Award

- Holmes Safety Association Indiana Council Outstanding Safety Record 2008

- 2008 Indiana Excellence in Mining and Reclamation Award for prime farmland, reforestation and stream restoration. *Mark Fields*

- 2009 US Dept of Interior National Reclamation Award for prime farmland, reforestation and stream restoration.

- 2009 Interstate Mining Compact Commission Award for reclamation of prime farmland, reforestation, and stream restoration.

William Tewel *Jim Funderburg*
At Knox Pit, the last fifteen years have had a below national average incident rate. Ten of those years were without a lost time accident.

For the five years Matt has been at Corning Pit, four of those years were accident free.

Randy Burkhardt *Kelly S. Wilson* *Ed Hart*
Get your facts right Mrs. Blanton!

Doug Bowman *Justin Fields* *Scott Long* *Anthony Bell*
We will vote for someone who does. Your attacks against Matt are personal to us, and also to several businesses in the state; from trucking to power plants.

Randy Burkhardt *John Roush* *Gene Huff*
Steve Ward *Jay Breitweiser* *Travis Montmar* *Lance Roush*
Mark Butcher *Randy Palmer* *Tommy Lark* *Michael Pachter*
John Bauer *Paul Howell* *John Summers* *Mike Kl* *Paul Edwards*
Stacy Williams *Paul Howell* *John Summers* *Mike Kl* *Paul Edwards*
Bob Senogacher *Paul Howell* *John Summers* *Mike Kl* *Paul Edwards*
Dan Williams *Paul Howell* *John Summers* *Mike Kl* *Paul Edwards*
Robert Perkins *Paul Howell* *John Summers* *Mike Kl* *Paul Edwards*
Gary Basler *Paul Howell* *John Summers* *Mike Kl* *Paul Edwards*
Rod Jones *Paul Howell* *John Summers* *Mike Kl* *Paul Edwards*
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