



## Loogootee Schools graded by the state

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According to unofficial results regarding the state's grade of Loogootee Schools, Dr. Joan Keller told the board at their meeting Monday night that the overall grade, for the three schools averaged, is an "A". Both the elementary and junior high received "A's" while the high school's grade went up from a "D" to a "C". Beginning with the 2010-11 academic year, the state board of education changed the labels for school categories based on student performance from the terms Exemplary, Commendable, Academic Progress, Academic Watch and Academic Probation to easy-to-understand letter grades (A, B, C, D and F). Loogootee High School held a "C" rating in 2010, 2011, and 2012 and dropped to a "D" in 2013. Then for 2014, the grade went back up to a "C". The elementary school and intermediate school both had an "A" grade last year but both had been "C's" the previous year.

Next door in Shoals, their high school received a "C" grade while the elementary went from a "B" to an "A". Barr-Reeve received an "A" in all three of their buildings.

In other business, High School Principal John Mullen's request for paid leave until the end of the semester, December 31, was officially approved by the board. Superintendent Keller said the leave was due to illnesses in Mullen's family. The board

offered up hope for a speedy recovery for Mullen's family members.

The board accepted the resignation of Larry Hembree as boys' eighth grade basketball coach and approved hiring Dave Smith as replacement for Hembree as eighth grade coach and Brian Smith to serve as boys' junior varsity basketball coach.

The board approved a field trip request for the student council to go to the annual convention in Indianapolis on November 1 and 2.

Superintendent Keller reported that the average daily attendance number came in at 878 students, up a half of a student from (See 'GRADED' continued on page 2)

### State superintendent visits Shoals -Photo by Christy Farhar

Indiana State Superintendent Glenda Ritz visited Shoals Elementary last Thursday to check in on the new administration and plans they have for the corporation. Ms. Ritz is shown to the right side of the large group standing next to Elementary Principal Austin Malone. In the photo below, from left to right are Shoals Superintendent Candace Roush, Shoals School Board Member Christy Farhar, Ritz, and Shoals School Board Members Lorna Troutman and Mary Lou Billings.



## ELECTION Preview

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ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 4TH



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

In the photo above are the king and queen candidates for the Fall Festival this Friday night. In the front row are Abby Survance, Lindsey Nolan, Ashlyn Troutman, Zane Cropp, and Ashton Godwin. In the back row are Lauren Holt, Camden Godwin, Bridget Like, Tia Fuhs, and Jacob Blackwell.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

In the photo above are the prince and princess candidates for the Fall Festival this Friday night. In the front row are Cloe Crays, Wayne Steimel, Ava Jeffers, Brooklyn Carrico, and Emily Frisz. In the second row are Carter Harbison, Nicholas Sutton, Brody Gilbertson, Caitlyn Meade, Montana Scales, Noah Esch. In the back row are Madison Machmer, Taetum Patton, Cale Greene, Avery Brock, Victoria Long, and Josh Gardiner.

## Fall Festival to be held at former Loogootee East this Friday

A Spooky Splash Dash 5K will kick off Fall Festival events this Friday, October 24 at the former Elementary East building. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. in front of the former school building on Church Street with the walk/run starting at 5:30

p.m. Entry fee is \$25. Children in strollers are free to participate. All proceeds will go toward the City of Loogootee Pool Fund. To pick up a registration form, stop by the Loogootee Mayor's Office in the municipal building.

The fall festival will be held in Lee Kavanaugh Gym following the 5K Friday night from 6-9 p.m. 27 boys and girls from Loogootee Elementary and Intermediate are up for queen, king, prince and princess of the festival. Each student was tasked

with raising money to benefit the pool rebuilding effort. The child in each group that raised the most money will be named the Fall Festival royalty at 7 p.m. Friday night.

There will be games, food, and inflatable (See 'FESTIVAL' continued on page 2)

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# Community foundation awards grants **GRADED**

The Martin County Community Foundation Board of Directors has awarded grants to five local organizations and two schools as recipients of the 2014 Open Grant Cycle.

Funding for the grant cycle was provided by the Martin County Community Foundation Education Fund, Wendell Bough Family Fund, Michael B. Lett Memorial Fund for Martin County, Gregory Family Humanitarian Fund, Al & Helen Friesenhengst Fund for Martin County, Duke Energy Foundation, and the Sarah Bowling Fuhrman Memorial Fund for Youth.

Recipients of 2014 Martin County Community Foundation grants include:

-Shoals Public Library, eIndiana Digital Consortium - \$1,500

-Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Fresh and Health Options Project - \$500

-Martin County SOAR, Promoting Family Literacy - \$1,280

-Loogootee Middle School, Bullying Education - \$550

-Martin County Historical Society, Museum Library Scrapbook Restitution - \$1,000

-Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Children's Vision Screening - \$750

-Shoals Jr.-Sr. High School, The Hydroponic Garden - \$2,500

-Shoals Jr.-Sr. High School, Project Lead the Way - \$3,372

Deanna Bauernfiend, chairperson of the grants committee said, "The committee was pleased with the proposals that we received; we wish we were able to fund them all. Now is a good time for donors to help build the unrestricted funds that make our open grant cycle possible." Lilly Endowment's GIFT VI Initiative offers a \$1 for \$1 (1:1) match on donations to unrestricted funds (other matches are available; restrictions

apply).

The grants committee for the Martin County Community Foundation is comprised of select board members and Martin County community representatives. Bauernfiend added, "I want to thank the committee members for their time and effort reviewing and evaluating the grant applications. They were a great group to work with."

The Martin County Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is to responsibly build endowed funds and provide grants to worthwhile projects, improving the quality of life in Martin County and enhancing the value of the foundation to the community. For information on the GIFT VI matching opportunity or other ways to give back to Martin County through the community foundation, call 812-295-1022.

## FESTIVAL

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bounce houses. Some of the games planned include a free throw contest, football toss, putting green, ring toss, duck pond, tic-tac-toe, and gold fish pond. Tickets for the games will be 25 cents each.

There will also be a cake auction and 10 cakes have been committed for donation so far. Food will be served throughout the event by the Loogootee Post Prom Committee.

The Martin County Humane Society will also be set up outside the gym with adoptable dogs and cats and will be accepting donations to replenish their medical bills fund.

For more information on the fall festival, contact the mayor's office at 812-295-4770.

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what was estimated.

Keller told the board that state law now requires the school to have a coordinated school health advisory council along with a wellness policy on nutrition and fitness. Keller recommended appointing Terri Smith to serve as chair of the council and also other members, Patti Sanders, Toni Craney, Brad Christmas, Tiffany Lingenfelter, Nancy Summers, Lisa Nonte, Jaymie Toy, Courtney Hughett, and Mike Tippery. Keller said she will also serve on the council. The board approved the recommendations.

Keller updated the board on information regarding the school paying to have a social worker come in from Youth First of Bedford as was discussed at last meeting. She said that they are willing to make available a social worker to work in the school mainly with grades five through eight but also for the other classes as well. The cost would be \$30,000 a year but Youth First would find and approach private donors or state grants to help with the cost. Keller noted that there is a local resident who said they would give \$15,000, possibly over a three-year period, toward the cost. The school would need to commit to a three-year contract with the social worker starting next school year. Keller said another option would be for the school to hire their own social worker a few days a week which would be roughly the same amount of expense except private donors would not be an option going that route. The board decided to go with Youth First and asked Keller to get things started.

The board approved the bus fuel escalation prices. Diesel is up \$1.22 from the base price in the original contract in 2009 and gas is up \$1.30.

Elementary Principal Terri Smith reported on several events since last month's meeting. She also told the board that October 27

through the 31st is drug free and bully free week with many activities planned. Also, November 18-23 is the book fair.

Intermediate Principal Lacey Wade reported on current events in her school along with information on the high school. She congratulated tennis player Gabe Nolley on his fantastic tennis career and his finish at the regional in Bedford, and Jon Krzesniak and Jake Simmons for competing in the cross country regional. She wished the volleyball team good luck in the sectional this week and also congratulated the beta club for being named the National Beta School of Distinction.

The board approved the 2015 budget, capital projects plan and bus replacement plan.

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**"Let The People Know The Facts And  
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-Abraham Lincoln**

First off, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the years of support and friendship throughout the district. Your letters of support and prayers are overwhelming. It brings me great trouble to bring forth this letter at a time when our nation is in great peril and distress, but for that reason I must.

During the last spring campaign there were numerous ads, social media, and phone ads that were simply untrue and distorted, very misleading! First, I want to point out Bassler brought in the first intrusion of the billionaire Koch Brothers from Wichita, Kansas, to Southern Indiana State race, their America for prosperity is the main arm of their political activities. Which one brother David Koch is Pro Gay marriage and Pro-Choice and if you do a little research their "core economic freedom issues" don't include decent wages, benefits, and work safety, which they push hard for "Right to Work" nationwide. They used the term "BIG UNION BOSSES" anybody that has watched over the last decade knows that is almost totally gone, statewide the union workforce is only about 11% here in Indiana. Don't let out of state monies by this Indiana seat!

Then they went to Indiana Coal, Obama and myself were shutting coal mines. ANYBODY that knows me knows I have worked keeping mines open. I even helped smaller mines get contracts. My family has been working in the mines in Indiana since 1914 and still do to this day. I, myself, could not believe they took their lies that far.

Next, as your Senator, I sent yearly surveys out on the important issues coming up in session, issues that YOU voiced your opinion on. I voted on your views, morals, and ideas. YOU voted me back in office five times because you knew I would fight for you and your family. Bassler stated time and time again, I had been in office too long and out of touch with this new age. He blamed you, the voters, for being there too long. He knows what you and the district need. God help us.

Mostly he talked about getting appointments and power in Indianapolis, "that comes with a price tag". In order to have that power you sell your soul to Indianapolis and they don't really understand or represent Southwest Indiana.

The Republican Majority Office exposed Bassler's votes, voting to raise local taxes by 40% and then voting to hide his vote from the voting public. This creates mistrust of power in government and takes away the integrity of the process. If Bassler will do this, what will he do with more power?

I feel I have an obligation to you and my family and friends to speak out for what I feel and know is best for Southwest Indiana.

I am a Christian first, husband, father, and grandfather, then Republican. I support moral and family issues first which brings me to the final issue. I want to introduce a man that has been in County Government and on State committees and knows government and Southwest Indiana. He has served the public honestly and has been straight forward and with integrity, he is a real business man. I have known him and his family for many years, great hardworking people. He has belonged to Greene County Right to Life, One Man One Woman Marriage, Pro Gun, Pro Coal, Public Education, and Pro Family.

You have trusted me 20 years in the Senate. I have fought and done what you have asked of me. Now I am asking for your support, your vote for the 39th District Senate, Steve Lindsey, of Greene County.

I know Steve will carry on the same issues as I and more. Again, PLEASE VOTE FOR STEVE LINDSEY in the General Election, November 4, 2014.

God Bless American, Indiana, and You.  
Sincerely,  
John Waterman

"IF MY PEOPLE, WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS; THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND."  
-2 Chronicles 7:14



# OBITUARIES

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## DONALD O'BRIAN

Donald A. O'Brian passed away October 15, 2014. A resident of Indianapolis, he was 86.

He was born July 15, 1928 in Loogootee; the son of Myron F. and Monica C. (Strange) O'Brian. He proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War. He graduated from Indiana University and worked for Indiana Bell Telephone and its successors Ameritech and AT&T. He was a member of the Service Club of Indianapolis, a 3rd and 4th Degree in St. Pius X Knights of Columbus and American Legion Post 0153. He is survived by his wife, Vivian R. (Holland) O'Brian; children, Alice L. O'Brian, Michael D. (Kathleen) O'Brian, and Mary Pat McKee; brother, Jack O'Brian, M.D.; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Julia Ann O'Brian; sisters, Caroline Primeaux and Margaret Norris; and brother, Raymond O'Brian.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, October 18, at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Society of St. Vincent de Paul or the Alzheimer's Association. Memorial tributes may be offered at [www.feeneyhornakkey-stone.com](http://www.feeneyhornakkey-stone.com).

## JACK GRABER

Jack Graber died at 2:26 p.m. (CST) Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Montgomery, he was 77.

He was born March 5, 1937 in Daviess County; the son of Fred and Fannie (Graber) Graber. On February 14, 1964 he married Alda "Til" (Graber) Graber and she survives.

He attended Providence Mennonite Church and was a farmer and former bus driver for the North Daviess and Barr-Reeve School Corporations. He was a current Daviess County Councilman serving for over thirty years.

He enjoyed NASCAR and drivers, Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart. He also enjoyed telling stories to everyone and playing fast pitch softball.

His pride and joy was his daughter and grandchildren as he enjoyed spending time with them and watching his grandchildren play sports.

He is survived by his wife, Alda "Til" Graber; one daughter, Jacqueline Graber-Thorne and husband, Dr. Marcus Thorne, of Washington; one brother, Willard Graber of Cannelburg; and four grandchildren, Marcus Thorne II, Isabella Thorne, Alaina Thorne and Maliyah Thorne.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Fannie (Graber) Graber.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 17 at Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Right To Life or to the Providence Mennonite Church.

Brocksmith-Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery was in charge of arrangements.

## LAVEDA "JEAN" WITSMAN

Laveda "Jean" Witsman died at 7:25 a.m. Monday, October 20, 2014 at the I.U. Health in Bloomington. A resident of Burns City, she was 93.

She was born March 3, 1921 in Washington; the daughter of Henry and Isola (Brown) Winger. On June 18, 1945 she married Ed-

ward Witsman and he preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and she enjoyed crocheting, quilting, working crossword puzzles, walking in the woods and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by one daughter, Joyce and husband, David Ameen, of Logansport; one son, Stephen Witsman and wife, Linda, of Burns City; one brother, Robert Winger of Louisville, Kentucky; six grandchildren, Aaron Witsman and wife, Darla; Matthew Nigg and wife, Karmon; Meghann Frisbie, Natalie Nigg, Stuckey Witsman, and Caden Witsman; and four great grandchildren, Haley Witsman, Emily Witsman, Katharine Frisbie, and Lucas Nigg.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Isola (Brown) Winger; her husband, Edward Witsman; and several brothers and sisters including those from the Washington area, Raymond, Harold and Ivan "Pete" Winger.

Funeral services will be conducted today, Wednesday, October 22, at 3:30 p.m. at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Burns City Cemetery in Burns City.

Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. until the hour of service on Wednesday at the Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## LUCILLE REYNOLDS

Lucille June Reynolds passed away on Friday, October 17, 2014 at the Garden Villa after suffering from the complications of a stroke in March. A resident of Bloomington, she was 86.

She was born May 22, 1928 in Shoals; the daughter of Daniel and Grace (Payne) Lindley. She graduated from Shoals High School and attended Frankfort Pilgrim College. She loved to bowl in several bowling leagues and loved attending the Little Nashville Opry, especially when Freddie Fender was the featured singer; sewing, macramé, gardening, canning her produce, cooking and general work on the farm. She was a member of the Adams Street Chapel in Bloomington.

She is survived by two daughters and son-in-law, Melanie Huntsman of Gosport and Norma and Jerry Wethington of Ellettsville; her adopted children, Bryan (Patty) Reynolds of Judah and Kacy (Reynolds) Morlan of Texas; two sisters, Lois Henry and Janet Deckard, both of Bedford; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Walter "Bud" Reynolds, in 1991; two brothers, Richard Lindley and Howard Lindley; and one sister and two brothers in infancy.

A Celebration of Life memorial gathering of family and friends will be held on Sunday, October 26 at 4 p.m. at the Day & Deremiah-Frye Funeral Home Reception Center; 4150 E. Third St.; Bloomington. She again will join her husband, Walter, at his side at Maple Grove Cemetery at a later date.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to the nurses and medical technicians at I.U. Health; Bloomington Hospital, Meadowood Health Pavilion and Garden Villa for their caring and compassionate care provided while Lucille was in their facility.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association; Greater Indiana Chapter, 50 E. 91st Street, Suite 100; Indianapolis, IN 46240 or to your local humane association.

## REBECCA WALLS

Rebecca "Becky" Walls passed away at

10:10 a.m. Saturday, October 18, 2014 at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 67.

She was born June 3, 1947 in Bedford; the daughter of the late Homer L. and Katherine (Bridges) Akles.

She married Alfred "Dean" Walls on October 9, 1968 in Shoals, and he survives. She graduated from Shoals High School, attended Vincennes Beauty College and worked as a beautician. She was a member of the Church of the Cross.

She is survived by her husband, Dean Walls of Shoals; two daughters, Julie Jones and her husband, Darrin and Jennifer Phillips and her husband, Chad, all of Shoals; two sons, Joe and Jim Walls, both of Shoals; five grandchildren, Austin Myers, Madison Jones, Darrin Ray Jones, Tyler Williams and Kelton Williams; and two brothers, Merrill Akles of Loogootee and William Akles and his wife, Carol, of Oakland City.

A funeral service was conducted Wednesday, October 22 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals.

Online condolences may be made at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## SHARON BOHLINGER

Sharon (Jones) Bohlinger, formerly of Loogootee, died Friday, September 26, 2014 at Southwest Christian Care in Union City, Georgia. A resident of Newnan, Georgia, she was 70.

She was born December 7, 1943 in Rusk, Indiana; the daughter of Paul and Catherine (Boner) Jones. On June 21, 1964 she married William "Bill" Bohlinger and he survives.

She was a member of the Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Newnan, Georgia, and served as the past National Defense Chair of the General Daniel chapter of the D.A.R. She was most proud of her children, Stephanie and Doug, and her grandchildren, Clay Bohlinger and Shannon Cobb. She was huge I.U. Basketball fan Atlanta Braves fan.

She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Bohlinger of Newnan, Georgia; one daughter, Stephanie Cobb of Marietta, Georgia; one son, Doug Bohlinger and wife, Julie, of Leo, Indiana; one brother, Gene Jones of LaPorte, Indiana; three nephews, David Jones of La Porte, Indiana; Daniel Jones of Seattle, Washington; and Eric Jones of Evergreen, Colorado; and one cousin, Charlotte (Kerns) Cooper of Jacksonville, Florida.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 25 at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee. Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Southwest Christian Care, 7725 Lester Rd, Union City, Georgia 30291 or the National Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

11:54 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a vehicle in Shoals. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

1:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

5:28 p.m. - Received a report of harassment east of Loogootee. Deputy Baker was notified.

5:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

7:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

10:12 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 north of Loogootee. Deputy Baker responded.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

12:03 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Inman Cemetery Road. Deputy Baker and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

1:14 a.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

4:55 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Butler Bridge Road. Lost River Fire Department responded.

5:25 a.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded and was unable to locate anyone.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

3:56 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Mobley Road. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

4:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller transported one inmate to court.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Crane Village. Sergeant Keller, Indiana State Police, Martin County EMS, and Indiana Department of Child Services responded.

9:35 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Martin County EMS responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Corporal Greene completed the detail.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of a semi crash with unknown injury on US 231 near Bramble Road. Chief Deputy Dant, Corporal Greene, Loogootee Sergeant Norris, Loogootee Fire Department, and Ruxer's wrecker responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on Butler Bridge Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

2:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of a large tree limb in the roadway in Shoals. Marshal Eckert and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:13 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated driver on US 231 northbound from Haysville. Corporal Greene was notified.

10:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:22 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance south of Shoals. Corporal Greene and the Indiana State Police re-

sponded.

5:11 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Corporal Greene responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on State Road 450 north of Dover Hill. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:47 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on Windom Road. Sergeant Keller and Craney's wrecker responded.

1:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

5:11 p.m. - Received a report of an active alarm at a residence in Shoals. Deputy Baker, Marshal Eckert, and Corporal Greene responded.

5:33 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with injuries on US 50 near 1400 E. in Daviess County. Chief Deputy Dant, Corporal Greene, Deputy Baker, Martin County EMS, and Martin County Civil Defense all assisted Daviess County emergency personnel.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on US 50 west of Rama Dye Road. Corporal Greene responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with possible injury on US 50 east of the fairgrounds. Chief Deputy Dant, Corporal Greene, Deputy Baker, Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

8:32 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Corporal Greene, Loogootee Officer Nolan, and Martin County EMS responded.

11:35 p.m. - Corporal Greene transported a male from Loogootee to Shoals.

11:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals. Marshal Eckert and Trooper Beaver responded.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:30 a.m. - Received a report that a dog attacked another dog in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

8:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Keller and Martin County EMS responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of an active

alarm at a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Keller and Deputy Baker responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for information on a missing person report. Deputy Baker was notified.

11:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a parking complaint in Burns City. Deputy Baker was notified.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of a horse in the roadway just east of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Officer Keller responded.

8:13 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on US 50 eastbound entering Shoals. Deputy Harmon was notified.

8:55 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Shoals. Deputy Harmon was notified.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

4:48 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on State Road 450 at the intersection of Indian Springs Road. Corporal Greene responded.

5:50 a.m. - Received a report of a subject being harassed. Deputy Baker was notified.

7:14 a.m. - Received a report of a horse in the roadway on State Road 450 just north of US 50. Deputy Baker responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash on US 231 near Ragslesville Road. Deputy Baker responded.

2:46 p.m. - Received a report vehicle losing its load northbound on US 231 near West Boggs entrance. Deputy Baker was notified.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with injury on US 231 north of 200 S. Deputy Baker, Martin County EMS, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

5:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:13 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on State Road 550. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:01 p.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler south of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

11:05 p.m. - Received a report of loud music in Cale. Deputy Harmon responded.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on Main Street in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

12:20 a.m. - Received a report of a strong

odor of gasoline at the White River Co-Op. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:12 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 north of Loogootee. Deputy Baker and Uebelhor's wrecker responded.

8:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

9:03 a.m. - Received a report of small confrontation in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

9:31 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping north of Loogootee. Deputy Baker responded.

11:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Weisbach Road. Deputy Baker was notified.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute. Deputy Baker was notified.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a possible violation of a protective order. Deputy Baker was notified.

3:59 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on Windom Road. Deputy Baker responded.

5:59 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 north of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

## Jail bookings

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

2:15 p.m. - Kevin Graber, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested for a failure to appear warrant out of Martin County. Graber is being held without bond and was arrested by Sergeant Keller.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:25 a.m. - Michelle Collins, 41, of Bedford, was arrested for invasion of privacy and intimidation. Collins is being held without bond and was arrested by Trooper Beaver.



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# Martin County Court News

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS October 8

Jonathon M Moffitt, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 182 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 84 actual days previously served and 84 good time credit days.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed October 10

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Scott H. Crusie, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Richard L. Coffey, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Clay M. Hollingsworth, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. John R. Myers, III, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Rachel D. Denny, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Joshua D. Barrett, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ryan T. Parsons, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Lisa M. Bridges, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Matthew D. Wilson, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Robin C.

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Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Andrea R. Alltop, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Richard T. Poehlein, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Joshua G. Lundy, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Donald L. Hayes, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Nicole M. Rose, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Brittany N. Langley, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Brad E. Potts, complaint.  
Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Sarah B. Pottorff, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS October 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Renewing Management, Inc. and against the defendant Jacqueline Harner in the amount of \$847.70.  
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Renewing Management, Inc. and against the defendant Julie Montgomery in the amount of \$887.33.

## October 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Robert J. Robbins in the amount of \$619.

## Martin County real estate transfers

Charles R. Payne, of Martin County, Indiana to Kevin R. Boyd, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing 0.47 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing 1.51 acres, more or less.

James Alan Graves and Shea Lawrence Graves, of Martin County, Indiana to Alisha Moffatt and Jonathan Moffatt, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 4 in the Original Town of Crane.

Fred Wagler, a/k/a Freddie Wagler, and Mary Rita Wagler to Derrick Wagler, Mitchell Wagler, and Tyler Wagler, the north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter all in Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 5 West containing 30 acres, more or less. Also, the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 5 West containing 80 acres. Also 25.10 acres and 12 acres in the same section. Containing in all 147.10 acres, more or less, with exceptions of 3 acres, 2.81 acres, 3.682 acres, and 1.33 acres.

Wilmina L. Franklin a/k/a Wilmina LaVerne Franklin, of Martin County, Indiana to Janell Ann Buchanan, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Number 19 in Risacher's Fourth Addition to Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: Lot Number 7 in McCormick's Subdivision to the Town of West

Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana, being in Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to said Town.

Loretta G. Turpin, the unremarried widow of Dewey W. Turpin, of Martin County, Indiana to Drexel D. Turpin and Vicki S. Turpin, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying south and west of Lost River containing 145 acres, more or less, except one-half acre and 5.45 acres, more or less.

Terry Walker and Darlene Walker, Raleigh County, West Virginia to Terry L. Giltner and Mildred A. Giltner, of Knox County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 7, 8, 9, and 10 to Turkey Hill Subdivision to Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.72 acres, more or less.

## Accident reports

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

2:25 p.m. - Amy R. Kaho, of Odon, was backing a 1999 Chevy from a parking spot when she struck a 2008 Jeep owned by Kristina Terry, of Shoals. Chief Rayhill investigated.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

1:20 p.m. - David G. Peel, of Washington, was backing a 2000 Chevy from the gas pumps at the Marathon Station when he failed to see a 2001 Ford operated by James E. Johnson, of Loogootee. Officer Keller investigated.

# Loogootee Police Department log

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.  
7:57 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the ambulance service with a personal injury.  
11:50 p.m. - Received a report of property damage on Queen Street.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

4:44 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on JFK Avenue. No report was needed.  
9:40 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a fight in progress in Scenic Hill.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:26 p.m. - Caller reported a phone scam involving someone claiming to be from the Publishers Clearing House.  
8:01 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

1:21 p.m. - First responders were requested on Queen Street for a medical call.  
5:27 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 50 for a vehicle accident.  
7:35 p.m. - First responders were requested near the 4-H building for a vehicle accident.  
7:49 p.m. - First responders were requested on Wood Street for a medical call.  
8:01 p.m. - Caller reported a civil com-

plaint.  
8:28 p.m. - Caller reported a fight on East Broadway Street.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:05 a.m. - Caller requested assistance with an elderly subject.  
9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.  
4:20 p.m. - Caller requested vehicle identification checks.  
5:05 p.m. - Caller reported a horse on Queen Street.  
6:14 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

8:49 p.m. - Caller reported vehicles blocking the road at the high school. Officer Nolan responded.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

2:46 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle transporting an unsafe load.  
3:25 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 231 for a vehicle accident.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

3:05 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check.  
2:41 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Church Street.  
4:10 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Redwing Trailer Court.

# FALL CLEAN-UP

**Friday, October 24, 9 am-4:30 pm & Saturday, October 25, 8 am-11:30 am**

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

This week should be perfect for a leaf-viewing outing. While some of the early leaf-losers, including black walnuts and sycamores, have lost most of their leaves, the trees that provide the most color still have full canopies of brilliant reds, yellows, oranges and tans. Gas prices are down, making a leisure drive more affordable.

Last Saturday, my sister, Roma, and I joined other Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners and other gardeners from around the area in a trip to Madison for a fall gardening seminar at the Lanthier Winery. Even if you are not a fan of Indiana wines, the winery is a worthy destination for anyone who enjoys beautiful gardens. Twice a year, Tammy Hagemire hosts gardening days where she shares the bounty of the beautiful raised bed gardens that surround the winery. Visitors always leave with gifts of plants to take back to their own gardens.

The raised beds at Lanthier Winery are irregularly-shaped beds created by dry-stacking stones harvested from the surrounding hills. Since the stones are not cemented together, it is easy to change the shape of the beds when a new design is desired. The areas between the beds are gravel pathways, taking away the need for a lawn mower. The beds continue right up to the streets and parking lot, and plants have to be trimmed occasionally to prevent their encroaching upon the roads.

The key to success raised beds is the soil with which they are filled. Tammy shared that the soil in the beds has been created and maintained by raking fallen leaves into the beds, weighing them down with some compost and allowing the worms to do their job. The result is a wonderfully rich leaf mold that provides nourishment for a beautiful garden.

The gardens are full of color. One does not see bare soil. Tammy plants everything and allows plants to fill in the beds. Therefore, it is necessary to do some thinning to keep

the plants healthy, and that is the source for most of the plants given to those who attend the gardening workshops.

At this fall workshop, everyone received some bulbs to plant for spring flowers. Tammy orders bulbs for her gardens in large quantities, and loves to share the bounty with her gardening friends. It is also time to dig summer bulbs that are not hardy to our area. Since bulbs reproduce readily, the extras are shared with those attending the event. Self-seeding plants are also shared, as Tammy encourages everyone to pick seed heads from the garden to take home and throw out onto garden beds where such plants will be welcomed. As we have noted in recent columns, fall is also a good time to dig and divide many perennials, and in dividing, there are plants to share.

Tammy also shares her garden knowledge, and gave a good talk on creating micro-climates to push the tabs on over-wintering marginal plants. I have written about such things in the past, but it is worth a review. Stone is an important player in creating these areas. Stone holds a lot of heat, and plants grown near paved areas and buildings must be able to take the extra heat. It is those areas where one is most likely to have success in over-wintering marginal plants. The south side of buildings, especially those with concrete or stone foundations, will be the warmest part of a garden, and the place to put the most tender plants. Plants such as tropical cannas often survive winters when they are planted in such areas. Other marginal plants may be successfully over-wintered with heavy mulching and placing large stones or bricks around the area. However, it is important to remember that the mulch will need to be raked back off of the plants in the spring or it will smother them.

On a previous trip to Madison, Tammy had asked for a start from the white-blooming sedum that my grandmother had planted at Sandhill Gardens ninety years ago. Her husband's great-grandfather was our neighbor for many years, and Tammy is one who appreciates that emotional attachment to plants and gardens. I took a clump of sedum with me Saturday, so a part of Sandhill Gardens will be growing in her beautiful gardens the next time I visit.

Do not fret about having missed this great gardening event. There will be another in the spring. If you go to Madison later this fall, stop in. As we left the gardens on Saturday, Tammy and her crew were busy getting the gardens ready for the next season, decorating the gardens for the holidays. I hope to make a return trip. I'm sure they will be beautiful.

## Purdue economist: Record crops mean some harvest delays

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

Indiana's projected record corn and soybean crops will likely result in backups at the state's grain handling facilities and delay some farmers from harvesting, Purdue agricultural economist Chris Hurt says.

"When the grain industry hits its maximum drying or storage capacity, harvest has to slow down to allow dryers to catch up and to move more grain out of storage toward end users," Hurt said. "This forced slowdown of harvest activity generally occurs during the last half of corn harvest, which will likely be in late-October and the first half of November this year."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now projecting Indiana's corn crop will continue to bump up record production. It said in its October crop production report that the crop will reach 1.07 billion bushels, only the second time for the crop to exceed 1 billion bushels. The projected yield of 186 bushels per acre also would be a record. The USDA has increased its projections each month since it first reported in August that Indiana would produce a record crop.

For soybeans, records are expected to be set for total production at 296.5 million bushels and yields at 54 bushels per acre.

The Indiana corn crop overall matured slightly slower than the five-year average

part of the growing season because of cool weather, but it has since caught up and passed the five-year average. But some corn still has relatively high moisture content. The USDA said in its October 14 Crop Progress report that the average Indiana corn moisture was still at 22 percent. Corn needs to be dried to about 15 percent moisture content to be safely stored.

"The record volume of corn this year and the high moisture mean that, in some areas, dryers simply cannot dry the corn as quickly as farmers can harvest," Hurt said.

Demand for storage will exceed capacity by about 100 million bushels across the state, the most excess demand for storage since the fall of 2007, Hurt said.

"Even though Indiana farmers and grain merchants have built about 75 million bushels of new storage capacity since 2010, it will not be enough this fall," he said.

Although the strain on drying and storage as well as wet conditions in the fields mean there will be a slower harvest this year, Hurt said "The good news is that it is an abundant crop, and with patience it will all get harvested."

It also will be good economically for both grain-drying and storage operations as well as transportation services that move Indiana's grain and grain products.

"It will be a banner year for the grain industry," Hurt said.

## Tips for reporting hunting violations

Less than one percent of Indiana's nearly 400,000 hunters are found to be violating the law while hunting.

Finding those violators often requires the input of law-abiding hunters and other citizens who see violations taking place.

Now that Hoosier hunting seasons are in full swing, the Indiana Conservation Officers charged with enforcing the state's wildlife laws ask concerned citizens to keep two phone numbers handy and enter them on their cell phones. The 24-hour Central Dispatch number is (812) 837-9536. It documents the caller's name. The Turn in a Poacher (TIP) hotline number is 1-800-TIP-IDNR (4367). It allows the caller to remain anonymous.

If you see a suspected violation: Safely gather as much information as you can (vehicle description, plate number, clothing description, number of people, location, direction of travel, etc.) without approaching the subject.

2. Immediately call the appropriate number.

3. Do not communicate with the subject by yelling or informing them that you have called a conservation officer.

4. Continue to stay out of the subject's area — allow the conservation officer to approach the situation.

5. Cooperate with the conservation officer.

### "Talk" to DNR bat man on Facebook, October 23

Facebook followers of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources can "talk" online with nongame mammal biologist Scott Johnson about bats on Thursday, October 23, from 2-3 p.m. EDT, on the DNR's Facebook wall. Johnson will discuss bats in Indiana and their importance to the ecosystem, threats such as white-nose syndrome, and how people can help preserve bats. Participants are invited to join the conversation and bring any questions that they would like answered. Future topics, instructions on how to join a conversation on Facebook, and commenting guidelines are posted at [dnr.IN.gov/7315.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/7315.htm).

To join a chat, go to the DNR's Facebook wall, [facebook.com/INdnr](http://facebook.com/INdnr), and click "like" (if you are not already a "friend").

You may begin typing questions during the time slot. The DNR experts will answer questions as time allows.

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# Indiana NRCS announces deadline for EQIP applications

Jane Hardisty, State Conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced last Friday that December 19, 2014 will be the application deadline for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in Indiana.

Many applicants have shown interest in EQIP to help them improve soil health and address soil erosion, air and water quality, wildlife habitat, and other resource concerns on cropland, forestland, pastureland, and livestock areas. In addition to conservation practices like cover crops, no-till, manure storage structures, and fencing, EQIP provides funding for the development of plans, such as Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans, Grazing Plans, Drainage Water Management Plans, and others.

There are several EQIP initiatives included in the signup, where NRCS sets aside financial assistance for specific practices and producers. Examples include practices that improve on-farm energy, assist in the organic transition process, add wildlife habitat, and target certain practices such as seasonal high tunnels.

Indiana NRCS also sets aside approximately 10 percent of the Indiana EQIP financial assistance program for historically underserved participants, which include beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers, limited resource producers, and military

veteran farmers and ranchers.

For more information contact Randy Van Matre, District Conservationist, at 812-254-4780 ext. 3 or stop by the USDA Service Center at 2625 E. National Hwy, Washington, IN.

## Find everything deer related on new webpage

A new DNR Web page makes it easy to find everything you need to know about white-tailed deer in Indiana. Deer.dnr.IN.gov, is a one-stop-shop for information on deer hunting, deer biology, how to respond to nuisance deer, the state's deer management strategy, scientific reports on topics such as harvest trends and disease, and more.

"Whether you're getting into deer hunting, need to keep them out of your garden, or just found an 'abandoned' fawn, this will be your place to go," said Falyn Owens, a deer research biologist with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. Urban deer hunting season and archery deer season are already underway, and firearms season begins November 15. Hunters can use the webpage to research licensing requirements and regulations, download a permission form for hunting on private land, learn how to donate venison, and watch videos on tree stand safety, meat preparation and recipes.

# Fall leaf colors mostly on schedule, but rainy weather taking toll

The fall color display for trees is on schedule across most of Indiana, although recent cool, rainy and windy weather is likely to slow the color change and knock leaves from trees, according to DNR community and urban forester Carrie Tauscher.

The result could be a shorter viewing season.

"Across Indiana, we're seeing yellows and oranges now," Tauscher said. "Tulip poplar sycamore, sweetgum, cottonwood and some of the understory trees like sassafras are starting to turn and give some great gold colors"

Tauscher said sugar maples will come into full color along with the oaks between now and early November.

Leaves produce pigments that give them color. During spring and summer, the green pigment, chlorophyll, is dominant. When days become shorter, other pigments in the leaf become visible as the amount of chlorophyll dwindles.

Best fall color formation happens when there are bright, warm days, cool nights and moist soils.

"With the cold rainy days we've had recently I'm hoping for some sunny, relatively warm days to start pushing color," Tauscher said.

In southern Indiana, conditions are different. Tauscher said less rain earlier in the season has resulted in drier soils, accelerating and slightly diminishing the color change. Nonetheless, tourists and communities that depend on leaf viewing shouldn't worry. The fall color each year is something different and special, she said.

"They're still going to have nice color," Tauscher said. "Madison and other communities that promote tourism will still be beautiful."

While enjoying Indiana's fall foliage, Hoosiers should consider planting trees on their properties. Order forms are now available for ordering tree seedlings from Indiana's state nurseries for spring delivery. The trees are available at a nominal cost for reforestation purposes, with 100 trees being a minimum order. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/forestry](http://dnr.IN.gov/forestry).

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## AG: Indiana Medicaid to recover \$181K in settlement with drug-maker Organon

Attorney General Greg Zoeller's office has recovered more than \$181,000 for the Indiana Medicaid program by joining with other states and the federal government in a Medicaid fraud settlement with the drug manufacturer Organon over drug pricing and other violations.

Resulting from two whistleblower lawsuits, the combined settlement resolves allegations that Organon underpaid rebates to the state, offered improper financial incentives to nursing home pharmacies, promoted two of its antidepressants for unapproved uses and misrepresented its drug prices to the Indiana Medicaid program in order to reap larger margins and increased sales. Organon was headquartered in Oss, Netherlands and the company's assets now are owned by Merck.

"Taxpayers are the victims whenever a drug company causes false claims to be submitted to Indiana Medicaid for its products. Settlements resulting from whistleblower lawsuits are among the tools my office uses with our counterparts in other states to recover overpayments for false claims and restore funds to the Medicaid program so they can be put to their appropriate use," Zoeller said. The Attorney General's Office's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit participated in the multistate and federal investigation.

Total value of the combined settlements Organon will pay the states and the federal government to settle the Medicaid fraud lawsuits is \$31 million. Of that, Indiana Medicaid will receive \$162,345.71 in a settlement arising from a whistleblower lawsuit filed in Massachusetts, and \$19,015.66 in a settlement arising from another whistleblower suit filed in Texas, for a total recovery of \$181,361.37 to Indiana Medicaid.

Lawsuits whistleblowers filed under the False Claims Act alleged the drug company's actions had caused ineligible claims for reimbursement to be submitted to the Medicaid program. Allegations were investigated by the federal government and states, which later reached a joint settlement with Organon. Among the allegations:

**Underpaid Rebates:** The federal Medicaid Drug Rebate Program requires all drug manufacturers who supply products to Medicaid recipients to provide the "best price" available for those products. The investigation alleged Organon violated that requirement by underpaying rebates it owed Indiana Medicaid.

**Kickbacks:** The investigation alleged that to induce the prescribing of its antidepressant drugs Remeron and Remeron SolTab, Organon offered nursing home pharmacy companies discounts and rebates that violated the federal Anti-Kickback Statute, thereby resulting in false claims being submitted by pharmacies to Indiana Medicaid for reimbursement.

**Off-Label Marketing:** The investigation further alleged that Organon illegally promoted the sale and use of its antidepressants Remeron and Remeron SolTab for use in children and adolescents, uses not approved as safe and effective by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

**Pricing Misrepresentations:** The investigation also alleged the drug company reported false and inflated drug prices to the Indiana Medicaid program but sold the same drugs at lower cost to nursing home pharmacies, thereby increasing the "spread" between the actual cost to pharmacies and the amount Medicaid reimburses for the drugs.

The joint settlement by the states and federal government with Organon was announced this week.

Under the state and federal versions of the False Claims Act, plaintiffs who expose fraud by a company against a government contract by filing a whistleblower or "qui tam" lawsuit can be eligible to receive a percentage of the recovery if the states or federal government later reach a settlement with the company.

"The False Claims Act is a useful tool in encouraging company insiders to bring to light fraud against government contracts so that the fraud can be halted, ineligible claims can be recovered and tax dollars can be reimbursed through settlements," Zoeller said. Zoeller thanked Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Carcare of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for his work on the Organon case.

The public can report fraud against the Indiana Medicaid program by contacting the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) at 1-800-382-1039. More information about whistleblower lawsuits is at this link: [www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2807.htm](http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2807.htm)

### Dr. Erin Sendelweck Temple appointed to medical staff

Anesthesiologist Erin Sendelweck Temple, M.D. was recently appointed to the active medical staff at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center.

Dr. Temple received her medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine. She completed an internship at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, as well as an anesthesiology residency at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

Previously, Dr. Temple worked as an anesthesiologist in Batesville, Indiana. She is currently a member of the American Society of Anesthesiology, the Indiana Society of Anesthesiology, as well as the Indiana State Medical Association.

Dr. Temple is a native of Dubois County and returned to the area with her husband and four children to provide anesthesia services for her hometown.

## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



### Fostering growth in rural communities

One of the many reasons I love living in a rural community is the tranquility we have. Although we have some larger cities nearby, like Evansville and Indianapolis, much of Indiana is largely rural.

When you hear the word "rural," some people might think low population density or lack of infrastructure, but here in Indiana, rural communities are booming, and economic opportunities are gaining traction.

Recently, Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann visited Dubois County and met with local economic leaders to discuss this very topic: growth in rural areas. One of the major challenges that she addressed was bringing broadband internet to businesses in these areas. This is a concern that I have heard from many constituents and one that I can relate to as a local business owner.

Lt. Governor Ellspermann also took the opportunity to share with local leaders two new state programs that aim to help rural communities bring business to the area. While these programs are still in the initial stages of implementation, I believe they have the potential to greatly impact our community, so today I want to help spread the word.

The first program is the Community Readiness Initiative (CRI), which is a low-cost, high-impact evaluation process that helps towns and communities better plan for positive, productive growth. This is ideal for communities that are looking to improve, learn about economic development initiatives and grow their community.

More specifically, the program helps them gain insight into the strengths and weaknesses of their respective communities. Completion of all five steps in the CRI program also prepares communities to work with OCRA on future projects. Moving forward, this will help them determine the best course of action to foster better community planning and growth.

The second program is the Hometown

Collaboration Initiative, which is intended for communities that are committed to building on their existing assets and have less than 25,000 residents. The initiative will focus on three building blocks: leadership, the economy and placemaking. This will be accomplished by recruiting local residents that want to strengthen their leadership skills, developing strategies that build on the community's economic strengths and improving the attractiveness and quality of life in these towns. Like the CRI, the financial burden is minimal, and the funds can be reinvested in the community.

This is also very similar to a program which you may already be familiar with. Over the past few years, you may have heard about the towns of Ferdinand and Jasper participating in another program known as the Hometown Competitiveness Initiative. Both communities continue to see the positive effects of their participation in this initiative, and I encourage other local communities to take advantage of these new opportunities.

As I mentioned previously, both of these programs are still in the early stages, but I wanted to share this information with you because I believe in the future of our community and rural Indiana. I believe that together we can increase economic opportunity in these areas, and these are a couple ways to do so.

More information about these programs will be available in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to contact my office at 317-232-9620. You can also learn more about these programs by visiting [www.in.gov/ocra/](http://www.in.gov/ocra/).

*Rep. Messmer (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.*

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Since being on the school board I have attended many conferences and clinics learning more about school law, budget, RISE, Voc-Ag in the classroom, and Technology in the classroom, Supt evaluations, and Boardmanship. I have also been a state delegate at the school board convention 3 times.

If elected I will work with the Board and Administration to move Loogootee schools forward in technology, test scores, while maintaining our buildings and grounds to have a school we can all be proud of. I will continue talking with our State elected officials to keep them informed on the hardships they are placing on our small schools. I will work to be sure our children are ready to go into the workforce and be tomorrow's leaders.

As the election draws near I am trying to get out and talk to people but if I miss you please ask about me. I am sure your neighbors or friends know me and what I stand for. If you ask your child's teacher they can tell you I have no agenda other than a good education for our children.

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# AG Zoeller files lawsuit against California telemarketer accused of robocalling, violating Do Not Call list

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller is taking action against a telemarketer accused of calling Hoosiers registered on the state's Do Not Call list and making illegal robocalls.

A lawsuit has been filed against Peter Tolman of California, doing business as Leads Direct Marketing, for placing calls to protected numbers in an attempt to sell home security systems, home security monitoring services and related products. Almost all of the calls made were "robocalls," meaning the caller used an automatic dialing device to disseminate a prerecorded voice message.

According to the lawsuit filed in Marion County court, the Attorney General's Office received 60 complaints against this caller from Indiana residents, most of whom are from the Indianapolis area. Of the 60 complaints, 55 were on the Do Not Call List at the time of the telephone calls. Many Indiana residents who filed complaints reported receiving calls from the company multiple times per week.

"Do Not Call means exactly that in Indiana. Constantly dodging unwanted calls is frustrating and tiresome, especially when the same calls come in over and over again," Zoeller said. "My office hears from Hoosiers every day who are being harassed by telemarketers, which is why I've made telephone privacy a priority. I take violations of

the Do Not Call list and our robocalling statutes very seriously, and urge people to file complaints with my office if they are being targeted."

Since Indiana's Do Not Call law took effect in January of 2002, the Attorney General's Office has obtained 314 settlements with, or judgments against, telemarketers resulting in awards of penalties and costs totaling more than \$22 million.

In Indiana, most robocalls are illegal regardless of whether or not a consumer's number is registered on the Do Not Call list. Exceptions include calls from school districts to students, parents or employees and businesses advising employees of work schedules. It is also legal if a live phone operator first obtains the person's permission before playing a pre-recorded message.

Zoeller said the next quarterly deadline to sign up for the Do Not Call list and help block annoying sales calls and text messages is midnight ET on November 18. Individuals do not need to re-register unless their address has changed. To sign up, visit [www.Indiana-Consumer.com](http://www.Indiana-Consumer.com) or call 1-888-834-9969. Out-of-state area codes can also be added as long as the billing address is located in Indiana.

To file a Do Not Call or robocalling consumer complaint, visit [www.IndianaConsumer.com](http://www.IndianaConsumer.com) or call 1-888-834-9969.

## State ramps up Ebola response efforts

State and local health officials are increasing measures to protect the health of Hoosiers in the event of an Ebola case in Indiana.

"The state health department and healthcare partners, with the support of Governor Pence, are taking extensive measures now to ensure that if we have a case of Ebola here, we will be ready to treat patients, isolate contacts and contain the spread of the disease," said State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D. "People are understandably afraid, but Hoosiers should take comfort knowing Indiana has excellent health systems in place, which are routinely relied upon to successfully treat serious infectious diseases."

The Indiana State Department of Health has increased response efforts to include the following:

- Continuing regular communication with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Indiana healthcare providers.
- Establishing a healthcare provider hotline to answer questions about screening and diagnosis of Ebola.
- Developing a training video for healthcare workers about how to put on and take off personal protective equipment.
- Creating a questionnaire for healthcare workers to use when screening a patient for Ebola. Includes directions for worker protection and patient management based on answers provided.
- Planning standing weekly calls with hospitals and local health departments.
- Working with the Department of Education to provide information to school nurses.
- Working with the local health departments and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management regarding hazardous waste management specific to Ebola.
- Continuing to maintain timely and accurate information on the agency's website ([www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov)), Twitter (@StateHealthIN) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/isdh1](http://www.facebook.com/isdh1)) pages.

On October 10, state health officials hosted a live webcast to healthcare providers with information about medical guidance and to answer questions. Governor Pence provided opening remarks, recognizing physicians for being on the "front lines" of emerging diseases and sharing the state's support in preparing to prevent and respond to Ebola.

Eight individuals have been treated for Ebola in the United States, including two healthcare workers who treated patient, Thomas Eric Duncan, at Texas Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. No cases have been tested for or reported in Indiana.

People with Ebola can only spread the Ebola virus when they have symptoms. There is no risk of transmission if someone does not have symptoms. In the United States, Ebola is only spread through direct contact with blood or body fluids (including but not limited to urine, saliva, feces, vomit and semen, or a needlestick) of a person who is sick with Ebola or the body of a person who has died from Ebola. Ebola is not spread through the air by water or food, or by casual contact.

"Ebola is a scary disease, but it's important for Hoosiers to know the facts about Ebola and get an accurate picture of the risk it poses to us here in Indiana," said Joan Duwve, M.D., Chief Medical Consultant at the Indiana State Department of Health. "There is unfortunately a great deal of misinformation about Ebola going around on social media and other communication channels. Ebola can only be spread through blood or bodily fluids and only when a person is showing symptoms. Ebola is not airborne and is not easily spread, for example by sitting next to or being in the same room with someone who appears healthy."

All Indiana healthcare providers are required to report any cases of illness that might pose a risk to public health including Ebola Virus Disease, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), measles, rubella, mumps, tuberculosis, pandemic influenza and other diseases.



### SOME Thoughts On - Cheerful

My thoughts on cheerful are actually a repeat from a year ago but I wanted to keep the sequence and integrity of the Scout Law running true. Besides the importance of cheerfulness countering a world filled with fear and crisis on every channel, in every coffee shop and on social media can never be discounted. Cheerful is the eighth point of the Scout Law and the last point in the middle group of four on "How a Scout Should Act". The final four points focus in on "How a Scout Should Live". They summarize succinctly how a scout should lead his life—with thriftiness, bravery, cleanliness and reverence. But first, let's close out how a scout should act with... cheerful.

When Checochinican, chief of the Delaware people, created a brotherhood that would memorialize the efforts of his son, Uncas, and the others that put service above themselves, he chose three words to describe the direction of their nation... Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. In the scouting movement and our daily lives, these are as important today as they were to the Delaware people in the early 1600's as they were first beginning to encounter the first Swede and Dutch visitors to the New World. Fast forward to 2014 and our hectic lives, it isn't often that we are able to sit back and clearly think about these three pillars and what they mean in our life and the lives of those we come in contact with daily.

These three pillars are very different, yet interconnected at the same time. Brotherhood you feel when you're with those important to you; cheerfulness is an attitude, a way we can look at and be a part of the world; service is something tangible, something that we can do for another. Of all these things, only one appears in the Scout Law – the one we may think least about, but is still central to the scouting movement: cheerfulness.

Be advised, this attitude is not just a scouting thing. Cheerfulness is a way to influence the world around ourselves. Let us step back for a moment and think about the role cheerfulness can play in our lives as it was foundationally put into practice by the Delaware people.

As Chief Checochinican presented it, as one of the three tenets of his order, it did not diminish the role of the other two. But unlike Brotherhood and Service, which would be addressed much more frequently through activities or labor, Cheerfulness rises above. Scouting troops organize themselves to do service to their communities, districts and councils. The Scouting National Honor Society - Order of the Arrow (OA) sends crews each summer to Philmont, the Summit, and Northern Tier to give service to our National High Adventure Bases and to Na-

tional Parks. There are service activities and events nationally and locally that stress goodwill and fellowship. However, cheerfulness is an attitude that pervades all those things. Service can be done without a smile, and true brothers will stand by you no matter the mood – but these things, all things, are so much more fulfilling and impactful when you do them cheerfully.

Not only does a positive attitude lift your spirits and the task at hand, but also it lifts up those around you. Think about how many times a simple smile, a handshake, a pat on the back, or a kind word has made you feel better about what you're doing. The same can easily be done for others; it just takes the willingness to try – to go about the work of scouting and life, with the mindset that those who have the greatest power to motivate, to help others to a level they may not have imagined, do it with kind words, and genuine smiles. The amount of service possible and the strength of brotherhood are multiplied when cheerfulness is present.

Still, let us not misunderstand the power at our fingertips. Cheerfulness does not mean that everyone is constantly in a good mood. What it signifies is the continual commitment to life, the constant vigilance with which cheerful people face the world and problems in a way that transcends simple optimism. It is not merely an external quality; it is the deep and abiding quality of working toward the good things in life, of maintaining a positive spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, of not letting surmountable barriers prevent us from our fullest potential of brotherhood and service. Yes, the three are deeply interconnected.

Therefore, with our daily routines and the same old struggles ahead, approaching our daily tasks and the people we meet with a spirit of cheerfulness just might begin to squelch the daily fears and crisis we are bombarded with. Oh and turning off the TV or giving social media a rest will help as well.

If you would like to learn more about the scouting opportunities in your local area, drop me an email at [mike.leighty@centurytel.net](mailto:mike.leighty@centurytel.net) ... place Scouting Matters in the subject line. I will help you make contact with a local scouting unit.

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## September honors

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Shown above are the Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month for September. The students were chosen by their teachers because they possess positive character qualities of respect, caring, integrity, responsibility, and self-discipline as well as their perfect or outstanding attendance for the month of September, no detentions or loss of recess for behavior issues, they exhibit good effort daily, and they also work well with classmates with a cooperative attitude. These students serve as excellent role models for other students in our school! Mrs. Tonya Mathies earned the staff member of the month award in September, nominated by her co-workers. Mrs. Mathies is married to Jared Mathias, of Loogootee, and they have two children, Haylie and Landon. She is a Loogootee graduate and attended Indiana University to become a teacher. She grew up around children and took care of them when growing up and realized she enjoyed being around them, that's why she became a teacher. She has been teaching at Loogootee now for thirteen years. She also coaches the Loogootee Junior High Cross Country team and her favorite subject to teach is math. Her favorite quote is, "The speed bumps of life may slow you down but they won't stop you." The students of the month for September are Khloe Dills, kindergarten; Brody Gilbertson, first grade; Joshua Gardiner, second grade; Alex Adams, third grade; and Maddie Fischer, fourth grade.

## LHS Volleyball defeated in last two regular season games

This past Saturday the Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team competed in their last game of the regular season. They travelled to Trinity Lutheran and were defeated in three sets, 12-25, 19-25, 14-25.

Waylee Wagoner led in points with six and also had six digs; Breigh LaMar finished with two points and 11 assists; Emily Brookshire had two points and six digs. Lauren Bowling led in digs with 10 followed by Kailye Robbins with nine. Kylie Hall contributed eight assists. Julianne Bell had nine kills, Mya Hedrick had eight, and Emily Bateman finished with two.

The girls finished their regular season

with a 20-12 overall record and 6-2 in the Blue Chip Conference.

The junior varsity was also defeated by Trinity Lutheran in two sets, 13-25 in both.

Last Thursday the varsity took on South Knox at home and were defeated in four sets, 13-25, 20-25, 25-22, and 17-25.

Jody Seals led in assists with 17 and in points with nine. Wagoner contributed 15 digs, seven points and four kills; Robbins had nine digs and Bowling had six digs and eight points.

Hall contributed 12 assists, Hedrick and Bell each had six kills and Paige Walton finished with four kills.

## Loogootee High School Honor Roll

### TERM 1

#### TWELFTH GRADE

High honors: Moriah Bussinger, Waylee Wagoner, Conner Bailey, Adalyn Arvin, Kylie Leonhard, Ashley Lindauer, Ashie Shaw, and Christina Hovis

Honor roll: Dylan Street, Taylor Kaiser, Eli Fleace, Lauren Bowling, Chassidy Bridges, Hunter Crays, Tyler Divine, Emily Gillick, Ashley Jones, Marissa Koontz, Ashleigh Powell, Kailye Robbins, Allie Walker, Julie Coleman, JonBenet Waid, and Kayetlyn Carter

#### ELEVENTH GRADE

High honors: Kendall Riley, Axel Caderoth, Nicole Ader, Jacob Blackwell, Grant Carrico, Logan Carrico, Justin Horney, Jonathan Krzesniak, Jordan Mann, Paige Walton, Renee Whitman, and Jorge Aura Camarena

Honor roll: Erin Nelson, Patrick Wagler, Carly Combs, Madison Taylor, Katlyn Dickens, Corey Jacobs, Deedra Fields, Kayla Nicholson, Macey Baxter, Trysten Booker, Kimberly Bough, Kendall Burch, Renee Burch, Bailey Davis, Jess Divine, Taylor Hardwick, Ian Huelsman, Tara Pennington, Shayna Stuffle, Emma Walters, Alexis Willis, Gavin Wittmer, Brittany Woody, and Bailey Holt

#### TENTH GRADE

High honors: Kaleb Lyon, Sara Bailey, Tristan Jones, Shania Swigler, and Justin Wagler

Honor roll: Clayton Thomas, Kylie Hall,

Eden Jenkins, Matty Jones, Kaitlyn Wagoner, Mayson Riley, Jake Simmons, Kirsten Spears, Landon Bell, Colin Bowling, Tyler Lythgoe, Meghan Mathies, Abbie Williams, Xiao Yang, and Nolan Lottes

#### NINTH GRADE

High honors: Ross Adams, Carson Rayhill, Elizabeth Stoll, Dylan Arthur, Lane Keller, Kristin Norris, Marina Lents, and Emily Whitworth

Honor roll: Josh Cook, Taylin Trambaugh, Zach Lythgoe, Logan Randolph, Cade Wilcoxon, Shalyn Bruner, Cora Hedrick, Jayden Wagoner, Monica Cowen, Jody Seals, Katie Sims, and Candice Clark

## Loogootee Elementary Term One Honor Roll

### TERM 1

#### FOURTH GRADE

High honors: Parker Arvin, Lucas Brittain, Kyleigh Courter, Isaac Eagle, Abbey Fischer, Euan Graves, Mackenzie Hembree, Broedy Knepp, Shawna Mason, Lindsey Nolan, Brooklyn Summers, Mallorie Sutton, Wayden Wagoner, and Ethan White

Honor roll: Madison Esch, Madison Fischer, Brianna Greene, Talan Hayes, Noah Knight, Tasha Kreilein, Symphony Lantz, Bridget Like, Kage Lyon, Ashley Nail, Kieragen Napier, Lane Rankin, Kortni Rumble, Kaylynn Sims, Kaitlyn Staats, Ava Summers, Jacob Tedrow, Anastasia Toy, Colleen Trambaugh, Hannah VanMeter, Brenna Wade, Jeffrey Wagler, Tylen Williams, and Morgen Wolfe

#### THIRD GRADE

High honors: Alex Adams, Mackenzie Craney, Madison Machmer, Zoe Nicholson, Abigail Nonte, Luke Venters, Isaac Wagner, Drew Walker, Reis Whitney, Alivia Willis, and Sydnee Wittmer

Honor roll: Austin Cagle, Brooklyn Doyle, Elizabeth Gerkin, Ashlynn Gilbert, Chloe Goodpaster, Sam Graber, Allie Henninger, Leighton Jeffers, Carter Harbison, Myles Hayden, Brock Kain, Luke Lengacher, Russell Mauder, Taetum Patton, Conner Swartzentruber, Jaybe Wagoner, and Bryar Walton

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# Too much chocolate on Halloween may create little monsters

A scary thought for many parents is their children eating too much candy on Halloween, transforming some tykes into sick or sleepless monsters, says Amber Haroldson, a human nutrition professor at Ball State University.

"I think it's important that parents remember that children, just as adults, are subject to the stimulating effects of chocolate and sugar," says Haroldson. "If you don't want them to be up all night long, regulate their intake of candy."

She points out that chocolate contains a substance called theobromine, which can have side effects similar to caffeine. While it has less of an impact on the central nervous system than caffeine, too much theobromine can cause sleeplessness, tremors, restlessness and anxiety. Additional side effects include loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting and withdrawal headaches.

Haroldson says another concern is that candy replaces more nutritious foods in a child's daily diet.

"Parents of children age 2 and younger should find appropriate and healthy alternatives to the traditional Halloween candy, such as fresh fruit" says Haroldson, who

points out that Kidshealth.org recently surveyed 1,200 children regarding Halloween candy and found that about half were interested in getting non-candy items, such as stickers or crayons.

"Parents may regulate their children's Halloween candy by having a set amount of items that night and then a certain number of pieces per day afterward. You also could have them pick out their favorite pieces and then donate or throw out the rest.

"Do what works best for your family, but it is important to have some limits. Research has shown that even children with a full stomach will overeat sweets when they see large quantities and are given the opportunity."

Some additional tips to help your children avoid overeating Halloween candy:

-Make sure they eat a healthy meal before trick or treating.

-Be a good role model. Children are more likely to overeat candy if they see their parents doing it.

-After Halloween night, store candy out of sight because many children will simply forget about the treats if they don't see any.

## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



More Neat Stuff began a few years ago when I had a conversation with the editor of a paper I was working for. I said, "You know, there's a lot of really neat stuff that a lot of people don't get a chance to read." The reply was, "Well, prepare an article and we'll see what happens." Apparently there was a positive review so More Neat Stuff was the result. I don't actually write the things in the article. I merely put it together for you readers. The purpose is to make you smile, or even make you think. Enjoy.

**SOME SERIOUS PONDERINGS**

1. Don't expect everyone to understand your journey, especially if they're never had to walk your path.
2. You are NEVER too old to SET another goal or to DREAM a new DREAM.
3. There comes a time when you have to stop crossing oceans for people who wouldn't jump puddles for you.
4. Don't rain on other people's happiness just because you can't find your own.
5. Healing doesn't mean the damage never existed. It means the damage no longer controls our lives.
6. Yes, I am a strong person, but every now and then I also need someone to take my hand and say everything will be O.K.
7. Sometimes just listening to someone is the biggest help you can give.
8. I can choose to let it define me  
confine me  
refine me  
outshine me  
or I can choose to move on and leave it behind me.
9. One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.
10. True joy comes when you inspire, encourage, and guide someone else on a path that benefits him or her.
11. There are some things money just cannot buy, like Manners, Morals, and Intelligence.
12. How few there are who have courage enough to own their faults, or resolution enough to mend them. -Benjamin Franklin.
13. Not everyone will understand your journey. That's fine. It's not their journey to make sense of. It's yours.
14. Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right path, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands. -Anne Frank
15. If you expect the world to be fair with you because you are fair, you're fooling yourself. That's like expecting the lion not to eat you because you didn't eat him.
16. Giving up on your goal because of one setback is like slashing your other three tires because you got one flat.
17. The less you respond to rude, critical, argumentative people, the more peaceful your life will become.
18. You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you

have.  
19. When someone is nasty or treats you poorly, don't take it personally. It says nothing about you but a lot about them.

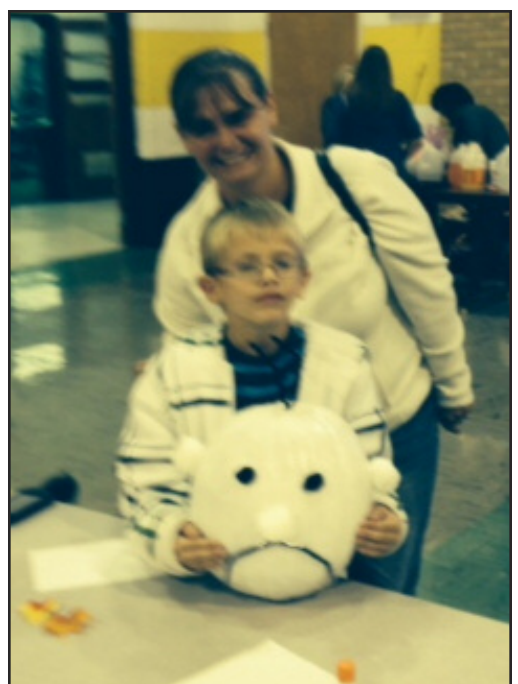
20. Never miss an opportunity to be kind to someone.

**SOME NOT SO SERIOUS PONDERINGS**

1. Everything happens for a reason. Sometimes the reason is that you're stupid and you make bad decisions.
2. Ignorance can be educated and crazy can be medicated, but there's no cure for stupid.
3. I swear, if my memory was any worse, I could plan my own surprise party.
4. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the heck happened.
5. I don't think it's age that makes us forgetful. I just think there's too much stupid stuff to remember.
6. You need only two tools in life, WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape.
7. We used to have village idiots, but with the internet, they've gone global.
8. If I refuse to nap, is that resisting a rest?
9. The best part of being over 40 is that we did most of our stupid stuff before the internet.
10. When I was young I was scared of the dark. Now, when I see my electricity bill, I am scared of the lights.
11. I need a time out! Please send me to the beach and don't let me come out until my attitude changes!
12. No matter how big and bad you are, when a two year old hands you a toy phone, you answer it.

**Make someone smile today!  
Halloween decor, fun and games not always kids' stuff**

Amy Patterson Neubert  
Witches and other Halloween ghouls can be fun for the youngest trick-or-treater, but many of today's decorations and costumes driven by adult imaginations are running too wild for young children, says a Purdue University mass media effects expert.  
"Conceptually, depictions of witches, dark forces and spirits are not necessarily the main threat for preschoolers because they are not likely to understand the meaning of those concepts. But when those depictions look realistically scary and menacing, it can be terrifying for children," says Glenn Sparks, professor of communication, who studies the effects of frightening images.  
Today's Halloween decorations, costumes and trinkets are realistic and more elaborate than ever, Sparks says. Halloween in the last 15 years has moved beyond a three-day decorating event to a more elaborate season that goes on for weeks. And, while fun for adults, it can be a bit much for children.



## Parent night

On October 6, Loogootee Title I Teacher Tracie McAtee hosted a parent night for all her Title I families. Over 30 families were in attendance. The families were treated to refreshments and names were drawn for door prizes. After explaining the program to the parents with a presentation, the parents and students decorated pumpkins like their favorite book characters. Mrs. McAtee said, "The night was a huge success. I was very pleased with the turnout, and I think the families really enjoyed decorating pumpkins to take home. More Title I nights will be planned throughout the year and I hope we can get even more families involved." Shown above is Carter Harbison with his mother, Tina, and his "Dairy of a Wimpy Kid" pumpkin and Elizabeth Rasio with her mother, Monica Thurston, and her "Lilly the Mouse" pumpkin.

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## HOLIDAY CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, November 1

8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the

### Loogootee United Methodist Church

- 20+ VENDORS WILL BE SET UP (one-stop holiday shopping)
- DOOR PRIZES (donated by local businesses & individuals)
- CONCESSIONS (provided by Loogootee Post Prom parents)





## Christmas Toy Store sponsored by area Christian churches

The Christmas Toy Store will be held Saturday December 13 in the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, in Loogootee. Again this year the event will be a truly community Christian event because it is being co-sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Loogootee United Methodist Church, Hindostan United Methodist Church, St. John Lutheran Church of Loogootee, New Beginnings, and Shoals United Methodist Church. If any other Martin County churches are interested in participating, please contact Curt Johnson at 295-4985.

The Christmas Toy Store is full of all kinds of toys donated by parishioners and church members, local businesses and the Crane Navy "Toys for Tots" program. Last year toys and "stocking stuffers" were given away to around 470 children. There were also some bicycles that were given away to a few lucky children.

## Baskets needed for Generations project helping older adults

This holiday season, Generations' Angel-Worx program is sponsoring its annual Build\*A\*Basket project to help provide for the basic needs of Generations' clients while bringing them some holiday cheer.

Generations serves older adults in Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin and Pike counties. These older adults are on fixed incomes and often cannot afford the everyday necessities that many of us take for granted.

A total of 722 baskets were turned in last year and delivered to individuals in need.

This project is open to schools, churches, businesses and individuals and involves

## McFeaters running for council district three seat

Barb McFeaters, a member of the Martin County Council representing District 3, announces her candidacy for the 2014 election cycle. McFeaters was appointed to the council by the Republican Party in January 2013 to fill the remaining term of the late John Stoll.

"I am visiting many of my constituents in Perry and Center Townships and Crane and listening carefully to their concerns about paying for county government," said McFeaters. She adds, "And not one of them has asked me to raise taxes. My goal in the next four years is to assure our essential services are fully funded without raising taxes to do so. I ask the voters to keep me on the council so I can continue to be their advocate for sensible spending of our tax dollars."

"I encourage voters to contact me at 295-4307 or 295-6457 or mcfeaters@nwcable.net. I am on Facebook too."

McFeaters lives in Loogootee with her husband of 33 years, Paul, who recently returned from Afghanistan where he spent two years with the United States Dept. of State as an expeditionary diplomat. Their oldest son, Andrew, is married to Hillary and they are both professional archaeologists in Florida. Mark is an officer in the US Army deployed to Egypt. Diane works with troubled youth in Evansville.

McFeaters is vice-president of the Tri-Kappa Sorority, a member of the pastor-parish relations committee at Loogootee United Methodist Church, past president of the Loogootee Woman's Club, and for 15 years held various leadership positions with American Cancer Society/Relay for Life. She is also a member of the board of the Martin County Alliance which promotes economic development.

McFeaters graduated from Iowa Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing and worked as

Eligible shoppers and children - parents and legal guardians ONLY, who reside in Martin County, are eligible to shop for eligible children. Children are eligible for toys if they are 18 years old or younger on December 25, 2014 and a resident of Martin County.

Sign-up locations and dates - Sign-ups are from October 27 to November 21 at the following four locations. Do not sign-up more than once.

-St. Vincent De Paul Store, 516 Park Street in Loogootee

-Hoosier Uplands, Main and 2nd Street in Shoals

-Loogootee Library

-Shoals Library

Shopping time - Shopping times for the parents or legal guardians are from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Shopping times will be assigned as 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, etc. until the last shopping time at 2:30. People will select an available shopping time when they sign up.

purchasing a plastic laundry basket and filling it with items such as dish soap, deodorant and toothpaste. Some individuals decorate their baskets to make them more festive.

Baskets must be completed by December 16. Participants will be given a drop off location prior to that date. Generations' Case Managers, Meals on Wheels drivers and volunteers will deliver the gift baskets to the clients.

To register for the project and to receive a complete list of basket items, contact Alma Kramer by calling 800-742-9002 or 888-4527 or emailing akramer@vinu.edu.



BARB MCFEATERS

a Registered Nurse prior to moving to Martin County over 26 years ago. She works part-time for Dr. Rick Bauer. She loves to participate in church and family activities and also enjoys feeding and watching birds.

## Community Halloween Parade sponsored by Mayor Noel Hartly

Bring the little ones out for a fun time on Friday night, October 31 starting at 5 p.m. Line-up will begin with the little ghost and goblins at city square and walk to Kavanaugh Gym (parade route Main Street, to First Street, turn on Church Street to Kavanaugh Gym) where judging will be held in the gym for scariest, most original, prettiest, and best family group. Years ago this was a very big event for the local children and the hope is to bring the families out to enjoy the tradition again in Loogootee. The city has designated that evening as trick-or-treat night in Loogootee from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. so after the judging, fun in the neighborhoods can begin and ghost and goblins can make their rounds. Parents are welcome to walk with the children or meet them at the gym.

## Calendar of Events

### Marriage licenses notice

The Martin County Clerk's Office will not be issuing or recording marriage licenses between November 13, 2014 and November 19, 2014. If you will be getting married before November 19, 2014, you must call 247-3651 to make appointment before November 13.

### Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

### Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

### SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Humane society meetings

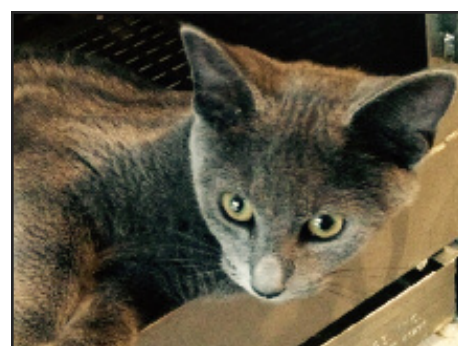
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

### Soil and Water meetings

## Humane Society featured pets



In the top photo is Bo Jangles. He is a two-year-old male collie/terrier mix. He is very sweet and gets along well with other dogs. Adoption fee is \$60. In the above photo is Autumn, a female six-month-old cat. She is very sweet, very loving and gets along with other cats. Adoption fee is \$40. If interested in adopting, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. any day except Sunday.



Call Middle Way House for help 812-295-2993

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

## Leaf pick-up for Loogootee residents

Any Loogootee resident wanting 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 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 State Highway 50/150 and everyone east of State Highway 231 (JFK Avenue).

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

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

Sticks cannot be picked up with leaves so please remove them.

## VU Jasper Fright Night

The Vincennes University Jasper Campus Activities Board invites the public to its annual Fright Night event scheduled for October 24 from 6-8 p.m. (EST), in the Ruxer Gym on campus. Admission is free and everyone is invited to wear costumes and enjoy a fun, family-friendly Halloween event.

VU Jasper employees and students will participate in a table decorating contest in the gym and hand out candy from their decorated tables. There will be games, crafts, and a coloring contest with prizes for trick-or-treaters, and the Beta Sigma Club will sponsor a mini haunted fun house.

New this year is a Zombie Walk hosted by the campus Walk/Run Club. Sign-up will begin at 6 p.m. and the first of eight walks with the zombies will commence at 6:15 p.m. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Those who bring a donation of dog/cat food, pet items, pet toys, treats, etc., will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 zombie gift card.

Donated items will be given to the Dubois County Humane Society.

For additional information contact Alli Baer, student activities coordinator, 812-481-5941 or [abaer@vinu.edu](mailto:abaer@vinu.edu).

## Memorial Hospital, DC Health Department hosted Ebola preparation meeting

Over 40 emergency management and health care workers from Dubois and surrounding counties met on Tuesday, October 21 at the Memorial Hospital Medical Arts Building Conference Room. The educational meeting was a way local emergency groups could gather to learn more about Ebola, including how Ebola is transmitted and the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This group reviewed the most up-to-date information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and discussed what to do when a suspicious case presents. The team will continue to meet as the CDC provides updates and to ensure proper safety protocol. "The attendance and discussion at the meeting is evidence that our local emergency groups work collaboratively with each other. It's also important to note that each group is preparing- not panicking" said Donna Oeding, Dubois County Health Department Administrator.



## Street, Roush face off for Martin County Sheriff

**J. TRAVIS ROUSH (R)  
ROBERT F. "ROB" STREET (D)**

**MCJ: Tell me about yourself (background, family, where you went to school, work experience, other experience associated with the job of sheriff, etc.)**

Travis Roush: I am married to Candace (Sellers) Roush of Shoals. She is currently employed at Shoals Community Schools as the superintendent. We have two small children, Isaiah and Josie. I am the oldest son of Dan and Connie (Hoffman) Roush of Shoals. My paternal grandfather is the late Everett Roush, a veteran of WWII and Korea. My paternal grandmother is the late Geneva (Grissom) Bass, who retired from NWSC Crane. My maternal grandfather is the late James F. Hoffman who retired from USG after 35 years of service. My maternal grandmother is Dianna (French) Jones who is married to Donald Jones, both lifelong residents of Martin County and retirees from NWSC Crane. After graduating from Shoals High School in 1998, I served as an Army Ranger during my first three-year enlistment. My first job after the Army was as a correctional officer at an 800-inmate facility; I was responsible for supervising over 50 inmates. I met my wife around then while home on vacation. We were both attending Indiana University when I was activated for nearly two years as a U.S. Army Infantry Drill Sergeant at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Later, after my second Army enlistment, I was a member of a counter narcotics task force in Afghanistan. We trained, mentored, and operated with Special Afghan National Police. We combated the Taliban's cash crop of poppy, and significantly aided in preventing illicit drugs, such as heroin, from reaching America. Besides my military leadership experience, I have been solely responsible for 12 men and the assistant commander for a unit of over 60 men. My leadership and management positions have been in hostile environments and under dynamic conditions. I have been a contractor for three different companies and have contracted with my current organization for four years now. In total, I have over 15 deployments overseas as a security contractor protecting American people and interests. Between the Army, deployments, and balancing family demands, I have earned associate's degrees from Vincennes University in history and business. Recently, I completed a lifelong dream of earning a bachelor's degree, which is in business administration from Indiana State University.

Rob Street: My name is Rob Street. I'm 49 years old and I'm the son of Phil and Virginia (Tow) Street of Loogootee. I have two brothers, Terry and Alan; and two sisters, Rheta Divine and Marsha Lukomski. I am a lifelong resident of Martin County. I am married to the former Dee Dee Helderman and we have two wonderful children, Dylan, age 18, and Sara, age 12. I am a graduate of Loogootee High School, Vincennes University, and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. I am also a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee, a member and avid supporter of the Indiana Sheriff's Association, the National Sheriff's Association, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. I also serve on the board or a member of the following organizations; Chairman of the LCC for a Drug Free Martin County, Board Member of the School Safety Commission, Board Member of the Child Protection Team, Board Member of the Martin County Community Corrections Advisory Board, and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. I started working as a dispatcher with the Martin County Sheriff's Department a week after I graduated from high school in May of 1983. I continued working as a dispatcher while I attended Vincennes University and later received my associates' degree. During my 31 years working at the sheriff's department I have worked my way through the ranks. I started out as a dispatcher and from



**ROB STREET**

there I moved to deputy sheriff, corporal, sergeant, major, chief deputy for eight years, and now sheriff, a position I have held for the past four years. I have worked under the administration of three sheriffs (Dave Qualkenbush, Joe Gee, and Tony Dant) and have gained valuable and vast amounts of knowledge from all of them. I am supported by sheriffs, present and past, as well as fellow officers. I have attended countless training sessions in all aspects of law enforcement including ILEA Basic Course, ILEA Jail Officer Course, Indiana Sheriff's School, jail management, interviewing, hostage situations, hostage negotiations, drug/alcohol enforcement, inmate control, effectively operating a jail, IDACS/NCIC, NIMS, emergency 911 dispatching and most recently, the newly reformed Indiana Code which went into effect July 1st. I am also a FAA licensed fixed-wing private pilot. Over my career with the sheriff's department, my list of training has become extremely large. However, one of my best attributes is my ability to listen to others and their ideas. I have found you can learn a great deal by doing that. The experience I have gained by serving the past 31 years in our sheriff's department, particularly the last four as sheriff, has given me what it takes to continue as sheriff and work for YOU, the citizens of Martin County in a productive and effective manner.

**MCJ: Why do you want to be sheriff or continue to be sheriff?**

Travis Roush: I've always wanted to serve my country. Serving in a public office is still a way to improve the country, but at a local level. Because of my work experience, the office I am best qualified to contend for is the sheriff's office. I think periodical change is good for all levels of government. I think I can provide a positive change for the people of Martin County with respect to service and protection.

Rob Street: I feel that my years spent with the department has been productive. During the past four years as your sheriff, I have been able to accomplish several of my goals that were set at the beginning of my term. Some of my accomplishments and completed goals include: I had integral part of establishing the emergency 911 system for Martin County and attend various meetings concerning our county and citizens; I was responsible for building the computer network at the sheriff's department and writing the database that contains all records within the department; I also maintain all computers including laptops, desktops, Indiana Data and Communications System, telephone/radio recording system, CCTV internal and external monitoring system within the department with no additional costs to the county therefore reducing costs to taxpayers; I am responsible for writing on grants for the department and over the past eight years I have been able to secure over \$100,000 in equipment for our deputies at no cost to the local tax payers. Through donations, my department was able to add a boat to our list of tools. By doing this, we are now able to more quickly and effectively respond to water



**TRAVIS ROUSH**

emergencies. I have sent over one half of my enforcement staff through the Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy to become certified. This allows us to become more involved with our school officials and have a better understanding with the operations of our schools. I conduct regular active shooter training and drills to become better equipped to handle those situations. I recently worked with both school systems to set up a work area within the schools where an officer can go to the school periodically and complete his daily reports, case reports, and accident reports. This provides a police car in front of the building to serve as a deterrent and also places a uniformed police officer in the schools that is available to talk with staff and students. Most importantly, I was able to provide several costly repairs to the jail and purchase vehicles to replace outdated, worn out vehicles all while keeping little to no increase in my budget during my four-year term. Having two children, family, and friends in the county, I am also concerned about the drugs, violence, and crime in our community. I want to continue to do my part to keep the drugs out of our school systems and off of our streets. With that being said, I still have ideas and plans to keep Martin County moving forward and keeping our children, citizens, schools, and businesses safe. The following are just a few of what I plan to implement during my next term if re-elected. Starting a reserve officer program where qualified individuals would complete a pre-basic course. They would go through required training courses and then be placed on the roster as reserve officers. Reserve officers are typically not paid and are citizens interested in serving and protecting the rights of others. These officers would be utilized in various ways such as school and holiday events. Reserves could also be used to serve process papers, aid in inmate transports, and serve as security officers of the court. Implementing a K-9 program to better fight our war on drugs. I feel strongly that a K-9 can be a very productive tool in drug investigations and also as a deterrent to keep the drugs away from and out of our schools. Creating a mobile app and an emergency phone notification system to allow law enforcement officials to record, send and track personalized messages to thousands of citizens in minutes. Work with our schools to try and secure funding for a School Resource Officer to be placed in our school systems. This would be beneficial for both staff and students and build stronger ties with our officers and children. Re-institute a child safety seat specialist program. Citizens could come to the sheriff's office and we will have trained staff onsite to inspect and properly install car seats for infants and children.

**MCJ: Do you think that the current staff (dispatchers, deputies) is sufficient to the needs of Martin County?**

Travis Roush: In short, yes. An internal audit must be conducted, if I am fortunate enough to be elected. However, I think the department already has great people on the team. I want to change how we approach and

conduct business, not the staff performing it.

Rob Street: I feel our current staff is sufficient most of the time to meet the needs of our community if they are properly utilized and scheduled. There are times when more staff would be nice to have however, that comes with a price and an increase in tax dollars. As your sheriff, I cannot justify increasing taxes to hire additional staff that is need just on rare occasions. This is an area that is not new to the sheriff's department. We have been utilizing reserve officers for several years now. Currently, our department has two reserve officers but if re-elected I plan on increasing that number to five. I feel that good, level-headed applicants could be found, trained, and used to fill in the gaps when needed. With respect to jail staff, I currently operated two dispatchers on 1st and 2nd shifts. I do this to have proper staff to operate the 911 answering stations (PSAP's) for our citizens. Third shift is only staffed with one person because of the low volume of calls received during that time.

**MCJ: If money was not an issue, what is one thing you would change about the sheriff's department or add to the sheriff's department?**

Travis Roush: Training; I am a huge advocate of training. Training is what sets apart elite organizations from conventional ones in all professional disciplines. For instance, the more investigative, forensic, and tactical training we can afford our department, the more self-reliant we will become. A well-trained and self-reliant force should foster a higher frequency of arrests and convictions. Besides the benefits of combating criminal issues, training can also help with other aspects of law enforcement. For example, deputies are often the first ones on accident scenes, so more medical training would also benefit our citizens in times of emergencies.

Rob Street: Work Release Center. With the newly-reformed Indiana Code taking place July 1st of this year, the Indiana Department of Corrections will no longer be accepting inmate sentenced to lower level felony charges. In turn, they will be sentenced to serve time in our local jail which is going to severely increase the population at our local level. This is going to cause two things to happen; 1) continue to overpopulate our already capacity filled jails which would eventually lead to expanding the current jail or 2) require the judges to look at alternate placement. A work release center would allow judges to sentence lower level inmates and less serious crimes to be sentenced to work release therefore reducing population in the jail and still holding the person accountable for their committed crime.

**MCJ: What are your thoughts on the growing meth problem and how can the sheriff's department fight it?**

Travis Roush: I think the first step is to increase community awareness and acknowledgement of the meth problem. This will facilitate a collective approach to combating meth. We simply must declare war on meth, and not just as a department, but as a united county. Implementing a neighborhood watch is one idea to promote community involvement. Then, we have to implement new tactics and tools. For example, reallocate personnel during periods of peak hours of criminal activity, and change patrol routes to irregular patterns. We know criminals use look outs to observe our patterns during operations; so we must change our patterns. This will disrupt and stress their operations, creating an atmosphere conducive to more meth raids and arrests. Besides acquiring a K-9 unit there is other tactics and tools to be implemented, but it would be unwise to share our community's entire playbook with criminals. In short, the overall strategy will be for us, as a community and as a sheriff's office, to make them so uncomfortable they either quit or go elsewhere for comfort.

Rob Street: Methamphetamine has one of (See 'SHERIFF' continued on page 14)



# SHERIFF

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the most significant cost and crime factors to hit our communities in the 30 plus years I've been involved in law enforcement. The financial impact it has on our communities due to incarceration and healthcare is staggering. It is a very difficult drug to police for the simple fact that the process in which it is made continues to change. The days of the large labs used to make meth has changed to being made in a plastic pop bottle while cruising around in an automobile. After the product is completed, the bottle is simply thrown out the car window making it even more difficult for us as police. However, as police, we must continue to use other methods, such as K9 searches, traffic infractions, and citizen tips to catch the ones manufacturing this horrific drug. In my opinion, meth will never be eradicated but it can be severely reduced if our law makers would pass legislation that would require a prescription to obtain the pseudoephedrine. Without pseudoephedrine, there is no methamphetamine!

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

Travis Roush: I'm sure the judge and prosecutor carefully weigh several factors, for example, previous offenses and the severity of them. I think the community could be better served, in certain instances, if the offender was improving the community instead of sitting in jail through our partnership with community corrections.

Rob Street: As stated above, with the reform to our Indiana Code, judges are going to be forced to look for alternatives to jail time to keep from overcrowding our jails and ultimately causing counties to rebuild or expand their current detention centers. Home detention and other methods in lieu of jail can be effective if properly ran and supervised. People convicted of first-time, lower-level drug-related charges would be no different than any other crime. Courts would have to utilize home visits and routine drug test to insure the person is being compliant with the terms of the alternative placement.

**MCJ: Do you think the sheriff's department should have more of a presence at the schools? Have a "get to them while they are young" mentality?**

Travis Roush: Yes! One reason is to build a rapport with our future citizens. When department representatives are available at our schools our next generation will build a strong relationship with law enforcement. That relationship will pay dividends for years to come. Second, as much as it is difficult to acknowledge at times, the world is a more dangerous place than it was even a generation ago. The more familiar department members are with school layouts, staff, and protocols the better prepared the department will be if a crisis occurs at our community schools. Though we are far removed from some of the problems urban areas must deal with, the time to have organizational plans in place is before a crisis.

Rob Street: This is an area I feel very strong about and would like eventually see School Resource Officers in our schools. Until that happens, I have tried to keep the sheriff's department and officers proactive with the schools in our county. Some of the things I have implemented during my term as sheriff include; starting a drug education class in both schools for our 5th grade students. The course is taught by one of the sheriff's department officers once a week. A graduation ceremony is then held at the end and each student is presented with a t-shirt and a diploma showing they completed the class. I also implemented "walk-throughs" where uniformed officer walk through the schools on different day and times to have a presence inside the building and to better bond with students and staff. We conduct "active shooter" drills inside the schools after hours to be better trained and equipped in the event that this scenario would ever happen. During my term as sheriff, myself and most of the enforcement staff have attended and became certified as School Safety Specialists. This allows us to better serve our school

administrators and to understand the set of laws and rules in which they must operate under. Most recently, I have worked with the schools to set aside an area inside the school where officer can come, sit down, and complete their daily reports, case reports, and accident reports. This not only puts a police car in front of the building, but more importantly, it puts a uniformed police officer inside the building. This is another situation that gives the officer a chance to form bonds and answer questions that students of staff have.

**MCJ: I am not looking for negativity here but what do you think makes you stand out over your opponent?**

Travis Roush: I feel the leadership values I learned are uniquely available from the military. Experiences like Ranger School taught me how to lead from the front, by example, and in less than ideal situations. I also feel working in the private security sector has exposed me to more competitive and innovative practices. Another factor, if elected, is I would be coming from outside the organization. I believe this gives me a new perspective for analyzing problems and evaluating possible solutions for the department and our community. A change to establishment practices has benefited us throughout American history, and I think I can provide a positive change here at home. I believe in new bold ideas that can bring about that positive change. Finally, having an understanding of business will help with the daily administrative functions of the sheriff's office, such as budgeting and daily management of the jail. Additionally, that understanding of the free market will help me take a customer service oriented approach to leading the sheriff's office. Though the barriers to changing counties are more formidable than simply changing a vendor due to poor service, I will still treat EVERY citizen as if I could lose their business. I will provide you the best service available.

Rob Street: While I think my opponent is a good person and has a good family, I feel my 31 years of law enforcement experience and service to our citizens overwhelmingly makes me stand out over my opponent. Being sheriff takes more than a college degree and being a police officer. It takes being there day in and day out to learn what to do on those situations that come up on rare occasions. It takes serving the people for years as a police officer to know how to properly serve their needs. It takes EXPERIENCE that is only gained by working for years at the job you are trying to become the leader of. I have all that and do not have to be trained to do the job. I have been doing it for the past four years as your current sheriff. I feel another thing that makes me stand out over my opponent is COMMITMENT. I decided to make a career in law enforcement and particularly to Martin County, right out of high school. I worked my way through the ranks and started at the very bottom. During those times my starting salary was a little more than \$10,000 per year so you can see that I have never been in this job for the money. I have always truly loved working in law enforcement and still do to this day. So one must look at ones reasons for running for this office. Is it for the LOVE of the job, or is it for the MONEY? I have demonstrated my LOVE by starting at the bottom and working my way to the top.

**MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?**

Travis Roush: Campaigning has been a rewarding experience. I've enjoyed meeting you, and I thank Martin County for the kind words of encouragement and support. If you elect me as your next sheriff, I will perform the duty with the highest level of commitment. I will make the sheriff's office my sole professional focus and strive for excellence on a daily basis.

Rob Street: My make point I would like to make to the voters is to please vote on November 4th. When you arrive at the polls and prepare to mark your ballot for county sheriff ask yourself the following questions before making your vote. Has there been any serious issues come up during the last four years

that I have been your sheriff? Do you feel my 31 years of experience outweighs my opponent's experience? Would you rather have someone who is currently serving as your sheriff who you are familiar with and who you know what kind of job they do or would you rather have someone who has never been employed as a police officer be your sheriff?

## Hennette and Canell battle for Perry Township Trustee

ERNIE CANELL (R)  
JASON HENNETTE (D)

**MCJ: Give me info on your background (family, schooling, jobs, etc.)**

Ernie Canell: Originally from Michigan, moved to Louisville in 1999, moved to Shoals in 2004. Have wife, Shirley, and daughter, Deanna (16), goes to Loogootee. Have two other daughters, one in Jeffersonville and one in Topinabee, Michigan. Have two brothers and a sister who live in Michigan; two step daughters, one in Washington and one in Bedford; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Graduated from Cheboygan High School in 1974, associate's degree from North Central Michigan College and a BA from Boyce College at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, graduated in 2004. Attended Union University for two semesters working on Master of Christian Study degree. Schooled in Nouthetic counseling from NANC. From 2000 to 2007 was the pastor of Shoals Baptist Church, from 2007 to current Pastor of New Beginnings Community Church. Started Printing Express in 2010.

Jason Hennette: I have been married to my wife Pastor Brandi (Taylor) Hennette for 12 years. We have two children, Jamison age 15 and Hailey age 8. I graduated from Linton-Stockton High School in 1996, and then went to Vincennes University. I graduated from Vincennes University Cum Lade, and then went to Indiana State University where I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology. I am a graduate from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, and a Certified General Instructor from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. I have worked for the Loogootee Police Department for the past 13 years. I have served as varsity coach for the Loogootee Golf Team for the past eight years, and was junior high and junior varsity golf coach for four years prior to becoming varsity coach. I am the current Perry Township Trustee and have served in this position for the past 3 years.

**MCJ: Why do you want to be Perry Township Trustee (or continue to be)?**

Ernie Canell: I love the people of Loogootee. This is a great community and I care about people. I am running for township trustee because I believe it is a great way to be able to help people who may just be down on their luck. It's also a good way to be involved in the community.

Jason Hennette: As the current Perry Township Trustee, I have enjoyed the job and the people I have come in contact with through the office. As a police officer, I get to see people at their best and sometimes I see them at their worst.

**MCJ: Why should voters choose you?**

Jason Hennette: As the current Perry Township Trustee, I have been able to save the taxpayers of Perry Township almost \$30,000 over the past three years. The last two years as Perry Township Trustee, I have been able to help purchase fire equipment for the Loogootee Fire Department. The fire equipment the township has purchased is fire protection clothing for the firemen.

Ernie Canell: As a Salvation Army representative for four years, I helped many people with food, medical bills, and utilities. I was allocated funds each year and had to keep records of who was helped and how much each person was able to receive. I was in active leadership of the Eastern Martin County Food Bank when it was in Shoals. We provided food for over 125 families a month. As

Are you happy with the way the sheriff's department has served your needs during the past four years? I think if you answer these questions honestly, you will see I am the right choice to serve four more years as your sheriff. I would appreciate your vote and support on November 4th and would be honored to serve another term as your sheriff.



ERNIE CANELL



JASON HENNETTE

Pastor of New Beginnings Community Church, I have been able to help people through a benevolence fund in the church, to assist people when they needed food, clothing or help with utilities. Through the U.S. Ministry at New Beginnings Community Church we are able to provide new socks and underwear to school-age kids in need. As a business owner of Printing Express, I understand record keeping and the use of funds. Also, the business can be the place where I am accessible to those in need of assistance with regular hours. My counseling experience along with education in Nouthetic counseling can help me relate to peoples situations and problems. I believe I am the best candidate because I have the experience of working with others in times of crisis, I understand that sometimes people need to know that this community does care about them, and I love people. Through the type of experience and education I have had, I would be the best candidate for this position.

**MCJ: Some think that township trustees are an archaic idea. What do you think about that?**

Hennette: I feel that having a township trustee is important. Township trustees are responsible for helping people, protecting people, and ensuring our loved ones are not forgotten. A township trustee knows the people, area, and issues facing the township. As the current Perry Township Trustee and as a police officer, I am fully aware of the hardships facing the people of Perry Township, and responsibility it takes to protect the citizens of Perry Township.

Ernie Canell: In certain ways I believe it could be handled by other means but generally I think that a trustee who is part of the community and closer to the needs of the people can best help people. It is much more personal and you know your community whereas an outside source would be very impersonal.



# Clerk candidates answer questions

**GERALD MONTGOMERY (R)**  
**ANN MARIE (BAKER) STEWART**  
(D)

**MCJ: Background information (family, schooling, work history, training, experience, etc.)**

**Gerald Montgomery:** I graduated from Shoals High School in 1973 and married my high school sweetheart, Exzelia Nelson. September 1st was our 40th anniversary. We have three daughters and six grandchildren. I have managed the bindery department at Old Paths Tract Society printing company for 30-plus years. I was trustee-assessor for Halbert Township for 27 years. As assessor, I became a level II appraiser. Now I am currently Martin County Recorder. As recorder, I am still taking classes to keep up to date on all aspects of recording. I am an ordained minister of Wesleyan Tabernacle Association and pastor at Wesleyan Church at Bloomfield. Here again I find it necessary to take classes, because there is so much we can learn if we apply ourselves.

**Ann Stewart:** I am a lifelong resident of Martin County. I have been married for 23 years to Kevin Stewart. I am the daughter of Norma and the late Bill Baker. My grandparents are the late Ray and Doris Tredway and Clyde and Melba Baker. I am the mother of two children, Mandi is 21 and Ryan passed away November 11, 2010. I have one grandson, Mason. My years of working with not-for-profit groups and community-related endeavors have given me leadership and organizational skills that I feel will be useful in the clerk's position. As with any new job, I expect there to be a transitional period but I will remain dedicated to serve the public. Given the proper training, I am confident I can master the necessary skills to continue in the manner that Martin County residents have come to appreciate with the current staff and outgoing clerk.

**MCJ: Why do you want to be clerk?**

**Gerald Montgomery:** I want to be clerk so I can continue to serve and meet the citizens of Martin County. I love to be a help to people. I have enjoyed serving the public in the recorder's office for the past six years and met the challenges there. I look forward to greater challenges in the clerk's office.



**GERALD MONTGOMERY**

**Ann Stewart:** I have been interested in politics since sitting alongside my politically-active family as a young girl but my current employment situation has spurred me into action. After eight years working as a teaching assistant at the Shoals Community School, the new Health Care Reform Act caused a cutback in my allowable work hours, thus shortening paychecks, so I have been forced to look elsewhere for full time employment. As clerk, my interest in helping children and families would continue—while learning the nuances of record-keeping and working with the court system.

**MCJ: How do you feel about digitizing of records in the clerk's office?**

**Gerald Montgomery:** I feel that digitizing of the records in the clerk's office is very important and yes, I think scanning all documents into the computer is important. This is already being done and is necessary for preservation of records. This is especially necessary in case of fire, flood or other disaster.

**Ann Stewart:** I think digitizing records is very important to the clerk's office. It provides efficiency and also saves paper and storage space. It's much easier to look items up on a computer than to thumb through several files. Securing the personal information of individuals doing business with the clerk's office, whether it is digitized or paper, all is important to remain secure and confidential. Yes, I think scanning documents in the com-



**ANN STEWART**

puter is important.

**MCJ: What do you think is the most important job of the clerk?**

**Gerald Montgomery:** I believe the most important job of the clerk would be three things, public relations, accuracy, and confidentiality. Every citizen in Martin County deserves to be treated equally and fairly. The records and money must be maintained accurately. This office deals with many details concerning the lives of our people. People's records and family issues must be kept confidential.

**Ann Stewart:** The most important is to get the citizen's document pushed through in a timely fashion and as efficiently as possible. Also, I think being trusting, friendly and honest is important as well. Being a good employee of the county, being to work on time, completing daily job duties and providing the Martin County community with good service. If elected, I plan to be a full-time employee and serve the Martin County citizens to the best of my ability.

**MCJ: Do you think there are enough employees in the clerk's office now? Would you feel the need to decrease the staff or hire more staff?**

**Gerald Montgomery:** I believe the clerk's office is staffed as it needs to be currently. It's running fine with the staff they have now.

**Ann Stewart:** Yes, I think there are enough employees but I can't really comment on the

need to decrease or increase staff because I don't know how the office runs.

**MCJ: How do you feel about the recent combining of the polling locations?**

**Gerald Montgomery:** The polling locations seem to be working well. Sometimes there is some inconvenience due to distance or number of people at the polls but I believe this is something that had to be done due to the cost to use the new voting machines.

**Ann Stewart:** In my opinion, I think a few more should be added for convenience to the Martin County citizens.

**MCJ: Is there anything you plan to change in the clerk's office?**

**Gerald Montgomery:** I will wait until I have been in the clerk's office for a while before I would make any changes.

**Ann Stewart:** I see nothing that needs changing right now. The current staff run a very efficient office.

**MCJ: Is there anything in the Clerk's office budget that could be substantially reduced? If so, what? If not, explain?**

**Gerald Montgomery:** Here again I have not been clerk or even seen the clerk's budget so I could not give an answer on this question.

**Ann Stewart:** I don't know. I'm not there to see what items are or are not being used in the office.

**MCJ: Is there anything else you would like the voters to know?**

**Gerald Montgomery:** Yes, I would like to say that I am the only candidate with experience. I have a history of problem solving, leadership, and service. I want the voters to know that I am opposed to abortion, same sex marriage and am in favor of the second amendment, the right to bear arms. Lastly, I want to say thank you to the editor of the Martin County Journal for helping the voters to make an informed choice. I would appreciate your vote for Martin County Clerk on November 4th. I will do my best to fulfill your expectations. Thank you.

**Ann Stewart:** I would appreciate your vote on November 4th. If I am elected Martin County Clerk, I will do my best to treat everyone that comes in to the Clerk's office with respect and the consideration they deserve.

## Gee, Hickman vying for Martin County Council District 3 seat

**LYNN GEE (D)**  
**KAREN A. HICKMAN (R)**

**MCJ: Tell me about yourself, (education, family, experience, etc.)**

**Lynn Gee:** I've lived in Loogootee all my life. I attended and graduated from St. John Catholic School. In 1964, I married my best friend, Joe Gee, and we have three children, Gianna Armstrong of Loogootee, John Gee of Kokomo, and Bill Gee of Indianapolis. Joe and I ran the Youth Center for two and a half years and we had a craft shop for 10 years. When he became sheriff, I took the job of matron. That involved keeping all the books, and buying all the supplies that were necessary to keep the jail and sheriff's department running. I tried to use the money in our budget as frugally as I could and not spend money the county didn't have. I still believe that is the way each office should be operated.

**Karen Hickman:** I was born and raised in Loogootee, attended St. John's grade school through grade eight and half a year at St. John's High School. I then transferred to Loogootee High School and graduated with the class of 1972. I have two daughter, Leslie Summers Guy and Lynzee R. Hickman and I am very proud of both of them. I have one brother, Scott T. Hickman and one sister, Kelly S. Bridgewater. My father, John D. Hickman is still living on the same land where I grew up. I lost my brother, Thomas Steven Hickman, in Vietnam in 1970, and my Mother, Norma A. (Wagner) Hickman in 1976. Both affected my life tremendously.

**MCJ: Why do you want to be or continue to be on the county council?**

**Lynn Gee:** I would like to continue on the



**LYNN GEE**

council because I believe unnecessary spending must be held in check and we should use the budget money as sparingly as possible.

**Karen Hickman:** I have ran for mayor, city council, and now county council. I believe that I can make a change for the better. I am not one to agree with others just to be liked or accepted, I have always been my own person, and because of that I am a strong and "independent" woman. There is so much "money" being given here and there, I said this once before, 'I would like to see what money is coming in.' I agree that the Loogootee Pool needed something done, but to give out that kind of money from county council seems a bit much. There are so many more things that kind of money could have been used for. There are so many people in this county that are living in slum-like places, unsafe, infiltrated by cockroaches,



**KAREN HICKMAN**

not a healthy living place for a pet, let alone a human. I know of many pets that live better than some humans in this county, yet we turn our heads. I cannot do that, I visit these people, I sit with them and listen and cry with them. I know if I was on county council, I would ask the other members on county council to come with me and spend one hour with some of these people I know and visit. Then maybe priorities would change somewhat.

**MCJ: Would you be in favor of increasing taxes in any way?**

**Lynn Gee:** I am not in favor of increasing taxes except as a last resort.

**Karen Hickman:** Martin County people are taxed to the limit. No, I do not believe in increasing taxes in any way.

**MCJ: What are your thoughts on economic development? Do you think Martin County has been successful in this area?**

**And how do you feel about providing tax abatements to incoming businesses?**

**Lynn Gee:** Economic development is very important for our county. New businesses mean more jobs. By providing tax abatements, we encourage new businesses to settle in our county.

**Karen Hickman:** I believe progress in the economy, new technologies, and the improvement in living standards would be my thoughts on economic development. Martin County has had no progress in the economy as I see it. I have noticed Shoals downtown area has made great improvements. It is a very lovely small Loogootee. When I look at Loogootee, I see the same things I grew up with as a child but with a few extras added. I know Loogootee is working on a new swimming pool but is that going to bring new businesses into Loogootee or clean up and help the people living in conditions that driving around Loogootee, stick out like a sore thumb? A reduction in taxes on property to bring in new businesses is a good idea in my opinion. If that will bring in businesses, I say do whatever it takes to get Martin County thriving again and people working.

**MCJ: What do you think Martin County needs most or what do you think should be the county council's number one focus?**

**Lynn Gee:** Martin County needs more senior and handicap housing.

**Karen Hickman:** My first answer would be the veterans of Martin County. I know that the Martin County veteran van is finally back in Loogootee after being gone for years. That is a good thing but just taking veterans to their doctor's appointments is (See 'DISTRICT 3' cont. on page 18)



# Two in race for Martin County Council District 1 seat

**BRUCE FITHIAN (R)**  
**RANDY WININGER (D)**

**MCJ: Tell me about yourself (education, family, experience, etc.)**

**Bruce Fithian:** My name is Bruce Fithian. I graduated from Taft High School in Chicago, Illinois, in 1976. I did my electrical apprenticeship at Washburne Trade School. I have been married to Julie Fithian for 22 years and have two daughters. We have lived in Martin County for 20 years now.

**Randy Wininger:** I am Randy Wininger, candidate for Martin County Council District 1. I reside on Highway 550, in the Hindostan Falls area, with my wife of 26 years, Vicki, and our 14-year-old daughter, Calli. We have been involved in grain farming and livestock since 1988 and we attend the Hindostan United Methodist Church. I graduated from Shoals High School, Class of 83, and also Lincoln Technical Institute, also in 1983. However, I feel my best education comes from being self-employed for many years and working with people in local government. My past experiences in county government include one term on the Center Township Advisory Board, two terms as county commissioner district 2 and currently serving my 3rd term as county councilman district 1. While serving as county commissioner and county councilman, I have been appointed to serve on various boards over the years. These include the Southern Indiana Development Commission where I served on the executive board for well over a decade. Other boards include the Martin County Redevelopment Commission, the Martin County Alliance and the Martin County Flood Plain. Outside of county boards, I also served on the East Fork Water Board for several years. I have been in-



**BRUCE FITHIAN**

involved with several community activities. Vicki and I co-chaired the Catfish Parade, as well as the Shoals Christmas Parade, for a total of 21 parades over a 10-year period. I have also been involved in coaching Little League and girls softball, and also started the Southern Indiana Crushers Girls' Softball travel team, which involved girls from our two local schools mixed with girls from surrounding counties.

**MCJ: Why do you want to be or continue to be on the county council?**

**Bruce Fithian:** I know I can do a good job for the people of our county.

**Randy Wininger:** It is my desire to continue being county councilman for several reasons. I feel that the county has made great progress in the past several years. We have taken on several projects such as paying off the jail, solving the courthouse situation, implementation of electronic voting machines,



**RANDY WININGER**

bringing back full-time ambulance service, and economic development, etc. And I am very proud that I have been involved in the decision making to solve our problems and to have done it in a fiscally responsible way. I am sure there will be situations in the future that will require experience and common sense to be solved. And I feel that I can do just that and without putting the county under a financial burden.

**MCJ: Would you be in favor of increasing taxes in any way?**

**Bruce Fithian:** No.

**Randy Wininger:** It is not my intention to have any type of tax increase and it has always been my goal to accomplish everything we can without being a burden to the taxpayers (remember, I'm one of them). I feel the tax rates are high enough in the county, however, next year's rates will be lower than this year's. Also, as you may remember, I voted in opposition to the wheel tax a couple of years ago, that I feel was not in the best interest of most people in Martin County. At this time, I see no reason for there to be any tax increase for several years.

**MCJ: What are your thoughts on economic development? Do you think Martin County has been successful in this area? And how do you feel about providing tax abatements to incoming businesses?**

**Bruce Fithian:** Economic development is hard in this day and age, with all of the free trade agreements that have taken our jobs overseas. We can only push on and do the best we can do. I am against tax abatements for anyone. Why should one person have to pay for another person's profit?

**Randy Wininger:** Our economic development programs have come a long way in the past 10 years and I truly think we are headed in the right direction. Yes, I feel we have been very successful in this area. We have torn down what was one of the most unsightly places in our county (being Crane North barracks) and turned the area into one of the premier work places in Southwestern Indiana that we should all be proud of, being WestGate @ Crane. There are currently 35 companies in WestGate; 13 of them reside on the Martin County side. However, approximately 66% of the jobs currently reside on the Martin County side of WestGate. Another recent addition is the development of Indian Creek Quarries. The quarry, as they have promised, have hired many of their employees from Martin County to work at the quarry and also drive their trucks along with many Martin County based owner/operators. Also being a benefit to Martin County is the lower cost of stone we purchase for our county highway department and private stone purchases for all residents. Please keep in mind that the quarry also purchases supplies, fuel and oil from local businesses. Currently we are working with US Gypsum locating a new major warehouse on their property that will be employing 30 new employees. The new warehouse is currently under construction and should be up and running soon. Also, I would like to talk a little about job retention. This brings me to the changes at National Gypsum, where they have switched to synthetic products instead of gypsum rock. This will allow the company to be much more competitive by cut-

ting their costs and insuring their survival for years to come. On the issue of tax abatements, this is one tool our county has to attract new business to our area. Most of the companies listed above have received abatements for a 10-year term, with a 10% increase in their taxes per year for the 10-year term with the exception of National Gypsum. I am in favor of doing this for new businesses looking to locate in our county that will bring new infrastructure and good jobs here. Also, I do want you to know that this does greatly help these new companies get started and that we are always competing with other counties for these businesses to locate here. Another point that I would like for you to all know is that Martin Counties jobless rate in August stood at 4.5%. This puts us tied for 12th place in our state of 92 counties. I think this is a reflection of our efforts in the economic development area and one that I am certainly pleased to see. Although this might or might not be considered under new economic development, I cannot finish this question without giving a shout out to the Lost River Township Fire Department and their township government for all their efforts in securing their new fire station. It was one of my most rewarding projects and was very pleased that the council was able to help them out by contributing EDIT monies towards this project. I know for a fact that Lost River Township is proud of their new facility and they very well should be. I would ask that if you have not seen this new station to take the time to visit or at least drive by to see it on Butler Bridge Road. It is a beautiful site and the fire department is keeping it looking that way.

**MCJ: What do you think Martin County needs most or what do you think should be the county council's number one focus?**

**Bruce Fithian:** I think the Martin County Council needs to focus on living within the budget.

**Randy Wininger:** It is my belief that what Martin County needs most is to continue our efforts in the economic development area and increase our tax base as we have been doing. This will lessen the burden on our taxpayers, bring in more new jobs, and will provide a good working atmosphere for us and the next generation to come. Another fact to pass along is the net assessed value of Martin County is \$350,388,427 which is an extremely low amount for any county, keeping in mind that 62% of our county is considered classified forest lands or is part of Crane Base.

**MCJ: What is one area that needs more funding, if the money was available? Also, is there an area/department that you feel is costing too much?**

**Bruce Fithian:** A. I feel our county could use more funds for our roads. Having well-maintained roads would be a small plus to attract business as well as residents to our area. B. That I cannot say at this time.

**Randy Wininger:** I currently feel that all departments in our county are working on a bare bones budget and have been for quite some time. I have heard very little complaining about this as I believe all department heads and employees are aware that we have to get our jobs done and stay within our budget. One area that I feel is costing us way too much is in the public defender fees. For the past two years we have had to spend in the area of \$200,000 per year. Money that we could be using elsewhere. This is not any fault of our judicial system, they are only doing their jobs. I do feel that we can work together on this and come up with strategies to bring this down to a more reasonable figure. I feel that one thing we could possibly do is to put more devotion to our at-risk teens and young adults and try to get them off on the right foot to begin with. If we could be more successful in this area, this would be a win-win situation for all of us.

**MCJ: Do you feel the salary for county council is sufficient? Do you think county council members should be provided with health insurance or the buyout if they opt out of the insurance?**

**Bruce Fithian:** A. I do believe the salary (See 'DISTRICT ONE cont. on page 17')

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not the only thing our veterans need. There are so many suicides in Martin County and some of those are our veterans, they come home and need mental health help. PTSD is nothing to be overlooked or ignored, they need the best mental health help they can get. Also, I am including our veterans that are now gone from this world; we can take it upon ourselves to go and clean their grave stones or leave a token of being thankful for their service. Never let them be forgotten. That is my number one focus -Martin County Veterans.

**MCJ: What is one area that needs more funding, if the money was available? Also, is there an area/department that you feel is costing too much?**

**Lynn Gee:** The highway department needs more funding because there are so many roads in the county and a lot of them need work done to them. Winter is coming and I worry about how much more damage will be done to them.

**Karen Hickman:** There is more than one area that needs more funding in my opinion. Veterans affairs, protection for our area, in case of an outbreak of any kind of disease, or destruction from an outside sources; funding for our law enforcement to fight the battle with the drug problem we have in Martin County, and to be able to handle Martin County in case of a full blown emergency. Our veterans and our law enforcement are our greatest tools for our own safety. I am aware that each person has their own idea of what area or department may be costing more than it should, but I do not feel I am qualified at this point to answer that question honestly.

**MCJ: Do you feel the salary for county council is sufficient? Do you think county council members should be provided with health insurance or the buyout if they opt out of the insurance?**

**Lynn Gee:** I believe the salary is sufficient. The council has a lot of responsibility in taking care of the needs of all departments. The salary is small, there I believe insurance or the opt out helps even out the difference and helps keep good people on the council.

**Karen Hickman:** I do feel county council

is being paid sufficiently. The county council works for the people and if the people feel county council isn't being paid enough they should have the say so, to raise wages or not. I feel for the protection of the county each county council member should be insured. I feel insurance should be offered and if it is not accepted by some members than the county should make it mandatory to protect the county itself.

**MCJ: If elected/re-elected, are you willing to provide your phone number and email address for constituents to contact you with questions or concerns? If not, why?**

**Lynn Gee:** I am happy to provide my phone number and email because I want to know the concerns of the people that vote and of ones that do not vote. It's hard to know everyone's problems unless they contact me.

**Karen Hickman:** I would of course offer my phone number or email to be contacted at any time if needed. County council are servants of the county, the people should be able to contact any one of them at any time, as needed.

**MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to say to the voters?**

**Lynn Gee:** I would like to encourage everyone to get out and vote on November 4th.

**Karen Hickman:** I would like to let the voters know that I know all of us know who we are going to vote for before we go and vote. I believe we have all had enough time hearing about who is running, seeing signs around all over the county, and we know the people we want to represent us. Don't let friendship, gossip, or hearsay get in the way of what really is best for the people. Politics is not for the person who gets their feelings hurt easily, it is supposed to be for the honest, truthful, people who just want to make the lives of the people of the county better not any harder for them. But sometimes it doesn't work that way and the people you think are going to help you are really only in politics for themselves. Think long and hard this time before you cast your vote, don't let anyone sway you against your better judgment. I wish nothing but the best for



# Burch, McFeaters face off for county council district 3

BARBARA D. MCFEATERS (R)  
RICHARD A. BURCH (D)

**MCJ: Tell me about yourself (education, family, experience, etc.)**

Barb McFeaters: I live in Loogootee with my husband Paul and we've been married 33 years. We are blessed with three children and a daughter-in-law. Andrew and Hillary are professional archeologists in Florida, Mark is an Army officer deployed to Egypt, and Diane works with troubled youth in Evansville. I am a graduate of the Iowa Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing and worked as a Registered Nurse before moving to Loogootee 26 years ago. I built a strong record of volunteer service that includes being vice president of Tri-Kappa sorority, a member of the pastor-parish committee at Loogootee United Methodist Church, past president of the Loogootee Woman's Club, and 15 years in various leadership positions with American Cancer Society/Relay for Life.

Richard Burch: I graduated from Loogootee High School in 1981 and Purdue University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. I am a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Indiana. I am the son of Jim and Marilyn Burch whom reside in Loogootee. I married Ann Jones in 1985. Ann is the daughter of the late Joe and Marcella Jones. Ann and I have three children, Allyson Mudd (Aaron), Emma and Clinton. Ann and I have lived in Loogootee all our lives with the exception of our college years. I have been employed by Midwestern Engineers, Inc. for 26 years. Our firm has grown to 44 employees and has been in business for 55 years and provides consulting engineering services to cities, towns, counties, regional water and sewer districts, and not-for-profit water and sewer utilities. I became an officer of the corporation 6 years after joining the firm and am now the Chief Executive Officer. In 2011 Midwestern opened a second office in Indianapolis to better serve our clients in Northern Indiana. However Loogootee has and will continue to remain our corporate headquarters. I am a registered professional engineer in the State of Indiana, and past Chairman of the Indiana Section of the American Water Works Association. My professional affiliations include being a member of American Water Works Association-Indiana Section, American Council of Engineering Companies-Indiana and the National Society of Professional Engineers. I am a member of St. John's the Evangelist



RICHARD BURCH

Catholic Church, I also serve as a member of the finance committee for St. John's, a member and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 732. I am also a member of the Sons of the American Post 120 and the Indiana Sheriffs Association. I am also privileged to serve on Boards for the Martin County Workforce and Education Council, the advisory committee for vocational education programs for both the Loogootee and Shoals Community Schools, as well as the Old National Bank Community Advisory Board. I am the Secretary-Treasurer of Bellgrade Developers, Inc. which has developed several residential subdivisions in the Loogootee area. Bellgrade is also a farm operation raising beef cattle.

**MCJ: Why do you want to be or continue to be on the county council?**

Barb McFeaters: I am asking the voters to keep me on the county council because they deserve a representative who takes the job seriously by being well-prepared, has perfect attendance at meetings, is well-qualified to make sound financial decisions, and is someone very much like themselves. I take the same care with the taxpayers' money that I do with my family budget: don't spend more than we take in and keep a reserve in case of unforeseen expenses.

Richard Burch: I have been fortunate to be able to live, work, and raise my family in Martin County for my entire life. I will work to make our community prosperous so others have this same opportunity. In my career I have worked with local governments across Indiana and I have observed counties and communities that have made both good



BARB MCFEATERS

and bad decisions. I want to use my education, business experience, and my experience working with appointed and elected officials across this state to give back to Martin County and make a difference.

**MCJ: Would you be in favor of increasing taxes in any way?**

Barb McFeaters: I oppose tax increases for several reasons, the most important being: 1) No constituent of mine has asked me for bigger or more expensive county government. 2) We are taxed enough already.

Richard Burch: I will not state that I will never raise taxes. An official that makes such a statement is not fully evaluating the issues that an elected official must consider. Our state government continually changes both the statutes and fiscal policy that local governments must adhere to. No one knows how future changes by state government will impact us locally, especially as talk continues of eliminating the Business Personal Property Tax. I am a fiscal conservative who does not believe in spending more than you take in. But I also believe in that we need to take advantage of our resources, make wise investments, and grow Martin County so that future generations can raise families here. I will do my best to balance the needs of our community for a good quality of life and smart managed growth.

**MCJ: What are your thoughts on economic development? Do you think Martin County has been successful in this area? And how do you feel about providing tax abatements to incoming businesses?**

Barb McFeaters: I serve on the executive committee of the Martin County Alliance which is our local economic development organization so I am very involved in strategy and planning of our efforts. We've been successful at Westgate@Crane Technology Park and as I-69 is completed to Indianapolis, there should be even more activity in the Park. Although my focus is on growing economic opportunity in Martin County, I believe we must cooperate with neighboring counties when trying to attract investment in the region. Martin County is at a disadvantage when competing with other counties due to many factors but if we can get good jobs from new employers that locate near us, we are winners. I favor tax abatements for established businesses that have a record of profitability and positive return on investment, thus making them good risks for growth that will generate future tax revenues. For a new or incoming company, I want to see a solid business plan from the owner that promises a long-term commitment to Martin County before I will vote for their tax abatement.

Richard Burch: As mentioned previously, I presently sit on the Board for the Martin County Workforce and Education Council. If we want to continue to have economic development in the county we need to make sure our workforce is educated and qualified with the skills that existing and future employers demand. Our low unemployment rate is a testament to these local and regional efforts. We will be competing with other counties when businesses consider locating in Martin County, so incentives are

typically necessary. If the business creates good jobs and brings a strong tax base, I will have no problem in supporting tax abatements. The new or expanding business will be paying taxes we presently do not receive that will continue to phase-in over time for a period of up to 10 years. In my work across the state, I have seen companies provided with tax abatement that do not meet their hiring or investment goals. The best policies include "claw-back" provisions that rescind or pro-rate the abatement if the company fails to live up to their promises. I will support such provisions so that the taxpayers have adequate protection.

**MCJ: What do you think Martin County needs most or what do you think should be the county council's number one focus?**

Barb McFeaters: Martin County needs employers offering good jobs that can support families. In order to attract investment here, whether new business or expansion of existing businesses, the county council needs to more of the following: 1) Maintain strong working relationships with our state office holders to keep them informed about how legislation will affect economic development in Martin County among other issues. 2) Resist the temptation to make it more expensive to do business in Martin County by raising taxes or enacting rules and regulations that are burdensome to job creators. 3) Encourage conversation with our fellow residents so we can solve problems together. Local government officials don't have all the answers.

Richard Burch: Martin County is fortunate to have Crane. I think it is imperative that we work as a County in conjunction with other counties and the State to secure Crane as an employer and regional economic driver for years to come. It is shortsighted to believe that Crane will never close or again be threatened by BRAC. We best protect this by making the right choices to promote growth and development in and around the base.

**MCJ: What is one area that needs more funding, if the money was available? Also, is there an area/department that you feel is costing too much?**

Barb McFeaters: If money was available, I would support initiatives to expand opportunities for post-high school education in Martin County. Although education is not the county council's responsibility we should encourage providers of college courses and technical training to serve us here with classes that help us to compete for better jobs and higher incomes. I am concerned about the rising cost of health insurance for our county employees. This is a problem faced by all employers. We must find creative solutions to protect this benefit without being forced to make extreme cuts to services.

Richard Burch: If excess funds were available I would strongly consider utilizing those funds for the county highway department and our rural roads. This department impacts every business, school and citizen in the county. I will need to further evaluate if there are any areas/departments that are costing too much. I look forward to working with the office holders to look for ways to be more efficient.

**MCJ: Do you feel the salary for county council is sufficient? Do you think county council members should be provided with health insurance or the buyout if they opt out of the insurance?**

Barb McFeaters: The salary for county council members is sufficient because there is no shortage of people willing to run for seats on the council. What we must not forget in discussions about compensation for anyone serving in county government is the old saying, "At the end of the day, you get what you pay for." Our current compensation package covers both salary and benefits such as health insurance that we purchase. Obviously, if the council votes to include health insurance in the compensation package and a buyout of the insurance can produce a cost savings for the county, then a buyout is good deal for the taxpayers.

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for the county council is sufficient. B. It would depend on if they already have insurance through other means or not.

Randy Winger: I do feel that the salary for the council members is sufficient. There have been a few changes over the last few years that have seen some members actually pay the county a couple years ago just to get their benefit package and not receive a salary at all. It has been brought back up a small amount. Over the last 20 years the council and commissioners have declined a raise for themselves around 75% of the time when other employees received their raises. Health insurance has always been made available to the council and commissioners since way before my time and is considered a part of the benefit package. The buyout program was initiated to lessen the burden on the county's health insurance cost by offering all of our employees a certain dollar amount to not participate in the counties program. I am in favor of the way this has been handled and as councilmen we are most likely in the bottom 5% of salaries in the state.

**MCJ: If elected/re-elected, are you willing to provide your phone number and email address for constituents to contact you with questions or concerns? If not, why?**

Bruce Fithian: Yes, I would provide my home phone number, but no email address. I am still a little old school about how I like

to communicate with others.

Randy Winger: 709-0383 rvcwinger@gmail.com I have always had the opinion that any elected official that did not post his or her contact numbers probably does not want to hear from anyone. This is not how I operate. A lot of my decision making comes from public input and I do want to hear from citizens. The Journal used to always list contact numbers for elected officials that would give them out and I would like to see it back in all local media outlets.

**MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to say to the voters?**

Bruce Fithian: I would like to say that had I been a part of the county council this past year, I would not have voted to help fund the swimming pool.

Randy Winger: In closing, I would like to say that from all of my answers provided that you can see that a councilman needs to be aware and educated on all areas of the county's programs and needs. It is my opinion that a councilman should not be too liberal or too conservative, as both of these situations can get a county in trouble in a hurry. I do believe that a good balance somewhere in the middle works well and can accomplish our goals while keeping our county financially sound. I do ask for your support on November 4th and to remember that your one vote just may make a big difference.



# Three up for Loogootee School Board District 2 position

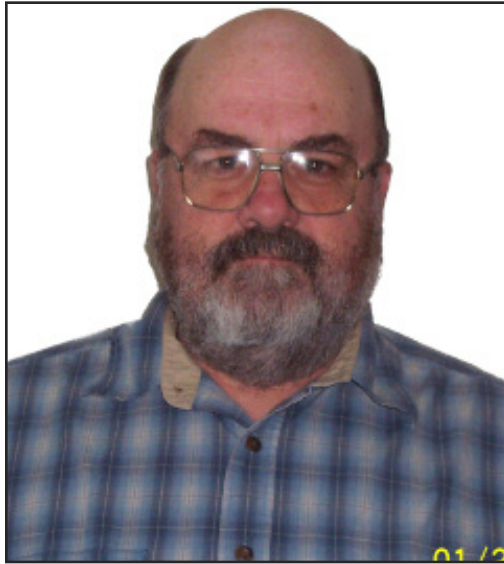
LARRY CRANEY  
CHAD M. WADE  
MARY M. WALTON

**MCJ: Background information (family, schooling, work history, training, experience, etc.)**

Larry Craney: My name is Larry Craney, middle son of Virginia and the late Ed Craney. I am a lifelong resident of the Loogootee area. I attended St. John grade school 1-6 and Loogootee 7-12. I graduated in 1975 and went on to Oakland City Vo-Tech graduating in 1976. I am retired after over 34 years at USG. I have been married for over 31 years and my wife, Toni, and I have four children and four grandchildren with another grandchild due in February. Eddie, Sarah, and Rebecca graduated from Loogootee and Travis will graduate in the spring. Our oldest granddaughter is a third grade student at Loogootee and next year her sister will start kindergarten. We our members of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee and I volunteer for many activities with St. Martin. I am also a 4-H leader and work with our county youth at the fair. I am on the Voc-Ag advisory committee for getting agriculture classes in Martin County Schools. I have attended many training clinics and conferences over my time on the school board where I have learned more about school law, budget, RISE, Voc-Ag in the classroom, and technology in the classroom, superintendent evaluations, and boardmanship. I have also been a state delegate at the school board convention three times.

Chad Wade: I was raised in Loogootee by my mother and father Michael and Elaine Wade and grew up with two sisters Leslie (Wade) Vanhoy and Summer Wade and one brother Bruce Wade. I am married to Nicole (Bays) Wade and have two daughters Emily (12), Brenna (9) and one son Kyle (10 months). I graduated from Loogootee High School in 1991 and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1995. I started my working career at Kimball Upholstery Products in 1995 as a cost accountant and moved to plant controller position in 1998. As plant controller I was responsible for reporting the monthly and annual financial results of the company while ensuring the internal controls were in place to safeguard the company's assets. In 2001, I accepted a position as internal auditor for Kimball International Corporate Office where I was assigned with a group of accountants over the Kimball Electronics Group.

In 2003 I accepted my current position with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance as a



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sales agent for the past 11 years. I have dedicated a majority of my free time away from work assisting the school corporation as a basketball coach in the boys and girls programs since 1997.

Mary Walton: I am Mary M. Walton and I am running for Loogootee School Board in District 2. I am one of ten children born to Willis and Mary Hembree, and a lifetime resident of Martin County. Terry Walton is my husband of 43 years and we are the parents of two children. Adam is married to the former Julie Bateman and the parents of Paige, a junior at Loogootee Jr.-Sr. High School; Jace, a sixth grader at Loogootee Intermediate School; Wade, a second grader at Loogootee Elementary School; and Gabe, three years old. Angie and husband, Chris Sutton, reside in Noblesville and are the parents of Katie, 7, and Carson, 18 months. I am a 1970 graduate of Loogootee High School. My career with Loogootee Community Schools began in 1983 as athletic/guidance secretary. In June 1995, I transferred to the central office as administrative secretary/deputy treasurer. In July 2002, I was appointed corporation treasurer and remained in that role until my retirement in May 2014. I attended numerous workshops to obtain valuable training for my job. As corporation treasurer I have helped prepare twelve school budgets. In May 2014, I was selected the Region 9 Treasurer of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Business Officials.

**MCJ: Why do you want to be on or continue to be on the Loogootee School Board?**

Larry Craney: I would like to continue on the school board to work with our administrators and board to improve our school system. We have been working to improve our curriculum and add classes including Voc-Ag that will help our students be ready



CHAD WADE

to enter the workforce. We have many college courses where our students get college classes and credits while in high school at a fraction of college costs. We are dealing with state cut-backs and retirements of very good teachers. We are also working toward 1 to 1 technology in the classroom so our children are better prepared for college. These changes are very tricky to get in place as they need to be budgeted in and our teachers re-instructed to this way of teaching. These are now in place and should begin being in place next year. We must move carefully as the state testing must work on the new units and other schools have found their units did not work with state testing after they got them. We want it right when we put it in place.

Chad Wade: The leadership and management opportunities that I have experienced in the past 19 years give me the ability to be a valuable leader on the school board for our community. With the ongoing impact on our local schools by decreased funding, it will be very crucial to have someone with strong strategic planning and financial discipline skills in the next 7-10 years. The areas of concern I see challenging our school in the next 7-10 years are technology, talent management, education for the future, financial management and our school image. We need strong leadership from our school board, administration, teachers, students and parents to face these on-going challenges.

Mary Walton: Next to God and family, my school and community are most important to me. Three of my grandchildren attend Loogootee Schools. One of my goals is to help restore the good reputation to our schools and make necessary changes for the Loogootee School Corporation to be the best in the area. My experience as corporation treasurer and working in the athletic and guidance offices makes me very qualified to be a school board member.

**MCJ: Do you think Loogootee's art and music departments in elementary and junior/senior high school are sufficient? Please explain your answer.**

Larry Craney: I think both programs are good; our administrators have determined this is a good way to teach these classes and I believe in our administrators. As the new teachers get established these programs improve. Is one semester enough, I don't know the answer. Some students feel even that is too much, others would like to have more. These programs are great for the students as they are able to express themselves through singing and working with their hands.

Chad Wade: It is always tough to replace someone who aspired to take our music and art programs to a new level. Regardless if it is our music and art department or our vocational programs, we should strive to have and to be the best in every curriculum or extra-curricular area of our school system. Everyone from the students, parents, teachers, administrators and community need to come together and be held accountable to make sure this is happening. This responsibility doesn't fall with one sector of the community or school; it takes everyone to achieve excellence.

Mary Walton: Art and music are very important to a student's curriculum. I feel the



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classes being provided at this time are sufficient. Of course, it is not what we have been used to in previous years, but hopefully if funding is available in the future additional music and art teachers could be hired.

**MCJ: What are your thoughts on school consolidation?**

Larry Craney: School consolidation, as many state legislators want now, is in my opinion wrong. We need to keep our small schools as they are a way that communities identify themselves. When you think of Loogootee you think Lions, when you think of Shoals you think Jug Rox, when you think of Montgomery you think of Vikings. If schools consolidate you would take these identities away from the community. I also feel small schools with smaller class sizes do a better job teaching as the teachers can identify with the students better and hopefully give them the help needed for them to be successful. Consolidation due to circumstances as in what I experienced when St. John's burnt turned out good, we students moved forward and did well together excelling in academics and athletics.

Chad Wade: Consolidation has to be approached as something that may not be imminent, but as something that may be necessary in the next 7-10 years. It is part of the school board's responsibility to prepare a plan and to have a plan ready to implement so that we can put our school in the best position to succeed.

Mary Walton: Personally, I don't foresee school consolidation in the near future.

**MCJ: There has been a lot of talk of late and in the past about the school providing a city bus to pick up students and take them home. What are your thoughts on this?**

Larry Craney: I would prefer our children riding a bus than walking to and from school. A city bus has been an issue for many years. It has been tried by many independent contractors and for one reason or another has not been successful. We have been and continue to look at several options and are open for suggestions. As yet we have been unable to get good pickup spots that will work for all. As we start looking over bus routes we are looking at possibilities.

Chad Wade: I believe if there is a way, we should provide this service to our parents and children within the city limits. There should be a financial and participation study completed to gauge initial interest. The Loogootee Community School Corporation is here to serve the children of Loogootee. If there is a way financially and structurally to offer this service then we should.

Mary Walton: I would not be opposed to providing a city bus for children if the logistics of pickup points could be determined.

**MCJ: One of the biggest comments/complaints I hear as a journalist is the public's lack of trust for the school board. They feel that much is decided outside of open meetings and have felt some things were done in a shady way. What is your response to that?**

Larry Craney: There is a lot of distrust in (See 'THREE' continued on page 19)

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Richard Burch: The salary or benefits have nothing to do with the reason I am running. I actually had to look up the salary simply because The Journal asked this question. I question why elected officials working part-time should receive health insurance, but realize that some compensation is necessary to recruit quality candidates. I have no problem with elected officials and our county employees who are working full-time in receiving health insurance.

**MCJ: If elected/re-elected, are you willing to provide your phone number and email address for constituents to contact you with questions or concerns? If not, why?**

Barb McFeaters: My full contact information appears on my campaign literature and I encourage my constituents to call or email me with comments or questions. To the people of Martin County I say, "I look forward to hearing from you because I value your input!"

Richard Burch: I will provide my email address and phone number. I am always happy to discuss local issues with the citizens of Martin County.

**MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to say to the voters?**

Barb McFeaters: Since being selected to fill the remaining term of the late John Stoll in 2013, I earned a reputation for being well prepared in advance of meetings and knowledgeable about the council's purpose. I have perfect attendance at council meetings. My service on the council is not driven by a personal or partisan agenda. I do not have a stake in a business that bids on contracts from Martin County Government. I am fair, impartial, and free of even the appearance of a conflict of interest. There is no reason for me to abstain from voting. I believe my performance of making sound financial decisions, combined with my qualifications and experience, has earned the trust of the voters and I ask them to keep me on the job for the next four years.

Richard Burch: I feel fortunate to live and work in Martin County. My experience at Midwestern Engineers as both a business owner and project engineer uniquely qualifies me to serve on the County Council. I have designed and managed projects as small as \$500 and as large as \$25 million. I stand ready to manage not only the day-to-day management of our county finances, but also the big decisions that come with strategic planning and investing wisely for our future. Your consideration and vote is greatly appreciated.



## Congressional District 8 candidate forum is October 28 in Jasper

Democratic, Libertarian and Republican Party candidates seeking Indiana's 8th District Congressional seat have agreed to appear at a forum October 28 at 7 p.m. (ET), at the Jasper Arts Center. The forum is sponsored by Vincennes University and the City of Jasper.

Candidates participating are incumbent Republican Larry Bucshon, Democrat Tom Spangler, and Libertarian Andrew Horning.

The forum will be presented in two parts. In the first part, each candidate will appear on stage with a three-member panel consisting of two news-media representatives and a VU Jasper Campus student. The conversations will be free-flowing and each candidate may be asked different questions.

In the second part of the forum all three candidates will appear on stage with a moderator to answer questions submitted in writing from the audience. The candidates will respond to the same questions. They will have 90 seconds to answer each question. At the end of the program each candi-

date will be allowed to give a closing statement.

Rules for the forum have been agreed to by the candidates. There will be open seating in the 675-seat auditorium. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

Campaign signs, banners, or paraphernalia will be prohibited in the building and on the grounds of the Jasper Arts Center. Campaign rallies by each party will be permitted in designated locations on the grounds of the VU Jasper Campus.

The audience will be instructed to refrain from applauding or in other ways demonstrating agreement or disagreement with a candidate's statements. No still or video cameras or recording devices will be used by members of the audience during the forum. The event will be broadcast live over WBDC-FM and WITZ-FM and will be recorded for later broadcast on WJTS-TV, Channel 18.

VU Jasper Campus students will serve as ushers.



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## Democrats BBQ

The Martin County Democrat Party held a Meet the Candidates BBQ last Saturday evening in Loogootee. Shown above are the candidates on the General Election ballot that were in attendance. In the front row, from left to right are Lynn Gee (running for reelection for county council), Brandi Hennette (running for reelection on Perry Township Advisory Board), Ann Stewart (running for county clerk), and Bobbi Sue Nonte (running for Loogootee School Board). In the back row, from left to right are Randy Wininger (running for reelection for county council), Mike Steiner (running unopposed for county prosecutor), Richard Burch (running for county council), Jason Hennette (running for reelection for Perry Township Trustee), Tom Spangler (running for Congress), and Rob Street (running for reelection for sheriff).

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all our elected officials so we are all under the microscope with everything we do or don't do. When dealing with personnel one must be very careful of what you do and say, so little is said. This looks like we are hiding something we are not. Many people do not fully understand the job of a school board member as it is our job to work with and deal with the superintendent not the day-to-day running of the school. We get the basic information on the agenda of a meeting a couple of days before the meeting. Then we have the opportunity to do more research on the topics for the meeting. With this basic knowledge we make our decision. Many times we find the public expects us to act on or do something different than the agenda, that is not the way it should work. The board is by law to oversee the superintendent and the superintendent is responsible for the school. A good superintendent delegates responsibility to the building principals and holds them accountable to be sure teachers on down do their job in best interest of the students and school corp. We as a board hire a superintendent and often sit in on administrator final interviews to be sure we are getting what we need. Other hires are done by a committee of teachers, administrators with A/D maintenance, personnel or cooks depending on position. We as a board have trust in our personnel and act on their recommendations. We then vote on their recommendations yes or no.

Chad Wade: The relationship between the school board and the community it serves is crucial to the sense of the well-being in any school corporation. Typically the community members often operate from a position of limited information. For this reason, it is my belief, that the school board should routinely and voluntarily inform their constituents regarding the state-of-the corporation. Keeping the community informed on real educational issues, as well as extra-curricular calendar is absolutely critical in today's educational environment. I believe it is fair to say that in every school corporation, there are more issues to praise than to criticize and certainly, issues that need correcting should be addressed, just not over-emphasized. The community and school board's relationship should be built on mutual trust and respect.

Mary Walton: I too understand the frustration one feels when they are not getting the entire story, but the law states it is not legal to discuss personnel items in open meetings. These items must be discussed in executive meetings, typically prior to or following open board meetings.

**MCJ: If you had the ability to change one thing in the Loogootee School Corporation, what would it be?**

Larry Craney: I don't know where to begin or how to do it but I would like to re-

store faith and good values to the people of our community. We are trying to get and keep good people at the school to help do that but it has to be restored in the community as well. So what I am saying is I would like to restore faith and trust in our school corporation.

Chad Wade: I believe falling behind and not keeping up with emerging technology in the past 12 years has impacted the way our teachers and students perform. I don't think you can ever replace text books, but our corporation is missing supplemental teaching and learning opportunities. Our teachers are asked to do more with fewer tools available to assist them in being the best they can be. Our students have lost the opportunity to be more prepared either for secondary or vocational education because of this decline. Our school board and administration has an obligation to ensure that our students and teachers have what they need to have to prepare them to be the best they can be.

Mary Walton: Stability in all areas.

**MCJ: What do you think should be done about the continued declining enrollment?**

Larry Craney: Declining enrollment goes hand in hand with population. Our population is declining so is our enrollment. Jobs in the area have declined. Then as I said before loss of faith and trust in the school corporation has hurt us. Our students have many opportunities at Loogootee that are not available elsewhere. We need to build on our strengths and work on our weaknesses and move forward together and restore our school pride.

Chad Wade: The majority of the declining enrollment includes a lot of economic dynamics that are out of the school's control. Such items as, relocation, loss of employment, family activities available, lack of housing, etc... However, there are items that we can look to our school to do their part on changing the trend. How are we sharing our successes? Do we have an engaging school website that links to our county websites to increase awareness of the opportunities in Martin County so we can attract new employees from Crane? Are we offering a 21st Century curriculum to attract the top student talent? Are we doing everything we can to have an outstanding vocational program for those students who do not aspire to go to college?

Mary Walton: Unfortunately, most schools are seeing declining enrollment. Lack of jobs, industry, and housing play a major role in where families move to. Preparing pamphlets promoting our schools is an option.

**MCJ: Do you think Loogootee's technology is up to par?**

Larry Craney: I have been to many meetings with school board members from all over the state. We are ahead of some, be-

hind others. When you talk with members that have 1-1 technology you find that many have had outside help. We were nearly ready to put 1-1 in place for this year when we learned the tablets we were going to use (the ones many already are using) do not support the state testing. It would have been a mistake to put into use units that are incompatible and we did not make it. We have sent many teachers to training to get this in place as they need to be retrained before they can teach with the new tablets instead of books. These units also need to be budgeted in and workable ways to pay for them in advance of implementation. Loogootee has excelled in technology for many years and brought home first place trophies for their robotics program. We are working with the STEM program to use Cranes resources in our classrooms. We have a good computer lab and many units available for the students to use in class and the library. We have white boards in place that work well. Plans are to move forward and have 1-1 in place for several grades next school year unless the state changes things again.

Chad Wade: Please refer to the answer to question #7 above.

Mary Walton: No. Technology changes on a daily basis.

**MCJ: How do you feel about the school's ISTEP scores?**

Larry Craney: I wish they were better. I am not convinced that ISTEP is the best way of testing but that is what we have and we need to be sure that our students understand that material.

Chad Wade: I believe that our school board, administration and teaching staff should be striving to lead and plan on a daily basis to be a four star school. I do not believe that the past few years' scores are representative of where our community feels we should be. With the right effort and focus on the areas of improvement, our school staff and students can achieve higher results. We have to focus more on being proactive rather than reactive.

Mary Walton: According to public re-

ports, Loogootee Schools finished above the state average in 15 of the 19 areas tested, which was reported as an improvement from the previous year. It appears Loogootee Schools are moving in the right direction. Providing teachers with the necessary tools to help students can only continue to raise ISTEP scores.

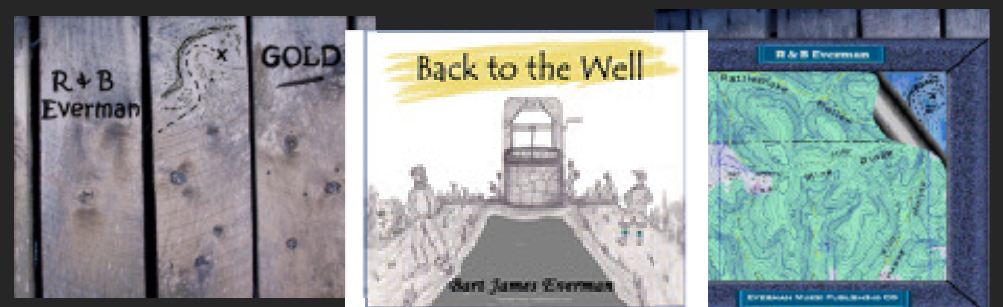
**MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to let the voters know?**

Larry Craney: I have taken my job as a school board member very seriously. I have only missed two meetings, one for a death in my family and another was a special meeting that my family already had plans made. I have attended many clinics and training sessions to keep up on school law, laws pertaining to schools, legislative actions and boardmanship. I have attended recognition meetings for our employees to show my support for them. I have taken my job as a school board member very seriously. I have spent a lot of time trying to be a good board member, working with the school administration for the betterment of our schools. I work with our youth at the county fair and am a 4-H leader. I believe in the youth of our community and wish to give them every opportunity to succeed.

Chad Wade: If I am fortunate enough to be elected to the school board on November 4, I will give 110% to do what I can to assist the school corporation in promoting excellence and lifelong learning in our children; and to promote and facilitate excellence and best practices with all of our staff in the areas of learning, policies and procedures, finance and the best use of our resources. I would appreciate your vote on November 4th for a new vision and new direction!

Mary Walton: I will work to the best of my ability to maintain high academic standards and quality education. I will be the people's voice and advocate in all areas to build a stronger community. As stated above, I have the experience, qualifications, and time to be your district 2 board member.

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# Nonte, Hall vie for Loogootee School Board District 1

SCOTT HALL  
BOBBI SUE NONTE

**MCJ: Background information (family, schooling, work history, training, experience, etc.):**

Scott Hall: I am Scott Hall. I graduated from Loogootee High School and served in the U.S. Air Force for six years, serving at Torrejon, Spain, Osan, Korea and Scott AFB, IL. The military has provided leadership and discipline and a love for my country and family that brings a heart of integrity to whatever I do.

Bobbi Nonte: My name is Bobbi Sue Hunt Nonte and I am a 1988 graduate of Loogootee High School. I attended Vincennes University and graduated in 1990 with an Associate's Degree in Computer Science. I have been married to Brent (George) Nonte for 23 years and we have five children, Brooke, Will, Jacob, Luke and Abbi. We, along with our five children, are graduates of and/or are currently attending Loogootee Community Schools. We are members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, where I am currently an 8th grade religion teacher. I have been actively involved with the church and religious activities my entire life. For several years, I was afforded the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mother, which allowed me the time and ability to instill strong Catholic family values within my children. My family is strong supporters of all programs within the Loogootee School Corporation, which include academic programs, arts programs, and athletic programs. In regards to my work experience, I have worked both in the public and private sector since the age of 13 and I have a strong work ethic. I have a Masters Certification in Enterprise Configuration Management from the University of Houston, which I utilize today as a government contractor.

**MCJ: Why do you want to be on or continue to be on the Loogootee School Board?**

Scott Hall: I am requesting this opportunity to continue to work at making a difference in our young people and our community. We have faced many hard decisions as we strive to not only meet the changing requirements but to exceed those requirements set by the Indiana State Board of Education. Finances and state regulations continue to create more and more challenges and continue to put a burden on the community to provide the best education for our future generations. Today's school boards must be prepared to make hard decisions and provide the school and community with leadership that will make changes in a way that creates an atmosphere of wanting to learn and also creates excitement about the learning process. I promise to work hard to continue on the road to get us to be the best in the state and beyond.

Bobbi Nonte: I want to be a member of the Loogootee School board because I feel it is time to change the way ahead for our school system. I feel that the current school board has had ample time to make the changes that were needed. For several years I have watched our enrollment decline, academic programs diminish, and athletic programs suffer. I feel the lack of leadership within our school board is to blame, as they have provided our community with no clear answers on how they plan to change the current state of our corporation. I am passionate about the quality of education that we are providing to every child that enrolls in our schools.

**MCJ: Do you think Loogootee's art and music departments in elementary and junior/senior high school are sufficient? Please explain your answer.**

Scott Hall: I believe that Loogootee's art and music departments are getting better. We can always improve. We can always get better. There is no perfect department. The school board and the administration must always strive to work together with the teachers and the students to look at all departments as we must continually be train-



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ing teachers, finding new ways to reach our young people to provide the best learning environment possible.

Bobbi Nonte: I have watched our arts programs deteriorate under the current administration. What was once a vital, thriving program in our corporation has now been diminished to a program with very few participants! I strongly feel that the lack of support the administration has provided in backfilling retirement positions with highly qualified personnel is the root cause in the decline. I have seen the current administration blame lack of funding as the reason not to seek qualified candidates to fill retirement positions, yet they still promise the public our programs will not suffer; well they have. There is much that needs to be done to rebuild our arts programs, but that can only be accomplished with the full support of the administration.

**MCJ: What are your thoughts on school consolidation?**

Scott Hall: I do not want to see our schools consolidate. I grew up in a small school and this is right for our area. We choose to live in a small town, because it is small. We choose Loogootee High School because it is a small school. We are providing a service to our students, our teachers, and our community in providing an environment that includes teachers having classroom sizes that are manageable and being able to know their students and their families to provide not only class time, but also personal time to know if a student is struggling, it may not always be that the individual doesn't want to learn, but also may be family or home issues that can then help to provide the environment for a student to want to be given the whatever assistance is needed to be able to learn.

Bobbi Nonte: We must prepare ourselves for many different scenarios, and school consolidation is definitely one of them. The corporation must implement a strategic plan of action to place our school in the best position to handle a consolidation. This plan will involve partnering with our neighboring administrations and working together as a team to do what's in the best interest of the students and communities.

**MCJ: There has been a lot of talk of late and in the past about the school providing a city bus to pick up students and take them home. What are your thoughts on this?**

Scott Hall: I would like to see Loogootee Schools have a city bus. The board has continuously asked that we provide the service. We have run into roadblocks on how many students would ride the bus, where are the pick-up points, what happens if the students are on personal property and they get hurt. Who is responsible for the students as they wait for the bus? As a school board member, my greatest interest in providing any type of service for the community is the student's safety whether on school property or wherever they may be before and after school.

Bobbi Nonte: Since moving within the city limits in 2006, the absence of city busing has been a predominant issue with me and many other parents. I have had numerous conversations with past and present ad-

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ministrators to deal with the busing issue. I firmly believe that using budget constraints to override the safety and well-being of our children needs to be addressed immediately. I have seen children walk in sub-zero temperatures with no coat, children struck by vehicles, and children standing in lines awaiting drop off and pickup. A city bus would help solve all of the instances I have witnessed. If elected, I will work tirelessly to see that this issue is brought to the forefront and addressed accordingly.

**MCJ: One of the biggest comments/complaints I hear as a journalist is the public's lack of trust for the school board. They feel that much is decided outside of open meetings and have felt some things were done in a shady way. What is your response to that?**

Scott Hall: I know the nation currently holds a distrust of the individuals currently holding public office. I am a member of this community. I am black and gold and bleed these colors. My heart wants to see us as a community be the light on the hill that everyone sees and wants to emulate. From the depths of my heart and soul, I have done everything I can to make sure that everything done is right for our students, teachers, families, and administrators. As a school board member, I want the community to know that integrity, honesty, and truth are the foundations that by the grace of God I have never and will never break that trust the community has laid on me as their representative. I do understand that there are perceptions of individuals that I can't change, but I pray they will see that Loogootee Schools are changing for the better. We have made great strides in leadership. We are now an overall "A" school. We have a ways to go, but I believe we are headed in the right direction.

Bobbi Nonte: As an elected school board official, I understand that the ability to discuss certain issues is hindered by privacy laws. However, no publicly elected board member should ever ignore the concerns of the people they are representing; no matter how small or petty one may feel the issue is. If a board member is addressed by a concerned citizen with an issue, they should not only research and investigate those concerns, but it is imperative they respond with their findings. If elected, I will respond to those which have elected me and I will not tell them what they want to hear but will be truthful, honest and open. I will be as transparent as much as the law will allow me to be. I am not one to hide my feelings on any subject and I will always be sincere, even if our opinions differ.

**MCJ: If you had the ability to change one thing in the Loogootee School Corporation, what would it be?**

Scott Hall: The question posed was if I could change one thing in the Loogootee School Corporation, what would it be? I would like to include the community as they have to work together. Families, students, community and teachers have to be able to communicate and come together in a way that provides an environment of not only learning, but providing a current and future successful way of life for our next generation of leaders. Our students are in school for about 7.5 hours 5 days a week and then 16.5 hours outside of school 7 days a week. We as the current generation must set the example and be role models for our kids.

Bobbi Nonte: I would work to rebuild the academic excellence within our school systems, from kindergarten to grade 12, from the bottom to top; not only in the classroom, but outside of the classroom as well. I

would do this by analyzing what is currently not working and work collaboratively as a team with the administration, teachers, parents, and students to rebuild the three pillars/programs that once made our school system the example of excellence: Academics, Arts, and Athletics.

**MCJ: What do you think should be done about the continued declining enrollment?**

Scott Hall: Indiana leaders tell the small schools that enrollment is declining due to our areas do not have the jobs that bring people to our community, families are smaller having less kids, etc... These are things I can't control. As a school we must provide parents with a reason to want to send their children to our school. This includes teachers that care and provide a learning environment that challenges their students to be better, an administration that is accountable, and a process of communication with the community and outside the community what Loogootee School Corporation can offer to anyone that will entrust us with their greatest investment, their kids.

Bobbi Nonte: We need to rebuild the reputation of our schools so that people will once again choose to entrust their children's education to our corporation. As a parent who now has the option to take their children wherever they see fit for their child's education; it is IMPERATIVE that we work to market our school corporation; to gain the trust once again of the community; to entrust in the level of education that is being provided to our youth. Administrations both past and present have continued to blame declining enrollment on funding constraints and a weakened economy, but public records are contradictory to those claims. During this administration and current school board tenure, our enrollment has steadily declined, yet our neighboring school corporations remain steady and increase enrollment. The funding constraints, weakened economy, and other excuses need to stop. Our PRIMARY goal should be to reestablish Loogootee Community Schools as the ONLY choice for your child to receive the best academic, performing arts, and athletic experience within the surrounding counties.

**MCJ: Do you think Loogootee's technology is up to par?**

Scott Hall: We are working with other schools, and also other educators to become the technology leaders in high school education. Mr. Tippery is currently working to have a 1 to 1 ratio of computers to students. We currently have been given a 3D printer. We are working with Crane to provide necessary training and available internships to students utilizing all available Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) to educate our students today to provide leadership for tomorrow.

Bobbi Nonte: Absolutely NOT! We were once known for our state of the art technology and now we have our teachers using freeware and outdated hardware. The lack of tools available to our faculty and students is a disgrace in my opinion. Our technology curriculum needs to not only be addressed, but overhauled. With nearly every job today depending highly on one's ability to excel in technology, we cannot continue to allow our young adults to graduate and not be well-versed in computer usage and computer knowledge. Every staff member should be trained in the latest technology and curriculum based technology should be used in the classroom. We need to invest in our technology and rebuild it so that we are viewed as the area leaders. Technology is a tool and should be used as such to give our students the edge in their futures when they leave the halls of LHS.

**MCJ: How do you feel about the school's ISTEP scores?**

Scott Hall: Our ISTEP scores are improving. Loogootee Schools are going to be the training school for other schools in a system that allows a teacher to administer a pre-test to find out what students know and also where the students are struggling. With this information teachers can pinpoint students' weaknesses in that subject and they are able



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to tailor to the individual's needs using Indiana state standards to help them know where they need to focus.

Bobbi Nonte: This school year, the ISTEP test will have a new look and approach to testing our children over the new state standards which are called College and Career Readiness Standards. The Indiana Department of Education has been preparing the last several years to bring state standards current for our children. Parents need to be educated on the current standards that their children are being tested on and work with their children and teachers to help ensure these new standards are being met. Again, the technology in our schools needs to be readily available for all students/teachers to help them prepare for this new phase of testing. We are now holding teachers accountable for our children's scores. We need to provide them with the technology tools they need to better prepare our kids. We can't expect them to have little access to computers and the web when they will be expected to have children prepared for a new phase in testing this spring. I hear the frustrations from students that say they spend half of a class period just trying to login to our current computer system or they are continuously booted out of the system because of lack of connection. It's time, at the minimum, to come current with our technology to what our surroundings schools have been utilizing for several years. Again, we need to be the technology leaders we once were and give back the edge to OUR children. Where our scores are lacking, we have to make the improvements necessary to excel. We need to reward those teachers that are excelling in the classroom, and mentor those that need assistance to help achieve those standards. Loogootee has never been known for mediocrity, and we should expect no less than excellence in the classroom.

**M CJ: Is there anything else you would like to let the voters know?**

Scott Hall: I was born and raised in Loogootee, spent six years in the Air Force, and returned to our community with my wife Pam Hall, to raise our two children, Kristan Hall, who graduated from Loogootee and is now serving in the Air Force; and our youngest daughter, Kylie Hall, who is a sophomore in high school. Loogootee has provided an education for my family and I want to make sure that every family who chooses Loogootee Schools is provided the opportunity for the best education possible. With all my heart and all my desire is to see us reach the top of the list in schools and I believe we can get there as we all work together.

Bobbi Nonte: I am a very compassionate person who does not hide from hard situations but faces them head on with honesty and integrity. My opponent is a good man and I respect him greatly. He has had two terms to change the direction that our school is going and he has done good things, but there is much more that needs to be done. I feel that it is time for a new perspective, a fresh start, a new beginning for our children and this community. I have children that have been through the halls of LHS and I know where the changes need to occur to help those yet to graduate; to be even more successful and have a better advantage when they leave our hallways. I have children that are in every building within our school system and I have dealt with every administrator, most teachers, and I promise to work to improve our schools by addressing arising problems/issues directly, quickly, and efficiently. If you feel there is currently no room for improvement, that the issues/concerns within the last several years have been handled correctly, then my opponent is the person who you should cast your vote for. HOWEVER, if you feel there is room for improvement, if you want someone that is not afraid to stand up to make the difficult changes that must be made, if you are ready to have someone represent you, your child, our community with NO FEAR of administrators or others, then I am asking for your support and your vote on election

# CANDIDATES 2014

The following are the candidates on the ballot for the 2014 General Election.

## INDIANA SECRETARY OF STATE

Elizabeth "Beth" White (D)  
Karl Tatgenhorst (L)  
Connie Lawson (R)

## INDIANA STATE AUDITOR

Michael A. Claytor (D)  
John Schick (L)  
Suzanne Crouch (R)

## INDIANA STATE TREASURER

Mike Boland (D)  
Michael L. "Mike" Jasper (L)  
Kelly Mitchell (R)

## US CONGRESS DISTRICT 8

Tom Spangler (D)  
Andrew Horning (L)  
Larry D. Buehshon (R)

## STATE SENATE DISTRICT 39

Steve Lindsey (D)  
Eric Bassler (R)

## STATE REP. DISTRICT 62

Jeff Sparks (D)  
Ashley A. Keith Qualkenbush (L)  
Matt Ubelhor (R)

## STATE REP. DISTRICT 63

Mike Braun (R)

## MARTIN COUNTY RACES

### PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

C. Michael Steiner (D)

### CLERK

Gerald D. Montgomery (R)  
Ann Marie(Baker) Stewart (D)

### ASSESSOR

Carolyn S. McGuire (R)

### SHERIFF

Robert F. "Rob" Street (D)  
J. Travis Roush (R)

### COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

Paul R. George (D)

### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Randy L. Winger (D)  
Bruce Fithian (R)

### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

James A. "Buck" Stiles (R)

### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Barbara D. McFeaters (R)

Richard A. Burch (D)

### COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Lynn Gee (D)  
Karen A. Hickman (R)

### HALBERT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Exzelia Montgomery (R)

### PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Ernie S. Canell (R)

Jason Hennette (D)

### RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE

Terry J. Street (D)

### CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Charles S. Hamilton (R)

### MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

James Norman Pup (R)  
Tammy Jo Gore (D)

### LOST RIVER TRUSTEE

Mildred C. Brown (R)

### HALBERT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (Vote for three)

Travis Montgomery (R)

Stevie J. Horton (R)

Kimberly Albright (R)

### PERRY TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for three)

Paul C. Crew (R)

Charles Blanton (R)

Jason Riggins (R)

Julie Green (D)

Sue Hunt (D)

Brandi Hennette (D)

### RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP

### ADVISORY BOARD (vote for three)

Jeffrey R. Horney (D)

Lonnie Survance (D)

### CENTER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for three)

Gerald L. Wilcoxon (R)

Kenneth L. Brett (R)

Larry L. Rivers (R)

### LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for three)

Alice Dianne Butler (R)

Keith Emmons (R)

### MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD (vote for three)

Sharon K. Belcher (R)

Charity (Belcher) Tolbert (R)

Dan J. Butler (R)

### LOOGOOTEE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1

Scott W. Hall

Bobbi Sue Nonte

### LOOGOOTEE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 2

Mary M. Walton

Larry Craney

Chad M. Wade

### LOOGOOTEE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3

Brent D. Courter

### SHOALS SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1

Dianna L. Ragsdale

### SHOALS SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 4

Eva Nadine Neeley



# ELECTION CALENDAR

## Thursday, October 23, 2014

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 25, 2014

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 reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

## Monday, October 27, 2014

DEADLINE, by 11:59 p.m. for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed absentee ballot applications requesting to vote absentee by mail.

## Saturday, November 1, 2014

Absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk must be open for 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 reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

## Monday, November 3, 2014

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 file an absentee ballot application with the circuit court clerk to vote in-person in the clerk's office.

DEADLINE, 11:59 p.m., 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 4, 2014

GENERAL ELECTION DAY Polls are open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., prevailing local time.

## Tuesday, November 18, 2014

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate to file a verified election recount or contest petition.

## Monday, December 1, 2014

Voter Registration Opens First day the circuit court clerk may receive absentee ballot applications from most voters for the 2015 municipal primary election.

## Monday, December 31, 2014

End of annual reporting period for 2014 for campaign finance reports.

## Wednesday, January 21, 2015

DEADLINE, by noon, for all candidate committees, legislative caucus committees, and political action committees to file annual campaign finance reports for 2014.

# Voting locations

Saint John's Center – Perry 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6

Saint Martin's Church Hall – Perry 5 & Rutherford

Bramble Conservation Center- Perry 7 & Crane

Dover Hill Christian Union Church-North Center & Mitcheltree

Saint Mary's Church Hall- East Memphis, West Memphis, South Center, Lost River, North Halbert, South Halbert, Southeast Halbert



## 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR ELECTION DAY

- 1 PLAN AHEAD** Visit [www.IndianaVoters.com](http://www.IndianaVoters.com) or call 1-866-IN-1-VOTE (866-461-8683) to check your voter registration and polling place. You may also call the Indiana Election Division at 1-800-622-4941, your county clerk or county board of voter registration.
- 2 Polls are open Election Day from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, prevailing local time.**
- 3 BRING PHOTO ID** A voter must provide an Indiana state government-issued or federal government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot. An Indiana Driver's License, Indiana Photo ID card (available free of charge for voting purposes from the BMV), US Passport, or Military ID is sufficient. The ID must:
  1. Display the **voter's photo**;
  2. Display the **voter's name**, and the name must conform to the voter's registration record (conform does NOT mean identical);
  3. Display an **expiration date** and be current or have expired sometime after the date of the last General Election (except for certain military IDs).
- 4 VOTE EARLY** by taking advantage of your county's **absentee voting** options. Voters who qualify may vote absentee by mail or absentee by traveling board by completing the absentee ballot application and returning it to your county election office.
- 5 PAY ATTENTION** Look at the signs at your polling place for directions on how to use the voting machines, a list of your voting rights, information on provisional ballots, and instructions for filing a complaint if your rights have been violated.
- 6 KNOW THE LAW** Every polling place is required to have facilities and voting machines accessible to elderly voters and voters with disabilities.

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