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Facts about breast cancer

During 1998, an estimated 4,000 women in Indiana will have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

The incidence rate for female breast cancer in the United States is 110.9 cases for every 100,000 women (1991-1995, age-adjusted). The incidence rate among white women (114.5) is significantly higher than that among African-American women (101.0).

Since 1990, the incidence rate for female breast cancer has leveled off.

The mortality rate for female patients with breast cancer in the United States was 26.0 deaths for every 100,000 women (1991-1995, age-adjusted and standardized). The mortality rate among African-American women (31.5) was significantly higher than that among white women (25.7).

Nine hundred and eighty-six (986) Indiana women died from breast cancer in 1995. Between 1991-1995, Indiana's breast cancer death rate was 25.6/100,000.

After increasing 0.2 percent per year from 1973 to 1990, breast cancer death rates decreased 1.7 percent per year from 1990 to 1995. This decrease was confined to white and Hispanic women, each having a 1.9 percent per year decrease in death rates from 1990 to 1995.

Who is at Risk?

As women age, the risk of developing breast cancer rises significantly.

Women over the age of 65 are twice as likely to develop breast cancer as women between the ages of 40-64.

A woman is at greater risk for developing breast cancer if her mother, daughter, or sister develops the disease, especially if the relative acquired the disease at a young age.

Women with no children, or those who had their first child after the age of 30, have an increased risk of developing breast cancer.

Women who began menstruating before the age of 12 have an increased risk of developing breast cancer.

Women who experienced menopause at a late age (average age of onset is 51) have an increased risk of developing breast cancer.

Warning signs

A lump or thickening in the breast or under the arm

A change in the size or shape of the skin on the breast or nipple

Change in the color or feel of the skin on the breast or nipple (i.e., redness, scaling)

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Two employees leaving LHS; resident questions her freedom of speech rights

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Two Loogootee High School staff members' resignations were accepted at the Loogootee School Board meeting Monday night, October 25. Teacher Lori Graves is resigning after five years with LHS. According to Superintendent Larry Weitkamp, Graves took a job at White River Valley Schools, which is a few miles from her home, after they requested that she interview for an opening they had. "It's going to be tough to replace her. I was looking at all the extra stuff she did as well with ECA," said board member Eric Ackerman.

Graves teaches eighth grade and freshman English and junior high journalism classes along with being yearbook sponsor, junior high spell bowl coach, pep club sponsor, and S.A.D.D. co-sponsor.

Also leaving is assistant golf coach Jason Wagoner whose job has recently taken him to Afghanistan. "I wish him well over

there," said board member Eric Ackerman. The position will be posted to find a replacement.

Superintendent Weitkamp received permission from the board to fill, as soon as possible, the position of seventh grade girls' basketball coach.

He also told the board that due to an employment change, Greg Clark will soon no longer be able to drive a bus for the corporation.

He requested permission to fill Clark's route, number five, as soon as possible. Clark will still drive the route for the time being until a replacement is found and according to Weitkamp, he may still be able to drive the bus for sporting events.

The board approved a field trip request for Debbie Truelove to take the student council to the state convention to be held this year at Garrett High School on November 12, 13, and 14. There will be around 40 students attending.

Also, Rita Divine was granted permission

to take the Beta Club to their state convention in Indianapolis on the same weekend as the student council convention. Brooke Nonte will be running for state beta president. There will be 59 students and 15 adults going on the trip.

Condolences were offered to Laura Downey for the death of her father, Jon Casper for the death of his grandfather, Mike Winger for the death of his grandfather, and Paul Arvin for the death of his father-in-law.

Resident Donna Wolfe came before the board to discuss an infringement on her freedom of speech rights. Wolfe said that she has a message about another Loogootee resident written on her back car window and she has been told by West Principal Laura Mattingly that this has become a distraction. Wolfe received a letter from the school's attorney David Lett that was dated in May of this year, which she read, stating that although the school does not wish to in-

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Martin County's jobless rate sits at 6.9 percent for September

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Despite the fact that Martin County had a very slight drop in the unemployment rate for September, the county fell from 90th place to 87th place out of the 92 Indiana counties. The rate for August was 7 percent dropping just barely to 6.9 percent for September.

For September there were 5,142 residents in the workforce down from 5,227 just one month prior. Of those in September, 4,788 had jobs with 354 unemployed. With the recent job fairs held in the county that number may drop lower in the October report. In September of 2009 there were 4,888 residents in the workforce with 326 without jobs and an unemployment rate of 6.7 percent.

Daviess County still held on to the top spot for the lowest unemployment rate in the state for September at 5.7 percent down from 6.2 percent for August. Daviess had 15,093 residents in the workforce with 866 unemployed, down from 949 in August.

Dubois County dropped three places in the state ranking in September to 87th place from 91st for August despite the county's unemployment rate only climbing 0.1 percent to 6.8. For September, Dubois County had 21,999 residents in the workforce with 1,493

without jobs. For August those numbers were 22,449 and 1,501.

Orange County's jobless rate also fell slightly for September going from 10.1 percent in August to 9.6 percent in September tying with Benton and White for 41st place in the state ranking. Orange County had 10,197 residents in the workforce for September with 981 of them unemployed, down from 1,048 one month earlier.

The five lowest unemployment rankings in the state for September were Daviess at 5.7 percent, Hamilton at 6.7 percent, Monroe, Knox, and Dubois tied at 6.8 percent; Martin at 6.9 percent, and Boone at 7 percent.

The five highest unemployment rankings in the state for September were Elkhart at 13 percent, Fayette at 12.9 percent, Henry at 11.8 percent, Noble at 11.7 percent, and Vermillion at 11.6 percent.

Indiana's preliminary seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped 0.1 percent to 10.1 percent in September 2010, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. The U.S. unemployment rate for the month was unchanged at 9.6 percent. Total private sector employment declined in September (-7,500). The state has added 43,100 private sector jobs in 2010, an increase of 1.9 percent. In contrast, U.S. private sector job growth for the year stands

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Accident in Loogootee

Elmer Cox, of Loogootee, was exiting Buehler's parking lot in a 1994 Chevy, when he pulled into the path of a 2011 freightliner driven by Harry L. Allman, of Scottsburg. The semi hauled for Jay C Food Store No injuries were reported. Capt. Akles was investigating officer.

-Photo by Jessica Lampert of Lampert's Photography



Trick or treat night

Trick or treat night in Loogootee will be Sunday, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

LHS

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fringe on her freedom of speech they do have issues when it disrupts educational obligations. The letter went on to say that when Wolfe leaves her vehicle parked in the pick-up zone outside of West, it causes a disruption to some of the students and she has been asked to park her vehicle in the designated parking along the southeast area of the school property and parking her vehicle there will not cause questions or disruption in the daily school activities.

After finishing the letter Wolfe said that she called the Civil Rights Commission. Board member Eric Ackerman interrupted her saying that before she speaks any further she needs to follow the proper protocols before taking the issue to the board. He said that after meeting with the school principal involved and not receiving satisfaction she should meet with the superintendent. "Our job as school board members is to act as a jury. It doesn't really do any good for us to hear about that right now if you have not properly went up the channels and talked to Mr. Weitkamp and/or Mrs. Mattingly," he said. "Mr. Weitkamp runs the school, we oversee Mr. Weitkamp." He went on to tell her that he is not trying to make light of it, he is trying to go up the proper channels and make sure protocol is followed.

"Okay, I want this done as quickly as possible," said Wolfe. She then asked when she

could meet with Mr. Weitkamp and was told by Ackerman that she could set it up after the meeting.

"I've really been treated very, very badly," said Wolfe. She went on to say that she has good grandchildren that attend Loo-gootee Schools and they receive good grades and that she has complied with every rule and every law and that the person written about on her window has walked all over the teachers. Ackerman interrupted her again saying, "This isn't the place for that, we are not doing that here."

"Okay," said Wolfe. "Very good." Neither school principal was present at the meeting to give their monthly reports. Mrs. Mattingly was dealing with an issue at West and Mr. Mullen had a family issue. Superintendent Weitkamp read some of the upcoming events in the intermediate and junior/senior high school.

Bryce Wilz and Clinton Burch were given congratulations for their #1 doubles sectional championship. Also, Lauren Walton, Tia Pennington, and Conner Wittmer for All Blue Chip Conference and honorable mentions Demi Richardson, Hannah Lamar, Waylon Matthews, and Will Nonte.

The board approved an increase of 96 cents for gas prices and 62 cents for diesel prices on the bus escalation over the base price.

Board member Tim Bradley was not in attendance.

Community Expo held last Saturday



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Don Greene, president of the Martin County Humane Society, dressed up as Blue from Blue's Clues during the Community Expo last Saturday. "Blue" helped out at the booth of Hollie's Eats and Treats which sells gourmet dog treats. Also shown above is Linda Dillon with My Mommy's Garden and Greenhouse speaking with a few Expo visitors. In the back is Chris Main owner of Main Music.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Dan Steiner served as emcee for the Community Expo.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Lynne Ellis, at right, visits the booth of MC Special-Tees and Old Fashioned Candy Store owned by Karen Mattingly, shown at left.

FACTS

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ness, dimpling, or puckering)
Nipple discharge, pain or tenderness
Actions to Decrease the Risk of Breast Cancer
AGE 20-39: monthly breast self-exam and annual clinical breast exam
AGE 40-49: mammogram every 1-2 years, monthly self breast exams, and annual clinical breast exam
AGE 50 and over: routine mammography screening, annual clinical breast exams and monthly breast self-exams.

Teach women about healthy lifestyles, how to perform self-exams and where to go for other screening and clinical exams.

Encourage women to adjust diet, exercise and any other behaviors that might put them at risk.

Teach women about treatment options and how to prevent lymphedema.

Healthy People 2000 Target/Indiana's

Progress

Reduce breast cancer deaths to no more than 20.6 per 100,000 women.

Increase to at least 80 percent the proportion of women over the age of 40 who have received a clinical breast examination and a mammogram, and to at least 60 percent those over age 50 who have received them within the preceding one to two years.

In 1996, 53.1 percent of Indiana women over the age of 50 reported having had both a clinical breast examination and a mammogram within the two years preceding the CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Survey interview.

In 1996, 79.3 percent of Indiana women over the age of 40 reported ever having had a mammogram according to the CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Study.

Facts and statistics provided by the Indiana Department of Health website.

Number of breast cancer cases in Indiana: 3,768 (102.6 per 100,000)

Number of breast cancer cases in the US: 184,300 (111.9 per 100,000)

Based on statistics from 1996

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GONZO Checking



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Old National Bank had pumpkin decorating for the kids at the Expo. Joy Gibson, with the Shoals branch, is shown above helping out a group of children.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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at 0.8 percent. "Any drop in the unemployment rate is welcome news," said Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "On a year-to-date basis, Indiana continues to be a leader in private sector job growth."

Employment by Sector
Trade, Transportation and Utilities (800) and Construction (400) were two sectors showing employment gains in September. Sectors showing significant declines include: Professional and Business Services (-2,500), Manufacturing (-2,100), Other Services (-1,900) and Private Education and Health Services (-1,800). Government employment decreased (-2,100) resulting in Total Non-Farm Employment dropping for the month (-9,600).

Midwest Employment Picture
Indiana and its neighbors, except Michigan, report statistically even unemployment rates.

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

Obituaries

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

EVA DOYLE

Eva June Doyle passed away Wednesday October 20, 2010. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 87.

She was born October 19, 1923 in Loogootee, Indiana; the daughter of Arthur and Ada Prather Frakes. She was an executive secretary for I.U.P.U.I. School of Engineering and Technology for 20 years and was the attendance officer for Ritter High School for 15 years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. Joe Gals.

She is survived by a daughter Patty A. Doyle and her boyfriend Casey Robinson; two sons Terry J. Doyle and William M. (Tracy) Doyle; sister-in-law Catherine (Doyle) Wildman; niece Cheryl Norris; several nieces, nephews and cousins and loving companions Lucky, Happy, and Nicky.

She is preceded in death by her husband William C. Doyle and son Ronnie A. Doyle.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, October 23 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Conkle Funeral Home Speedway Chapel was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

JOAN FRYE

Joan Dillon Frye a former resident of Loogootee passed away at 5:13 p.m. October 20, 2010 at the Bedford Regional Medical Center. A current resident of Stonebridge Health Campus in Bedford, she was 78.

She was born March 1, 1932 in Martin County; the daughter of Roy and Della (Lewis) Dillon. She married George "Jack" Frye on July 4, 1953 in Loogootee, and he preceded her in death on January 13, 2008. She was retired from Western Electric in Indianapolis and was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church and a former Pink Lady for Daviess Community Hospital.

She is survived by one sister Mary L. Baker of Shoals, two nieces Beth Ann Lewis of Oolitic and Lisa Dillon of Bedford, two nephews John Dillon of Oolitic and Bob Dillon Jr. of Bedford, sister-in-law Shirley Dillon of Bedford, sister-in-law Carolyn and Bill Sanders of Shoals, and brother-in-law Wilford "Bud" Buhr of Washington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, niece Susan Jan Sanders, brothers John L. and Robert E. Dillon, sis-

ter-in-law Pauline and husband, Leonard Arvin, and sister-in-law Clara Buhr.

A funeral service was held at noon on Saturday, October 23 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial was in Goodwill Cemetery.

DOROTHY E. NEUKAM

Dorothy E. Neukam died at 8:17 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 2010 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 87.

She was born September 16, 1923, in Martin County; the daughter of Robert G. and Margaret (Altkofer) Hembree. She married Norman Neukam on September 26, 1942 and he passed on May 30, 2004. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and being with her grandchildren.



DOROTHY NEUKAM

ter-in-law, Norma Kay and Richard Barber of Loogootee; four sons and daughters-in-law, Donald Edward and Bonnie Neukam of Loogootee, Robert Lee and Michelle Neukam of Linton, Bryan Keith and Suszette Neukam of Washington, and Mark Allan Neukam of Loogootee; two brothers, Vernon Hembree of Mitchell and Radus Hembree of Loogootee; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and one sister, Marie Bauer.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, October 26, at St. John Lutheran Church in Loogootee. Burial was in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com.

DON E. HOLMES

Don E. Holmes died at 3:53 a.m. Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, he was 84.

He was born August 8, 1926, in Monroe County; the son of Wendel B. and Helen V.

(Holt) Holmes. He worked at Crane for two months before serving in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. After serving for two years he returned to Crane where he worked from 1946 to 1982. He then left Crane but returned to work for five more years until 1989 when he retired. He worked at Vitro from 1990 to 1997. He owned and operated D and D Archery for 32 years. He was a member of Burns City Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn J. (Garrett) Holmes, whom he married June 29, 1957; sons, James Wendel Holmes of Bloomington, Donnie Holmes of Burns City, and Jerry Holmes of Odon; daughter, Lana Boyd of Odon; brother, David Clay Holmes of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; and five grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by one sister, Marjorie Ann Holmes.

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 28 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Poindexter-Hall and McClure Funeral Home, Odon Chapel.

The funeral will be held Friday, October 29 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Bro. Richard Smith officiating. Burial will be in Lowders Cemetery in Springville.

JANET LOU CONKLIN

Janet Lou Conklin, formerly of Shoals, went home to be with the Lord on October 26, 2010. A resident of Loogootee, she was 66.

After many months of failing health, she passed away surrounded by her closest family and friends in the loving home of her sister, friend and caregiver, Sherry (Stroud) Young, with the help of Judy Martin. She was born July 17, 1944, in Indian Springs; daughter of the late Thomas Earl and Ida Marie (Qualkenbush) Stroud. She was the oldest of four siblings.

Janet was a lifelong resident of Martin County and up until she moved to Loogootee in 2007, she was a previous resident of Indian Springs and Cale. She had previously been employed with RCA in Bloomington and later Kimball Electronics in Jasper until she was later disabled. She enjoyed watching the Game Show Network, yard selling and eating fried green tomatoes. She will always be remembered for her loving heart and giving nature. She was known as "Nanny" to most of her family, a name she loved and respected.

She is survived by her sisters, Sherry (Stroud) Young and husband Karl of Loogootee, Anna (Stroud) Sipes and husband Rodney of Shoals; brother, Larry Stroud and wife Shirley of Shoals; nieces, Danielle (Young) Bough and husband Tanner of

Loogootee, Tiffany Young of Loogootee, Jennifer (Sipes) Turner and husband Jim of Bloomington, Deanna (Stroud) Sorrells and husband Tom of Shoals; nephews, Thomas Sipes of Texas, Scott Stroud and wife Janet of Shoals; great-nephews, Tanner Scott Bough II, Christopher, Jacob and Sam Turner, Tanner and Jordan Sorrells, Jeremy Stroud and wife Stephanie; great-nieces, Rebekah Turner, Abigail Sorrells, and Brandy and Kimberly Stroud; children, Melissa Conklin of Shoals, and Robert (Mark) Conklin and wife Maria of Borden; grandchildren, Derek Conklin, and Jessica and Joshua Carter of Shoals, and Andrew, Michael and Robbie of Borden. She is also survived by many cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ida Marie (Qualkenbush) Stroud; father, Thomas Earl Stroud; and several aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 28, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Queen-Lee Funeral Home. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, October 29 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery. Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

MAXINE M. RIGGINS

Maxine M. Riggins died at 11:40 p.m. Monday, October 25, 2010 at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon. A resident of Odon, she was 91.

She was born November 7, 1918, in Martin County, she was the daughter of Elmer D. and Alma R. (Jackson) Shively. She attended Burns City and Raglesville schools. She married Eugene E. Riggins on April 23, 1935 and he preceded her in death on December 25, 1997. A homemaker, she loved quilting. She was a member of Frady United Methodist Church in Raglesville.

She is survived by daughters and son-in-law, Helen Fiscus of Newberry, Mildred Meek of Plainville, and Mary and Larry Dobson of Solsberry; sons, Richard E. Riggins of Elinor, and Garland R. Riggins of Carlisle; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by sisters Dorothy Burg, Alice Blevins, Annis Shively and Doris Kirk, and brothers Cletus and Bob Shively are also deceased.

Visitation is Thursday, October 28 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, October 29 at Gill Chapel.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with Rev. Lonnie Goen officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

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Public RECORDS

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Tuesday, October 19

1:22 p.m. - A male subject came on station to report a possible fraud.

2:12 p.m. - A female caller advised that her nephew was causing problems at her residence in Crane Village and she requested assistance from an officer.

2:30 p.m. - A male caller advised of a male walking on Bloch Street in Crane with a long rifle and shouting angrily.

3:20 p.m. - Received another call about the male in Crane Village with a weapon.

3:30 p.m. - Received a call about a possible suicide attempt outside of the county, and that county was contacted for a welfare check.

7:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intruder at a residence in Shoals.

Wednesday, October 20

4:00 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on Goodwill Cemetery Road.

11:30 a.m. - A male in the area of Hindostan Falls called to register a complaint of loud noises that sound like munitions at Crane.

12:11 p.m. - Received numerous calls about a brush fire on the north side of U.S. 50 near U. S. Gypsum.

12:40 p.m. - Received a complaint of tailgating by two semi-trucks on U.S. 50, east of Shoals.

2:35 p.m. - A male caller advised of people spotlighting and driving up his road at night.

4:15 p.m. - Received a call about a child not in restraints.

8:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Health Care. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:45 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 231, near Whitfield. One vehicle had left the scene and the other driver advised they would file a report the following morning.

Thursday, October 21

7:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:29 a.m. - Received a call about possible explosions in the Burns City area.

12:55 p.m. - Received a call about a truck parked on High Street in Shoals, in front of the library, making it difficult to turn onto U.S. 50.

1:33 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check north of Loogootee.

4:34 p.m. - Received a request to send Martin County Civil Defense to assist Loogootee Fire Department and Daviess County Fire Departments with a field fire off of U.S. 231, south of Loogootee at the intersection of Daviess County roads 1200E and 550S.

4:35 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check.

5:15 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded semi on U.S. 50, near Peaks Cut Road.

10:21 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism at the Shoals Post Office.

Friday, October 22

12:17 a.m. - Received a report of a battery. The caller advised he is going to seek medical attention and will file a report at a later.

6:12 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231 near West Boggs entrance.

8:41 a.m. - Received a report of signs stolen from a yard in Shoals.

9:08 a.m. - A female caller reported vandalism to her vehicle.

10:45 a.m. - Received a call that the area where the fire was last night on 500S was smoking again.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of possible road rage on U.S. 231 south of Loogootee.

1:07 p.m. - A female caller reported vandalism to her vehicle. She stated that someone had scratched paint off of her vehicle. There were scratches on the left front and rear doors.

1:19 p.m. - A female caller in Crane Village advised of vandalism to her fence.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. No injuries were reported.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a combine on fire on Gun Club Road.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a civil disturbance on Boyd Hollow Road.

6:15 p.m. - Received information on possible stolen property.

8:25 p.m. - Received a call about dogs roaming free.

9:20 p.m. - A male caller requested assistance with his teenage daughter.

Saturday, October 23

12:43 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee and northbound from the water treatment plant.

4:32 a.m. - A male caller reported that there is an unknown vehicle with a male in it parked in his driveway and his wife just returned from work. The call originated in Daviess County and that sheriff's department was contacted.

10:18 a.m. - Received a report of two semi trucks failing to stop at a stoplight in Loogootee.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on Killon Mill Road.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of possible trespassing in Shoals.

2:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:10 p.m. - A female caller reported violation of a protective order.

3:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Lark Ranch. The subject was transported to the hospital.

3:58 p.m. - A female caller requested to speak to an officer about custody issues.

4:20 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of cows on the roadway at Max Warren's Curve.

6:59 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver entering Loogootee.

8:11 p.m. - Received a complaint of a bonfire, due to the ban on burning still in effect.

9:30 p.m. - Received a call about custody issues.

Sunday, October 24

2:30 a.m. - Received a report of a cow on the roadway at Warren's Curve.

8:25 a.m. - Received another report of a cow on the roadway at Warren's Curve.

10:00 a.m. - A male caller reported the theft of his moped from Main Street in Shoals.

10:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of a brush fire on West River Road.

3:08 p.m. - Received several 911 calls reference an ATV accident in Crane with injuries. Crane first responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. Two individuals were transported to Bloomington Hospital.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 231 before Abel Lane.

6:37 p.m. - Received several calls about cows on the roadway at Max Warren's Curve.

7:22 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver southbound on U.S. 231, about a mile south of Loogootee.

9:05 p.m. - A male caller advised that someone had ran him off the road, he was stuck in a ditch, and may have damage to the front end of his vehicle.

9:27 pm. - Received a request for an ambulance. The call was from Odon and Daviess County Sheriff's Dept. was notified.

Monday, October 25

2:11 a.m. - Received a report of a brush fire near Doane Trailer Court in Shoals.

5:12 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on S.R. 150, blocking one lane of traffic.

3:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Unknown time - A male caller advised of a car that was running stop lights in Loogootee and making bad passes.

5:30 p.m. - A female caller advised of a neighbor that was burning trash while the burn ban is still in place.

7:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:13 p.m. - A female caller advised she was having problems with an unruly teenager that was at her residence that she is watching her for the parents, and they were supposed to have picked her up by this time.

Tuesday, October 26

2:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Burns City. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:55 a.m. - A female caller reported a subject that had passed away in Loogootee.

356 DUI arrests in statewide campaign

Last Friday and Saturday, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., the Indiana State Police conducted a statewide driving under the influence enforcement project. Enforcement personnel throughout Indiana were assigned to this detail to aggressively seek and arrest impaired drivers.

Impaired driving remains one of America's deadliest problems. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2008, 37,261 people were killed nationally in motor vehicle crashes. That same year, 11,773 people were killed in crashes that involved a driver or motorcyclist with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. That means every 45 minutes someone in the United States died in a crash involving an impaired driver. In Indiana, in 2009, there were a total of 189,676 crashes, 8,855 of them were alcohol related.

The purpose of the two-day enforcement campaign was to remove impaired drivers from Indiana roadways before they caused needless pain, suffering, and death to innocent victims. The Indiana State Police is committed to reducing the number of impaired driving crashes. As of October 1, 2010, the Indiana State Police has made 7,195 impaired driving arrests. In 2009, troopers arrested 9,395 impaired drivers, a 34 percent increase over 2008.

Statewide, the two day enforcement campaign resulted in 356 impaired driving arrests. Troopers also issued 3,242 traffic citations and 6,018 written warnings. Officers also made 370 arrests for various criminal violations.

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Real estate transfers

Radus G. Hembree and Juanita E. Hembree, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter in Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, and containing one acre, more or less.

Daniel E. Roush and Connie M. Roush, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cory Daniel Roush**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 35 and 38 in Stiles Addition of the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

Raymond M. Shaw and Carol Y. Shaw, of Martin County, Indiana to **Richard McCloskey and Donna McCloskey**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.63 acre, more or less.

Beverly K. Summers, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael D. Hunt**, of Tioga County, Pennsylvania, a tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 43,747 square feet. Also, a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

20th Century Farms, Inc., a corporation located in Martin County, Indiana to **John C. Lannan and Mary Jo Lannan**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 12 in the South Ridge Subdivision.

Alice E. Boyd, an un-remarried widow of Lloyd H. Boyd, of Martin County, Indiana to **Glenn Houchins and Stephanie J. Houchins**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 2.776 acres, more or less.

Arrest in Dubois County

On Thursday, October 21, the Indiana State Police stopped a Black 1985 Toyota truck westbound on I-64 in Dubois County for an equipment violation.

Upon making contact with the driver, Mario Tafoya II, 23, of Brandenburg, Kentucky, an odor of burnt marijuana was sensed from the vehicle. An Indiana State Police K-9 was brought to the scene and alerted to marijuana being inside the vehicle. Troopers found marijuana and drug paraphernalia inside the truck.

Tafoya was subsequently found to have been operating his vehicle while under the influence of marijuana.

Tafoya was booked into the Dubois County Jail for operating a vehicle while intoxicated-drugs, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Martin County court news

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed September 26

Travis Bauernfiend, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James C. Mesarosh Jr., operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 5

Michael D. Elliot Jr., public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

October 8

Alan C. Moorhead, receiving stolen property, a Class D Felony.

Melissa D. Hess, receiving stolen property, a Class D Felony.

David W. Terry, intimidation, a Class D Felony.

October 11

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

Darrell D. Baker, intimidation, a Class C Felony.

October 18

Jeanette Holt, battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Sally M. Davidson, battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Class C Felony; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS September 27

Kenneth R. Arthur, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 50 days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

George E. O'Conner, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sen-

tenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 361 days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Devon Payne, convicted of theft, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 548 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 484 days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

Nathan T. Waddle, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 337 days. Defendant received 11 months probation.

Lakin S. Williams, convicted of two counts of battery, Class A Misdemeanors. Sentenced to serve 180 for first count and 365 days for second count in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 166 days on the first count and 351 days on the second count. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

October 4

Russell J. Pershing, convicted of theft, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 411 days. Defendant received 15 months probation.

Daniel D. Petry, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 487 days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

Adam D. Tedrow, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 511 days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

Byron S. Tillette, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 359 days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

October 12

William Jacob Shaw, convicted of visiting a common nuisance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 148 days. Defendant received no probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED September 24

Timothy W. Boyd, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

September 27

Nathan T. Waddle, failure to stop after accident resulting in non-vehicle damage, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; failure to stop after accident resulting in damage to unattended vehicle, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Lakin S. Williams, neglect of a dependent, a Class D Felony, dismissed; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; refusal to submit to chemical tests, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Devon Michael Payne, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

October 4

Daniel D. Petry, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

William Jacob Shaw, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony, dismissed; pos-

session of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a Class D Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony, dismissed; illegal possession of anhydrous ammonia or ammonia solution, a Class D Felony, dismissed; taking of wild animals vermed by laws, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; casting spotlight while with a firearm, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Adam D. Tedrow, six counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class D Felonies, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed October 14

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. James R. Parsons, civil collection.

October 18

James P. Cook vs. Beth L. Cook, petition for dissolution of marriage.

October 19

Alison Ryan vs. Edward Ryan, reciprocal support.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED October 7

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

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed October 18

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Darrin and Amy Burks, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. David Daugherty and Jennifer Stowe, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Caleb and Tristany Lindley, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Elizabeth and Terry Groves, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Amy and Jared Canfield, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kurt Gross, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Ryan Haag, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kelly Holmes, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Russell Hopkins, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jeffrey Sims, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Nancy Holmes, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Sally Brown, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Heather Sullivan, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Judith Yarnell, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Charles Gorman, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS October 18

Sharon Craft to Toy's Auto Parts in the amount of \$250.89.

David Holman to Toy's Auto Parts in the amount of \$876.00.

Donna and Stanley Salmon to Stewart Blake in the amount of \$99.

October 19

Robert Hawkins to Mary Ragsdale in the amount of \$89.00.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED October 18

Toy's Auto Parts vs. Eric Schwindy, complaint, dismissed.

Toy's Auto Parts vs. John Gore, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID October 13 - October 19

Joshua Chaillaux, Bedford, speeding 65 in a 50, \$119.

Colten Davis, Loogootee, minor in possession of tobacco, \$138.

Adam Hudson, Loogootee, operating off-road vehicle on public highway, \$119.

Eric Kreiger, Jasper, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Christina Osborne, Jasper, failure to yield through hi-way, \$124.

Penny Pfingston, Oakland City, speeding 71 in a 50, \$124.

Alan Stone, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

John Taylor, Norman, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Jail bookings

Wednesday, October 20

7:30 p.m. - Richard Gingerich, 47, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamines.

Saturday, October 23

5:39 p.m. - Jeffrey J. Berry, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police Capt. Akles Martin County warrant, for residential entry and receiving stolen property. Berry was transported to the Martin County Security Center.

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Loogootee Police Department log

Monday, October 18

12:30 p.m. - Report of people dumping their trash at an abandon residence on True-love Drive. Chief Rayhill took the complaint.

1:31 p.m. - Caller reported he witnessed a domestic dispute on SW First Street. Chief Rayhill responded.

3:23 p.m. - A father, along with his juvenile son, came on station to report harassment. Chief Rayhill filed a case report.

7:23 p.m. - A caller reported a brown truck driving recklessly in Redwing Trailer Court. Sgt. Norris responded.

8:10 p.m. - A caller reported a loud boom and smell near St. Vincent de Paul. Loogootee Fire was dispatched and was unable to locate anything.

11:57 p.m. - A caller reported he was receiving harassing phone calls from another male. Sgt. Norris spoke with the caller.

Tuesday, October 19

1:02 a.m. - A male caller reported a man in a baseball cap going through his neighbor's car. Sgt. Norris responded and was unable to locate the suspicious male.

10:47 a.m. - First responders requested at the swimming pool parking lot for a four-month old with difficulty breathing.

3:23 p.m. - A minor traffic accident was reported in the high school parking lot. Chief Rayhill responded.

Wednesday, October 20

1:11 p.m. - A male caller reported an accident on Walker Street. Chief Rayhill responded; no report was needed.

4:09 p.m. - A female caller reported a

booster seat violation. Sgt. Hennette was unable to locate. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified also.

4:55 p.m. - Female caller reported two gaming systems stolen. Sgt. Hennette filed a case reported.

11:30 p.m. - Caller reported barking dogs on Wood Street. Sgt. Hennette responded.

Thursday, October 21

4:27 p.m. - DCSD requested assistance at 1200E and 550S for a fire. Loogootee Fire responded.

Friday, October 22

7:20 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported several 911 hang up from a residence on Walker Street. Capt. Akles responded.

5:30 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver on U.S. 231.

9:15 p.m. - Female caller reported her daughter was hit by another child at a school dance. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the mother.

Saturday, October 23

2:08 p.m. - A female caller reported that her son was bitten by a brown dog on Reason Avenue. Capt. Akles responded.

3:03 p.m. - A caller reported animal neglect in a vehicle at the Eldorado Motel. Capt. Akles responded.

7:01 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a reckless driver traveling toward Loogootee.

10:43 p.m. - Female caller reported loud music near the city park. Sgt. Norris responded.

Martin County accidents

Friday, October 22

10:34 p.m. - Kenan L Vickstrom, 27, of French Lick, was traveling east on U.S. 150 in the Deer Valley area in his White 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer when he struck a deer, causing damage to his grill and driver's side headlight. The investigating officer was Deputy Joshua Greene.

1:50 p.m. - Elmer Cox, of Loogootee, was exiting Buehler's parking lot in a 1994 Chevy, when he pulled into the path of a 2011 freightliner driven by Harry L. Allman, of Scottsburg. No injuries were reported. Capt. Akles was investigating officer.

Sunday, October 25

6:45 a.m. - Rebecca A. Faust, 56, of Shoals, was traveling in a 2006 Ford Fusion, westbound on U.S. 150, near Boyd Hollow Road. A deer ran across the roadway and was struck by the Faust vehicle. The vehicle sustained damage to the passenger side fender, bumper, and headlamp assembly. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Nolan.

7:25 a.m. - Matthew Guy, 29, of Loogootee, was traveling northbound on U.S. 231, near Seals Road, operating a 1988 Chevrolet Silverado. For unknown reasons, his vehicle drifted of the east side of the roadway and traveled for 190 ft. before striking a culvert. After striking the culvert, the vehicle traveled back onto the roadway and crossed the center line; where it was struck by a southbound 1995 GMC Sierra, being operated by Jordan Graber, 20, of Loogootee. After the impact, both vehicles caught fire. Witnesses to the accident were able to pull both drivers from the vehicles

before they were completely engulfed in flames. Both drivers sustained serious injuries and were initially transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital before being air-lifted to St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville. The investigating officer was Deputy Steven D. Nolan of the Martin County Sheriff's Department. Other responding agencies were the Haysville Fire Department, Jasper Memorial EMS, and G & M Wrecker Service.

11:54 a.m. - John Wetzel, 44, of Noblesville, was traveling westbound on S.R. 550, near Abel Hill Road, operating a 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle. As the driver was negotiating a sharp curve, the motorcycle drifted left of center and traveled off the south side of the roadway and came to a rest about 20 feet off the roadway. Mr. Wetzel and his passenger, Shelly Wetzel, also of Noblesville, were both thrown from the motorcycle. Both were wearing helmets. Mr. Wetzel was not injured. Mrs. Wetzel sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene by Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department First Responders. The investigating officer was Deputy Steven D. Nolan of the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

Monday, October 25

6:18 a.m. - Kent R. Hall, 42, of Bedford, was traveling south on S.R. 450 in a black 1998 Dodge truck, when a deer ran onto the roadway into the victim's path of travel. Hall swerved to avoid contact with the deer, lost control of his vehicle, then slid off the road and struck a tree. The investigating officer was Chief Deputy Rob Street.

ISP enforcement activity for September

The Indiana State Police had the following enforcement activity for September 2010.

The Jasper State Police Post covers Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer Counties.

- Traffic arrests (tickets) 734
- Warnings 1905
- Commercial motor vehicle moving arrests 7
- DUI Arrests 16
- Total Criminal Arrests 138

To help parents and children have a safe and enjoyable Halloween, the Indiana State Police offers the following safety tips.

- The Costume
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips and falls.

- Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks often obstruct a child's vision, which makes tasks like crossing the street and going up and down stairs dangerous.

- Make sure children wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.

- Trick or Treating
- Make sure older children trick-or-treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so parents know where they will be.

- Instruct children to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.

- Encourage children to trick-or-treat while it's still light out. If children are out after dark, make sure they have flashlights and travel on well lighted streets.

- Remind children not to enter the homes or cars of strangers.

ELECT KEVIN BOYD FOR SHERIFF

DEAR VOTERS,

I graduated from Shoals High School in 1985. After high school, I worked for a concrete construction crew for three years. Then I worked on a farm in Lost River Township for five years. In 1992, I went to work at Daviess County Metal Sales where I have been for the last 18 years, serving as a salesman for 12 plus of those years. During that time period, I went back to college and received an Associates Degree at Vincennes University, Jasper Center. My major course of study was LAW ENFORCEMENT and also Business. As for additional qualifications, I have been on the Shoals Fire Department for 18 years. I am a member of Martin County Emergency Management (Civil Defense) and have been for 10 years. I am a State Certified First Responder. all three of these being VOLUNTEER.

I am very family oriented, I married my wife Riza in 2007. I have six children ages 25 to my newest that is 11 months old. As Sheriff, I will do everything in my power to get the sheriff's department more active in school programs; programs that have been stopped in the last eight years. I believe that we need to become more familiar-accessible to our youth so that they know they can come to us if they have questions or need help. Our children are probably the most important part of the future of Martin County.

I feel that drugs are one of the worst problems that any sheriff will face. Prescription drug abuse is probably as large a problem as other drugs. We need more K-9 units available to officers. We must take a more proactive approach to drug enforcement, starting with better education of the youth of our county. I feel that all drug offenders needs to go through a drug rehabilitation program of some kind.

Offenders that are in jail, need to have easier access to educational programs. Lets help them, so they can help themselves. We also need more training for our officers. Grant money is money we must apply for anytime it is available.

As sheriff, I will put more patrols to Crane and the rural areas of the county. I believe these areas of the county deserve protection just as much as Loogootee and Shoals. More deputies should be on duty during weekends, which I feel is probably the busiest times of the week, which also gives more deputies for patrolling Crane and rural areas. I want to put our deputies out in the rural areas where a lot of illegal activities are taking place.

All sheriff's department cars will be parked at the jail when the officer is not on duty! There will be no personal use of county police cars! This alone will free up several hundreds of dollars to help allow more patrolling of the county.

Running the county sheriff's department is very much law enforcement, but it is also a BUSINESS. As mentioned earlier, I do have some Law Enforcement training. I have more experience in business.

I was a county commissioner for four years. I do know about budgeting issues, hiring of county employees, and other issues that the sheriff is involved with. While commissioner, I helped apply and receive numerous grants for Martin County. While commissioner, we received numerous grants to get the Crane Tech Park going. Grant money is money we must apply for anytime it is available.

The Martin County Council lowered the sheriff's salary to around \$68,000 from \$85,000. We need to get the salaries of the deputies up. THEY are underpaid. The sheriff is NOT.

I may not have the 27 years experience as a police officer, but I do have Life Experience. I CAN do the job. The State of Indiana offers training classes to new sheriffs. I will have to go if elected before January 1, 2011 at MY own expense.

I can do a lot of repairs that will be necessary for the jail. I will do these on my time and not double dip from the county. Several of the practices of the present administration have been good in the past, but today's times and issues need new ideas. It is time to elect someone outside the department to bring in new goals and ideas.

On November 2, 2010 VOTE for a CHANGE. Vote Kevin R. Boyd!

-Paid for by Kevin Boyd for Sheriff



-Paid for by the Dave Lett for Judge Committee

Your GOVERNMENT

Conference examines rural Indiana's economic challenges

BY STEVE LEER
Purdue University News Service

Indiana's rural areas are brimming with business opportunities, but challenges stand in the way of further economic development. A conference sponsored in part by Purdue University Extension will examine those impediments and offer possible solutions.

The Indiana Rural Summit takes place November 18-19 at University Place Conference Center and Hotel on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

The event is intended for anyone with a stake in rural Indiana, including elected officials, business leaders, and citizens.

Entrepreneurship, regional cooperation, and rural economic policy are among the issues to be discussed, said Sam Cordes, co-director of the Purdue Center for Regional Development (PCRD), an event sponsor.

"We'll be looking out the windshield instead of the rearview mirror, thinking about what rural Indiana will be and could be," Cordes said.

For all its urban growth in recent years, Indiana remains strongly rural. About 37 percent of the state's approximately 6.4 million residents live in unincorporated places, Cordes said. Also, of the state's 567 incorporated cities and towns, 460 have fewer than 10,000 people.

"Indiana clearly has a lot going on in the area of being rural," Cordes said.

Rural areas are adapting to the evolving global economy but still have a ways to go to be more competitive, Cordes said. Access to high-speed Internet service and health care continue to be problems for many rural residents, as well as keeping pace with the changing consumer tastes in

food, he said.

"There are forces out there moving at warp speed that affect those living in rural Indiana," Cordes said. "There are incredible synergies between rural and urban. Rural has a lot at stake in terms of what goes in a regional and urban economy. And, similarly, the people in urban areas have a huge stake in the countryside — everything from where the food comes from to fuel and the labor force."

Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman is among four conference keynote speakers. Others include Charles Fluharty, president and chief executive officer of the Rural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri; Dave Ivan, an economic development specialist at Michigan State University; and Ed Morrison, economic policy advisor at PCRD.

Fluharty will speak on rural innovations. Morrison's talk focuses on the new economy, while Ivan's presentation is titled "Small Towns Are Cool."

Breakout sessions are planned each day on regional frameworks, rural capacity building and resiliency, energy and environment, and agriculture, local foods and food safety.

Registration is \$150 per person and can be completed on the event web page at <http://www.in.gov/ocra/ruralsummit.htm>. Accommodations at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel are extra. University Place is at 850 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis.

Other event sponsors include Ball State University, Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, Indiana Rural Development Council, Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency, and USDA Rural Development.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Rep
Mark Messmer



Go Vote!

It's sad, but true: Americans know less about the people who make our laws than they do about the people who made the latest song playing on the radio.

While almost 90 percent of 14-17 year olds know who Hannah Montana is-(not a huge surprise)-less than half of them were able to name the party in control of Congress. And that isn't saying much, considering there are only two options!

About 3 in 4 adults can name the party of the governor, but only if they were over the age of 32.

Young adults- classified in this study as being 18 to 32 year olds- could only name the governor's party about 60 percent of the time.

14-17 year olds, again, hovered around the 50 percent mark.

The moral of this story is that age is usually likely to increase someone's awareness and involvement in the political process, but not by much.

This 2009 study was conducted by the Representative Democracy in America, Voice of the People Project, and the finding that bothered me the most was this: "Most Americans, whatever their age, haven't communicated with a member of Congress or a state legislator on a public policy issue or a governmental problem in the last year."

So often, the attitude I hear is, "those government people are going to do whatever they're going to do, whether I like it or not." But that's just not the case.

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every day. Why not take advantage of the fact that they are accountable to you?

There are a few days left prior to the election. If you still need time to research the candidates and make a decision, there's time for that too.

Just remember, when you go, to bring a photo I.D. issued by either the state of Indiana or the U.S. government that exactly matches the name you used to register-no nicknames, maiden names, or abbreviations.

If you do not already have a valid photo ID, you can obtain an Indiana photo ID card free of charge from any Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch that issues driver licenses and ID cards.

The BMV even has extended hours leading up to the election. Just visit www.PhotoID.in.gov for more information or to locate the BMV that is nearest to you.

And if you have a question about the way state laws are crafted, voted on, or even how they will affect you-feel free to call my office!

My legislative assistant, Clinton, is very knowledgeable and is more than happy to answer any question he can. Call toll-free at 1-800-382-9841, or directly at 317-232-9648.

Lt. Governor encourages Hoosiers to send holiday wishes to U.S. troops

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman last Wednesday announced the start of her fifth annual holiday letter writing campaign, asking Hoosiers to write holiday cards to our country's servicemen and women. "Hoosier Cheer for Our Heroes" is designed to give Hoosiers the opportunity to send their greetings and support to U.S. troops spending the season away from their homes and loved ones.

"Our U.S. servicemen and women should know Hoosiers appreciate the sacrifice they are making over the holiday season and throughout the year," said Lt. Gov. Skillman. "A card or letter is one small way Hoosiers are able to say thanks and bring cheer to our heroes."

Last year's campaign brought in 35,000 cards and letters, which were shipped thanks to support from the Indiana National Guard and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). This year, DAV and the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., are helping to defray shipping costs.

Those who wish to participate should send their cards and letters to the Lt. Governor's office no later than November 19, as mail can take several weeks to reach the troops. Please mail cards and letters to the address below.

Office of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman
c/o Hoosier Cheer for Our Heroes
200 West Washington Street, Suite 333
Indianapolis, IN 46204

No money, candy or other gifts should be sent. An electronic note can also be sent to lg@lg.in.gov. Additional guidelines and info are available at <http://www.lg.in.gov/>.

Fall Clean-Up is Saturday, Oct. 30

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State files lawsuits against 10 foreclosure consultants

Many homeowners facing foreclosure who are frustrated with their loan servicers turn to for-profit foreclosure consultants whose advertisements often promise any home can be saved from foreclosure and their services are 100 percent guaranteed. Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller last Friday announced the filing of 10 lawsuits against companies making such claims calling them false and illegal, including one complaint which was filed Friday in Knox County against Integrated Financial Solutions, headquartered in New Jersey.

"These so-called 'foreclosure consultants' are taking advantage of Hoosiers who are facing desperate financial hardships and scamming them out of thousands of dollars. They are operating illegally and this will not be tolerated in Indiana," Zoeller said. "Working to protect Hoosier consumers includes bringing actions against those who violate our state laws and also warning people to protect themselves, their family and their neighbors - don't let a loved one fall victim to these scams, no matter how convinced they may be of their legitimacy."

The lawsuits were filed in nine different Indiana counties by Zoeller and his team of deputy attorneys general serving in the Homeowner Protection Unit. The coordinated filing was done in an effort to raise awareness of the pitfalls of hiring for-profit foreclosure rescue companies. The complaints were filed against the following companies:

In Allen County against Colonial Financial Solutions of New Jersey.

In Clay County against Pierce, Taylor, and Budrow of Florida.

In Clinton County against American Lending Review of California.

In Elkhart County against National Future Mortgage of New Jersey.

In Johnson County against Oceanview Investment Services of Florida.

In Johnson County against US Homeowners Relief of California.

In Knox County against Integrated Financial Solution of New Jersey.

In Lake County against Meridian Law Center of California.

In Marion County against Manhattan Mitigation of New York.

In Shelby County against Fair Lending Review of Nevada.

The lawsuit filed in Johnson County against US Homeowners Relief states that in December 2008, Ronalee Sims, a resident of Greenwood, paid Oceanview Investment Services \$1,895 to modify her home loan to stop foreclosure. Oceanview advertised on their website a money back guarantee, stating:

"if we are unable to give you a successful action plan that improves your situation or gives you a viable strategy to avoid or stop foreclosure, we will refund 100 percent of your money. No questions asked! You have nothing to lose!"

Sims lost her home in a sheriff's sale in January 2009 and her money has not been refunded.

The Federal Trade Commission announced a new rule Wednesday prohibiting debt relief organizations from collecting upfront or advance fees for services that have not been performed. The rule takes effect today, October 27 and will be an additional enforcement measure Zoeller will consider taking to stop illegal foreclosure consultants.

"I applaud the FTC's efforts to protect consumers with this new prohibition on advance fees and we will continue to work closely with other state and federal agencies to enforce laws designed to protect consumers."

To date in 2010, the Indiana Attorney General's Office has filed lawsuits against or reached settlements with 27 foreclosure consultants located in states around nation.

Homeowners looking to avoid foreclosure are encouraged to work with a certified non-profit housing counselor to determine their available options. Call the Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network at 1.877.GET.HOPE for more information or visit the Attorney General's consumer protection website <http://www.indianaconsumer.com/> to learn more about homeowners' rights in Indiana.

Hoosier companies recognized for environmental leadership

Having demonstrated long-term compliance with environmental laws, six Indiana companies have made commitments to implement continuous environmental improvements. The six have been accepted into the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM's) Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP). They include: Heritage Products, Inc., Crawfordsville; Kimball Electronics Group, Jasper; Manchester Tank and Equipment, Bedford; Metaldyne BSM LLC, Fremont; Nickell Moulding Co., Inc., Elkhart; and Nucor Building Systems, Waterloo.

"Sound environmental management is good for business, and these companies recognize this," said IDEM Commissioner Thomas Easterly. "Members of IDEM's ESP voluntarily eliminate waste, preserve resources and protect Hoosiers and the environment. They definitely deserve recognition for going beyond the basic requirements of the law."

This is the fifth year of the ESP program, and currently there are 50 members. ESP's newest members and their 2010 environmental initiatives include:

Heritage Products, Inc. - Crawfordsville (Montgomery County)

During its first year of membership, Heritage Products, Inc. has agreed to reduce the total amount of water used in the facility by 138,000 gallons through equipment changes.

Kimball Electronics Group - Jasper (Dubois County)

Kimball Electronics Group in Jasper intends to reduce its total energy use by changing the lighting structure and conducting an air compressor study. Efforts will result in the reduction of 326,796 kWh of electricity.

Manchester Tank and Equipment - Bedford (Lawrence County)

Manchester Tank and Equipment in Bedford has agreed to reduce its solid waste by changing its waste management

methods to reuse flux. Efforts will result in the reduction of 10,520 pounds of waste.

Metaldyne BSM LLC - Fremont (Steuben County)

To reduce energy use, Metaldyne BSM LCC will replace light fixtures with T8 fluorescent fixtures. Efforts will result in a reduction of 446,343 kWh.

Nickell Moulding Co., Inc. - Elkhart (Elkhart County)

Nickell Moulding Co., Inc. has committed to reducing volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions by training employees on the proper application of finishing material, engineering out products with higher emissions, and working with suppliers for alternative, low-VOC products. Efforts will result in an 800 pound reduction of VOC emissions.

Nucor Building Systems - Waterloo (DeKalb County)

To reduce energy use, Nucor Building Systems will conduct employee training and implement technology changes. Efforts will result in the reduction of .0996 million British Thermal Units per ton produced.

To become an ESP member, businesses must maintain an exemplary compliance record, certify that they have adopted and implemented an approved environmental management system, and commit to specific measures for continued improvement in their environmental performance.

By continually improving their environmental performance, ESP members qualify for expedited permit review, reduced reporting frequencies, and coordination of compliance inspections. To maintain ESP membership, companies must report on their environmental initiatives every year and reapply for ESP membership every three years.

For details about the program, visit IDEM's website site at www.idem.IN.gov/4132.htm.

Vote Rob Street FOR SHERIFF



A final message to the voters

Since this is my last political ad I will be doing before the general election on November 2nd, I would like to spend my few minutes here telling you a little about me and my abilities to be an experienced sheriff - to not only run the sheriff's office but to run it effectively.

I'm not a candidate that woke up one morning and decided to run for sheriff. I became interested in law enforcement 27 years ago and have made a career out of it. I've served you, the citizens of Martin County, my entire working career.

During the 27 years I have been with the sheriff's department, I have worked in about every position available in the department: Dispatcher, Jailer, Deputy, Corporal, Sergeant, Major, and the last 8 years as your chief deputy. I have worked under three administrations of sheriffs and have learned a tremendous amount from all three of them.

I have attended countless training classes over the course of my career including the training school that newly-elected sheriffs, chief deputies, and jail commanders attend.

Experience is so important in a county like ours because you typically have a lot of younger employees and a lot of turnover. With inexperienced employees, you have a great deal of questions. If you have a sheriff without any law enforcement experience whatsoever, where do those employees go for answers?

The way I have approached this election is I am applying for a job and instead of human resources doing the hiring it's you, the voters, doing it. If you take the time to look at both candidates resumes you will see, on mine, an applicant with 27 years of experience and training and on my opponents you will find none of that.

In closing, I ask you to consider the following in determining the best candidate for the position of sheriff. When you have a problem and come in to the sheriff's office, do you want to talk to a sheriff that has never been a police officer and has no experience whatsoever or do you want to talk to a 27-year police veteran with the experience and training to quickly and effectively take care of your problem.

I would appreciate you vote and support on November 2nd.

-Sincerely, Rob Street

-Paid for by Rob Street for Sheriff

Calendar of Events

LHS Softball pancake breakfast

The Loogootee High School Softball team will hold a pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 30 at the high school cafeteria from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The will be serving all-you-can-eat pancakes, Merckley sausage, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Tickets are \$5 per person or a family ticket is \$20. Tickets are available from any softball player or coach and they are also available at the door.

Commissioners' meeting change

Due to the upcoming election, the Martin County Commissioners will not meet on Tuesday, November 2, but will meet at 6 pm on Wednesday, November 3.

Humane society meetings

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

Recovery support group

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Haunted House

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

Just **OUTDOORS**

Brown marmorated stink bug reported in Indiana for first time

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

A bug named for its stench and marbled, streaky appearance has made its way to Indiana, potentially becoming a serious pest for homeowners and fruit growers.

An insect the Purdue Plant & Pest Diagnostic Laboratory received from a homeowner in Elkhart County in northern Indiana on Tuesday, October 19

was confirmed to be the brown marmorated stink bug, *Halyomorpha halys*. It is the first record of the bug in Indiana, but it has been found in Ohio and Kentucky.

The bug is a native of Japan, Korea and China and was first reported in the United States in Pennsylvania in 1998. It also has been found in other eastern states, including Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey.

"This insect is another example of exotic plant pests that are introduced through international trade and impacts our agriculture, natural resources and the public," said Phil Marshall, state entomologist with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology.

Quarantine similar to what has been used to manage the emerald ash borer and other exotic pests is not an effective option for the stink bug. "Thus, a state quarantine will not be issued," Marshall said.

The stink bug gets its name because it releases a pungent chemical as a defensive mechanism when threatened.

The insect can invade houses in the fall, much like the multicolored Asian lady beetle.

The bugs will not cause damage while in a home but will be annoying and smell bad when disturbed, said Ricky Foster, a Purdue University professor and Extension entomologist who specializes in pest management. The more important concern for farmers, Foster said, is that the bug can become a serious crop pest. It uses its sucking mouthparts to feed on a variety of plants, including most fruit crops, some vegetables, corn, soybeans and various ornamental plants.

The bug in its adult stage has the shape of a shield common to most stink bugs. It grows to 5/8 of an inch long and 3/8 inch wide. The upper body is mottled brown and gray with alternating light and dark bands on

the edges of the abdomen. Its antennae have two light bands on the last two segments. It lays barrel-shaped, green eggs in clusters. Nymphs are oval with yellow, brown, black and red colors.

Experiences in other parts of the country indicate that the brown marmorated stink bug first will be a pest in homes for a few years before it becomes a crop pest, Foster said. As with the Asian lady beetle, he said



Purdue Agricultural Communication photo by John Obermeyer

This brown marmorated stink bug is on an apple, a fruit that it likes to eat.

homeowners should take steps that include caulking around windows and repairing screens to prevent invasion.

"Once the stink bugs are inside, they can be vacuumed up and disposed of," he said.

"Homeowners should discard their vacuum cleaner bag immediately after use because the stink bugs will indeed

stink when collected by the vacuum cleaner."

If homeowners use insecticides to keep the bug out, Foster advised using them on the exterior of homes, not indoors.

The bug feeding on fruit crops causes small spots of dead tissue that can result in misshapen fruit. Its feeding on apples can result in pithy tissue underneath the feeding wound that may turn brown. Feeding later in the season can result in water-soaked lesions on the fruit.

The pest also can feed on fruiting vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers, beans pods and corn kernels.

The most effective insecticides are the pyrethroids such as bifenthrin, cyhalothrin, cyfluthrin and cypermethrin, Foster said. Most fruit crop growers prefer to avoid using these insecticides because they kill natural enemies that keep pests such as mites under control.

Foster said one concern is that if the brown marmorated stink bug becomes a serious pest problem, relying on the pyrethroid insecticides for control will lead to additional pest problems, requiring more pesticide applications. That is because the insecticides will kill some natural enemies but not pest mites, which then will multiply rapidly.

"They kill the good guys but not the bad guys," Foster said.

Homeowners or growers who find insects and think they are brown marmorated stink bugs can contact their local county Extension educator.

Dry Halloween means bigger fire risk

While some parts of the state have received a little rain over the past few weeks, and a few counties have allowed their burn bans to expire, much of the state remains very dry. This environment increases the fire risk from Halloween and harvest celebration activities and paraphernalia. Hoosiers are urged to exercise extreme caution this fall to avoid facilitating residential fires and wildfires.

"Just about everything outside, including grass, leaves, hay and foliage, has an extremely high propensity to burn right now," says Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson. "For the most part, Halloween and fall decorations and activities can certainly still be enjoyed. Everyone just needs to exercise a little extra caution this year to keep those activities safe."

Decoration Safety

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that decorations are the first item ignited in an average of more than 1,000 residential fires, causing nearly \$25 million in property damage annually.

Fire prevention is important during the autumn season every year, but even more so this year as the dry weather mandates increased awareness of combustible materials in your surroundings, and extreme caution to avoid starting a fire.

-Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, candles and heaters.

-Consider using a flashlight or glow stick instead of a candle to light your pumpkin. If you do use a candle, a votive

candle is safest.

-Candlelit pumpkins or jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.

-Never leave candlelit pumpkins or jack-o-lanterns anywhere unattended.

Fall Activities

A few extra precautions are warranted this season while visiting orchards, pumpkin patches, corn or hay mazes, haunted fields, hay rides, etc.

-Smoking: Never smoke or discard a lit cigarette while in a corn or hay maze, on a hay ride or walking the grounds in an orchard or pumpkin patch. Even a tiny spark from a cigarette can be enough to ignite a fire.

-Leaves: Consider bagging or composting your leaves this fall instead of burning them. Remember, if your county has a burn ban, it may prohibit leaf burning.

Bonfires

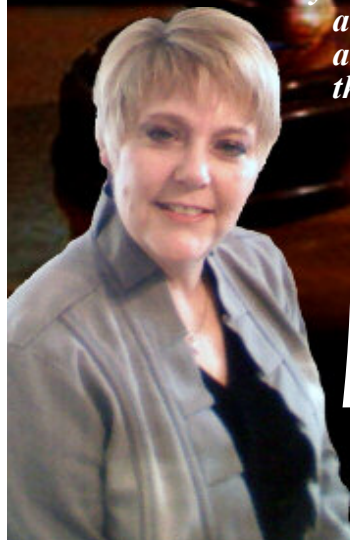
More than two-thirds of Indiana's 92 counties are under a burn ban. Residents can check the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office burn ban map by visiting www.in.gov/dhs and clicking on "Statewide Burn Ban Status" to see if their county is affected.

Many of these bans forbid backyard campfires and bonfires. Because local jurisdictions, and not the state, order and enforce burn bans, it is imperative that individuals in a burn ban area check with their local fire department or county commission for detailed instructions on what burning related activities are prohibited in their area.

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I am ready and able to serve Martin County. I own and operate Duncan & Ellis, PC and the MANE Trails, Inc. I have an extensive resume being court-appointed legal counsel in several counties. I know that honesty is the best approach and I will be the first to admit that no one is perfect - even the judge. I am a wife and a mother and I am ready to serve the people of Martin County as the next Judge!



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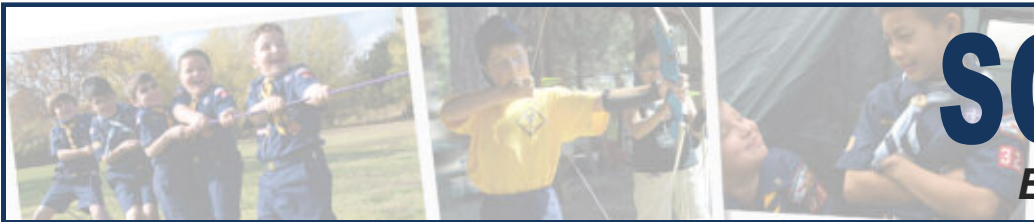
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SCOUTING MATTERS

By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

How many of you noticed I skipped last month. A few did and it is always encouraging hearing from interested readers. Rest assured I am back on the scouting trail. I skipped last month because I was out of the country on travel to Japan. While out of the country, I did a little research on the international scouting and made connection with local Scoutmaster Shinya Takekawa from Tokyo. Shinya was my hotel manager and very willing to talk scouting. In conversation with him, I made some very interesting discoveries about scouting in Japan and I want to share some of what I learned.

One thing I confirmed is the aim of scouting is universal - to help young people become responsible humanitarian citizens, who can appreciate and practice loyalty, courage, and self-respect. This is truly an international perspective. With social support and the cooperation of volunteer leaders, the Scout Movement in Japan provides fun-filled, challenging programs, with an emphasis on developing youth character, health, abilities, and sense of service to oth-

ers. It is a non-political, voluntary movement, open to all regardless of origin, race, gender, or creed.

Historically speaking I discovered two Japanese teachers, who had visited England in 1908 and introduced scouting to Japan in the autumn of 1909. A Japanese translation of the Boy Scout manual was published as early as 1910, and a few sporadic troops sprang up, without any cohesion and without a proper grasp of the principles and aims of scouting. In 1911, General Maresuke Nogi went to England in attendance of the coronation of King George V and was introduced to Robert Baden-Powell and scouting in Japan took off.

It is understandable that during and after WWII Scouting suffered almost complete eclipse, and it took time to recover. Occupation authorities had blacklisted the ex-military officers leading the way. This held leaders back from their sincere desire to restore Boy Scouts of Japan to its former correct basis. Gradually, military supervision was relaxed and the original group began to

take over, with beneficial results. Consequently, Japan was re-admitted as a full member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1950. Within ten years of WWII, membership had grown to 80,000.

The Scout Association of Japan (SAJ) is the major scouting organization of Japan. Starting as boys only, the organization was known as the Boy Scouts of Japan from 1922 until 1971, and as Boy Scouts of Nippon from 1971 to 1995, when it became co-educational in all sections, leading to neutral naming. Membership in 2010 is reported at 195,370.

The program sections are a bit different from our own in the US, with Beaver Scouts, age 6 to 8; Cub Scouts age 8 to 11; Boy Scouts age 11 to 14; Venture Scouts age 14 to 20 and Rover Scouts age 18 to 24 all of which are coed. The highest rank of the Boy Scouts is the Kiku Scout. "Kiku" is the Japanese word for chrysanthemum. The highest rank of the Venture Scouts is the Fuji Scout. It is named after Mount Fuji. Fi-

nally, the 23rd World Scout Jamboree will take place at Kirara Beach, Yamaguchi in 2015. The theme will be "A Spirit of Unity" and I would love to participate.

There really is much more to tell and this opportunity to discover scouting outside our borders was a blessing. All scouts should be proud that Founder Robert Baden-Powell's world-wide spirit of scouting blended with the Japanese traditions and spirit so long ago and is now blossoming and moving on to meet the changing needs of society and young people. I am proud to be in its membership with Scoutmaster Shinya Takekawa.

With that, I leave you with the Scout Motto - Sonae-yo Tsuneni - (そなえよつねに)... or as we say "Be Prepared."

If you would like to learn more about the scouting program in your local community drop me an email at mike.leighty@centurytel.net and I will help you make contact with a local unit.

Yours in Scouting,
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Shoals fourth graders learn about energy safety



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The energy safe kids' presentation was given October 13th for the fourth graders at Shoals Elementary School. The program helped students learn about the safety when dealing with energy. Mrs. Hawkins' Class is pictured with the presenters. In in the front row, from left to right, are Calli Wininger, Hallie Wyman, John Sukup, Olivia Stoll, Angel Hampton, Melanie Hawkins, and Amber Fields. In the middle row, from left to right, are Aryonna Braun, Alyssa Hernandez, Ryan Spurgeon, Maddy Gaines, Harley Spurgeon, Matthew Newkirk, Chase Fromme, Sean Davis, Jarod Waggoner, and Josh Richardson. In the back row, from left to right, are Evan Wagoner, Kyle Montgomery, Klayton Tichenor, Ryan Hawkins, Georgia Bryson, Lori Albright, and the three presenters.



-Photo provided

Mrs. Hawkins' Class presented a play "Grace and the Time Machine". The students did a great job bringing in their props and costumes to make this play a success. Students pictured in front from are Lori Albright and Amber Fields. In the back are Klayton Tichenor, Olivia Stoll, Melanie Hawkins, Maddy Gaines, Ryan Hawkins, and Angel Hampton.

Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY WEST

Breakfast

Thursday, October 28
Cereal, sausage, muffin, milk

Friday, October 29
Egg, sausage, biscuit

Monday, November 1
French toast, sausage, applesauce

Tuesday, November 2
Ham and egg biscuit, juice

Wednesday, November 3
Biscuit and gravy, sausage, apple

Lunch

Thursday, October 28
Hamburgers, scalloped potatoes, peas

Friday, October 29
Chicken sandwich, baked beans, pears

Monday, November 1
Bologna and cheese, tator tots, peaches

Tuesday, November 2
BBQ rib sandwich, green beans, banana pudding

Wednesday, November 3
Chicken noodle soup, cheese, applesauce, carrot sticks, sweet rolls

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, October 28
Chili or pizza, cheese and crackers, rolls, applesauce, salad plate, milk

Friday, October 29
Chicken patty or pizza, French fries, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, November 1
Subs or pizza, baked beans, chips, cottage cheese, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, November 2
Spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, fruit, peas, salad plate, milk

Wednesday, November 3
Salisbury steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad plate, milk

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Shoals Fall Festival set for Saturday

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

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

There will be many new door prizes given away during the evening. Some of the prizes to be won include: four box seats for

the Indianapolis Indians, Indiana Fever memorabilia, a 60-minute massage gift certificate from Bowling Chiropractic, Ray-Ban sunglasses, several movie theater passes, a therapeutic pillow from Omer Chiropractic Clinic, tickets to Holiday World and Marengo Caves, gift baskets, and several gift certificates. This is only a partial listing. There will be many more door prizes.

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

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

A Costume Contest will be held, with judging to begin immediately following the Cake Auction. Costume categories for all ages are funniest, most original, scariest, best costume, and best group. Age divisions are as follows: 0-3 years, preschool-kindergarten, 1st thru 3rd grade, 4th thru 6th grade, and 7th grade thru adult.

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

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

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

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Fall classes and programs at the Martin County Learning Center

College classes

The following Ivy Tech classes will be held in Martin County during the spring 2011 semester:

English Composition (ENGL 111) - Tuesdays 6 to 9 p.m.

Essentials of Algebra I (MATH 023) - Wednesdays 6 to 9 p.m.

Intro to Sociology (SOCI 111) - Thursdays 6 to 9 p.m.

*In-state fees for Ivy Tech classes are \$104.55 per credit hour.

A representative from Ivy Tech Bloomington will be at the learning center on Friday, November 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. to answer any questions about classes and register students. Anyone interested in learning more about Ivy Tech feel free to come during this time or call the learning center for more information.

If you need a proctor for an online class or computers with Internet to take your classes, contact Kathy at the learning center to schedule a time that works with your schedule.

Enter to Win Free Ivy Tech Course!

In an effort to promote academic planning and early registration, the Ivy Tech Office of Student Development is awarding one Ivy Tech Bloomington student with a free three-credit-hour course. To enter, students must attend an advising session, register for spring courses, have their advisor sign and date an entry form, and turn it in to the student development office by Friday, November 12. If you have any questions regarding the free course drawing please feel free to contact Eliza in the student development office at (812) 330-6024, eerleben@ivytech.edu, or C109.

Résumé Writing and Career Planning

Need help with your résumé? Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting will offer résumé Assistance-Level One on October 28. The class is from 6 to 8 p.m. and cost is \$25. This is a basic course designed for an applicant needing help with the application process for government civilian and/or government contractor positions, specifically for

NSWC Crane. Contact Kathy at the learning center at 812-295-2674 to register.

Free computer usage and classes

The Martin County Community Learning Center has multiple computers available with Internet access. If you need to use a computer, please come by the center during office hours and sign the computer usage agreement form. Computer usage is free for academic purposes.

Indiana Drug Education and Awareness Solutions are conducting an ongoing Overcomer's Recovery Support Group at the center. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and newcomers are invited. There is no cost for participation. For further information, contact Jason Underhill at 812-653-1908.

Do you know someone who could use some help with his or her reading skills? Anyone interested is encouraged to contact SOAR! at 812-709-1618 for further information.

For GED-Adult Basic Education, call Jan Armstrong at 812-278-8711.

Would you like to learn how to type on your own time schedule with exercises that meet your ability level? Come to the learning center during office hours and try out the Mavis Beacon Typing Program at your own pace. For more information contact Kathy at 812-295-2674.

Coming soon!

The MCCLC Coordinator, along with Ivy Tech Community College, is working to bring non-credit courses to our community for the spring 2011 semester. Possible courses include photography, fitness, Microsoft programs, computer classes, and music. If you are a qualified individual interested in teaching a class or have more suggestions for classes, please contact Kathy at the learning center.

Contact

Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email kkerr8@ivytech.edu. Monday through Thursday 1 to 9 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Classified ADS


FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 14-foot deep V aluminum boat 7.5 motor and trailer \$750 call 709-0258.

ITEMS FOR SALE: 1981 Honda 550 GL motorcycle, only 16,000 miles, garage kept, \$1,200; two scooters 150CC, \$800; Sears snowblower, works great, used two years, electric start, \$200. Call 812-854-7656.

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Will begin taking children on November 8. Call 812-296-9665 for cost and ask for Karen.

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1-10 words: FREE (Individuals and non-profits only)

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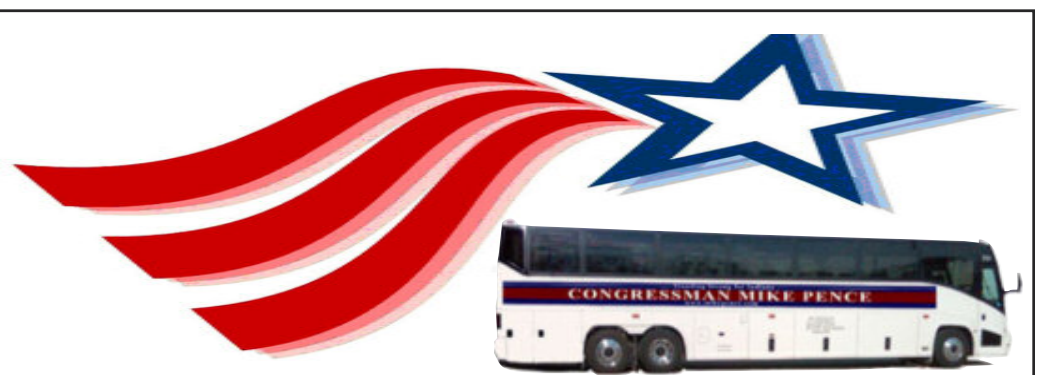
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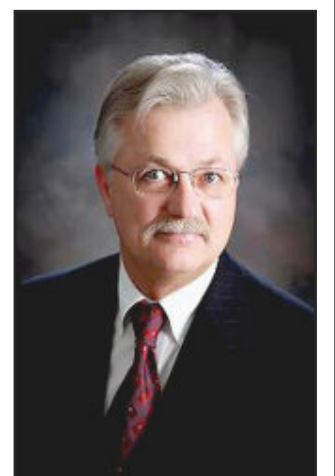
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Join Congressman Mike Pence in Paoli as he makes a stop on his bus tour to lead a campaign rally for Matt Ubelhor, Candidate for State Representative Dist. 62

-Paid for by The Committee to Elect Matt Ubelhor



VOTE DEMOCRAT



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Editorials & OPINIONS

~ LETTERS ~

'Now, I live in Dallas, Texas but have been trying to locate this former neighbor.'

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

I used to live in Shoals when I was a kid. I had a friend that grew up two houses down from me on Stephens Street and the last year I lived there was 1976. His name was Joe Watson and he was younger than I was so he would have graduated later. Now I live in Dallas, Texas but have been trying to locate this former neighbor. I have a possible phone number and address but the phone just rings so I am not sure it is the right one.

If anyone knows this person and can help me locate him or can tell him about this letter, please email me at sheetz0507@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Sue (Richardson) Sheetz
Former Shoals resident

"The Devil is in the Details"

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Isn't it interesting that a recent letter to the editor here closed a despondent tantrum about the Tea Party's domination of the current election cycle with a call for us to "Return to 'In God we trust,' rebuild our family units, and focus on the Creator, not the created"? That is a view I think everyone I know in the

Tea Party movement agrees with. I wish the same could be said for our elected national leadership which the writer seems so determined to support.

Twice now over the past few weeks, President Barack Obama has stood before audiences and "quoted" a passage from the Declaration of Independence. One of the few things Obama is known for is his previous employment as a constitutional scholar. He knows the words, and he knows the history of the words. But when speaking to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute on September 15th he used this: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." On October 18th he repeated the exact same phrase, actually pausing between the words "endowed" and "with", as if for effect. In the video of him at that pause he has a facial expression like he might have just plucked something rotten from one of his back teeth. It was clear that there was some kind of struggle going on in the man.

That is not what the Declaration of Independence says, of course. The quote is; "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." So why would the

President of the United States make it a point to leave out the reference to the Creator? Twice! In a political era when one of the primary discussions taking place among the electorate is whether the origin of the rights of the people is God or the government; why would such a central figure in that debate, an expert on the words them-

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My Point of
VIEW
By Courtney Hughett
Owner, Martin County Journal

Let me begin this week's column by saying that the recent influx of letters to the editor has tickled me more than just about anything else related to this newspaper (well, along with advertisers that is). The right to free speech, to me, is just about the most important right we have and I take it very seriously. So far, since starting the *Martin County Journal*, I have not had to turn away a letter to the editor, and the only way I would ever do so is if it intentionally defamed someone - I think we can all get our point across without having to do that. As far as political affiliation, religious beliefs, sexual orientation - well, that is the epitome of free speech, therefore who am I to take sides or decide what is right and what is wrong. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and everyone is entitled to express that opinion, which I find honorable and gutsy, whether I agree with what they have to say or not. Now, I do believe that shoving a belief down your throat is a little overboard, but certainly not simply expressing it.

As far as the election goes, maybe I am a little too obsessed with the whole process, but I really do feel that those seeking election are doing so at our decision. The hard part is knowing what to do when you don't care for any candidates running in a particular race.

For instance, as a voter and a newspaper publisher, I tried to contact both candidates, Republican and Democrat, running in one of the county council races - which happens to also be my district. Actually, this was my follow up phone call after mailing out the list of questions to all the candidates a few weeks prior. Since I didn't hear a word from either of these two candidates, I called them. The first candidate's spouse answered the phone and very rudely told me they would tell the person I called and without even a goodbye hung up. I felt like I was intruding or was a telemarketer trying to sell this person something. The second candidate didn't answer the phone at all - I was completely ignored outright and still have never spoken to this person. Why? I don't know. Maybe it's because I have only been doing *The Journal* for eight months, therefore I am not "old" enough to have the right to question anyone. (Old doesn't necessarily mean better in my opinion.) Maybe it's

because I'm not in their "circle". (Don't care to be, that was not the point.) Maybe it's because they just don't want to be bothered. (They shouldn't be in politics.) To me, as a voter, I took this personally. In my opinion, if these two people can't even have a simple conversation with a voter - then I do not want them representing me whatsoever. As I said last week, we pay their salary and they work for us - not the other way around. I won't be voting for either one of these candidates - I guess I'll just leave that one blank. Just because it is an opposed race doesn't mean you have to vote for someone in that race.

Those candidates that volunteer their contact information, show up at community events, actually show that they care about the "average Joe" and not just those people who can help them get ahead in one way or another are the people that we need in our government.

So, when you go to cast your ballot on Tuesday just remember - you don't have to vote for every race. If you don't know either candidate, don't like either candidate - whatever the reason may be - just leave it blank and move on to the next one.

Please get out there and vote next Tuesday. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you don't know enough about the candidates running in this year's general election email me at courtney@martincountyjournal.com and I will re-send you a copy of last week's *Journal* with Q&A and bios of all the local and state candidates for our county.

Absentee voting information

You can vote by absentee ballot in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse through this Friday, October 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday November 1 from 8 a.m. until noon.

You can also request an absentee ballot to be sent to you thru the mail, or if to choose, you may vote by traveling board. To request to vote by mail or travel board please call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

RE-ELECT JULIE



FITHIAN

CLERK

of Martin Circuit Court

I, Julie Fithian, have announced my candidacy for re-election to the office of Martin County Clerk. I would like to thank you for your support in the primary.

When I took office, in January 2008, I was excited about the challenges that lay ahead. The clerk's office is responsible for a variety of duties. These include processing court documents, maintaining voter records, conducting elections, and other numerous services to the community. With the help of the deputy clerks, clerks from other counties, and several training sessions, I have been able to perform the duties of clerk in an efficient and cost effective manner. In the past two years, I have improved the standard of service and the quality of records while trimming the clerk's budget by \$10,000 and the election budget by \$17,000.

Since I have taken office, I have worked hard to understand every aspect of the clerk's duties by working every position. By doing this, I am able to keep up with changes and look for better ways to increase productivity including Doxpop, an online records search company. This is a good tool for researchers and attorneys to check status of court business. We are now scanning all court documents and saving them on tape for permanent storage. While serving as clerk, I have become more knowledgeable about how the county is run and maintained good working relationships with other county offices.

I have lived in Martin County for seventeen years. Before moving to Shoals, I lived in Chicago. From 1982 until 1993, I worked for various commodities firms. When I left Chicago, I was Operations Manager for Shearson Lehman Brothers at the Chicago Board of Trade. This included handling accounts for customers all over the world. In 1992, I married Bruce and we decided to move to Martin County and start a family. We now have two children, Raquel and Alyssa. I attend Shoals Christian Church where I am involved with VBS and Junior Church. I am a member of the Shoals Eagles Auxiliary and have been the auditor since 2001. I am also a member of the Friends of the National Rifle Association East Fork Committee and the Shoals Lions Club.

I have enjoyed serving you, the citizens of Martin County, and hope for the opportunity to serve you for another term. If re-elected, I will continue to be a full-time clerk, to provide quality service and look for additional ways to benefit this county.

-Paid for by the Committee to Elect Julie Fithian

Please vote on November 2nd.

POLLING SITES FOR THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION

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

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

PERRY 5: St. Martin's Hall, Whitfield

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

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

CRANE: Crane Town Hall, 181 Larrimar Street

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LETTERS

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selves, find those words so distasteful? With only days to go before the election why would he point out that he disagrees with the founders on this specific position? Can it be that he actually believes that it is somehow not in his favor to use those three simple words of the founders and the idea those words convey?

We sometimes debate leaving God out of the Pledge of Allegiance or omitting In God We Trust from our money. We know there are people in our society that are deeply offended by any mention of God in the public arena. But is it possible that the reason Obama cannot bring himself to declare that God is the source of our rights reflects something deeper about his thinking? Is this part of that fundamental change he promised?

And for the record, the efforts to paint the TEA Party participants as being anti-government is, quite simply, leftist political hogwash. Those I have met and worked with are not anti-anything. They are pro-constitution.

They believe that not only the principles of the constitution but also the intent of the founders is necessary to return America to its former greatness. Very specifically they want to have elected office holders who will honor the pledge they all take to protect and defend the constitution that represents the very fabric of our national soul. And we want them to understand that they are not the source of our freedom. The Creator is.

Mike Axsom
Loogootee

"Pension cuts and pay freeze pushed by anti-government conservatives"

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

The pension, pay, and jobs of federal employees are under renewed attack by anti-government - anti-government employee leaders in Congress.

1. On May 27, Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Tom Coburn (R-OK) proposed an amendment to freeze federal pay and cap the number of federal employee jobs. AFGE defeated that amendment by a vote of 54-45.

2. The very next day, House Republican Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA) and Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) asked the full House to vote on a pay freeze. AFGE defeated that effort by a vote of 227-183. And Senator John Thune (R-SD) tried another pay freeze and job cap amendment on June 17, which also was defeated by a vote of 5-41.

3. The week of July 5, these same conservative leaders announced their intention to cut federal pensions. They propose to change how pensions are calculated (using your highest earnings for five years instead of the current high three) and to eliminate early retirement benefits. That will cost you thousands of your hard-earned retirement dollars. A vote has yet to occur but the intention is very clear.

"These attacks are an insult to VA doctors and nurses who take care of our veterans, Social Security employees who serve retirees and the disabled, defense employees who support our troops, scientists who find cures to diseases and the employees who protect public safety at our borders, in our airports, within federal prisons and at mines and food processing plants," said AFGE President John Gage. "It is simply wrong to scapegoat and devalue the employees who perform such important work for the American public every day."

The above is just a few of the things that the Republican Contract will have for the retired and active federal employee. Vote to protect your job and benefits that the Republican Contract will take from workers and give to cooperatives.

For more information contact Roy E. Pannell at 812-295-5010, 311 Crane St., Loogootee, IN 47553

Roy Pannell
Loogootee

"Voting 'yes' on Question 1 rightly protects Indiana's property tax cap"

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

Voters in the November 2 General Election have an historic opportunity to make Indiana's tax system more modern and more fair.

Voting "yes" on Question 1 rightly protects Indiana's property tax caps by adding them to our state constitution - away from whims of free-spending politicians and special interests.

Property taxes are an antiquated way local government has been funded since the Civil War, when agricultural property equated to personal income. Today, property ownership has less to do with a taxpayer's income or ability to pay. It is unfair seniors are taxed on unrealized appreciation and young homeowners are taxed on the full value of assets in which they have little to no equity. Seniors and young families should make certain they go to the polls and vote "yes" on Question 1.

Property taxes are incorrectly touted as being more "stable" than income and sales taxes, which fall during recessionary times. In reality, property taxes are stable only for tax spenders, not tax payers. Despite hard times, records show property taxes have historically risen year after year and generally far outpaced inflation. Government should constantly seek new, more efficient ways of delivering needed goods and services, but especially during economic downturns. Indiana's tax caps are requiring local governments to cut waste, set priorities and combine efforts - actions most Hoosiers say should have been done all along.

Neither K-12 education nor public safety need be negatively impacted by placing the caps into our Indiana Constitution. School operations are funded through state general funds, not property taxes. Complaints of tax caps causing teacher layoffs and program cuts are ill-informed. Under Indiana law, districts desiring additional local revenue for building construction and maintenance may pursue funds through referenda considered by local voters and taxpayers. Public safety may be funded through a more modern and fair Local Option Income Tax, again decided county-by-county based on local needs and wants.

Indiana's caps - already in law and passed by wide, bipartisan majorities - limit property taxes on homes at 1 percent of the assessed value, on farmland and rental property at 2 percent and other businesses at 3 percent. Farms, rental and other business properties are classified differently, because they are by definition income-producing. Most Indiana farmers and business owners also own homes and enjoy the 1 percent cap on their owner-occupied homesteads. Farmland is assessed based on different uses of

the acreage with the highest of a six-year rolling average disregarded for tax purposes. Indiana businesses are benefitting greatly from the recent elimination of the state inventory tax and pay little to no sales taxes, which fund property tax relief and replacement. Consequently, each class of property owners is treated in like ways as already prescribed by our Indiana Constitution.

Figures released this week showed the positive impact tax caps are having for Indiana homeowners, farmers, landlords and businesses. In 2010 alone, tax caps saved Indiana property taxpayers nearly \$475 million. What's more, a Ball State University study recently projected the predictability caps provide entrepreneurs and employers will lead to as many as 97,000 new jobs for Hoosiers in years to come.

While other states are raising taxes, Indiana is actually controlling and cutting them and creating long-term economic growth. Join us in making Indiana's tax code more modern and more fair. Vote "yes" on Question 1.

Sincerely,
Brandt Hershman
State Sen. Brandt Hershman
Chair, Senate Committee on
Tax & Fiscal Policy
John Waterman
State Sen. John Waterman

"Sometimes people find it easier to shoot the messenger instead of dealing with the message."

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

The TEA Party that was held in Loogootee was funded by the Martin County residents that organized it. No money or reimbursement came from any political party. Many items were donated by various individuals. Any claim otherwise is false.

The Martin County TEA Party was organized to remind people of the Constitution and what it says. Some are making claims about what was said or what happened at the Martin County TEA Party. www.loogooteetribune.com had the speeches and what was said at the event. Listen for yourself and you be the judge.

While the event was being planned, the group was criticized for involving Democrats. Then, we were criticized by Libertarians for not allowing their congressional candidate to speak (the agenda was full and campaign speeches were not permitted.) Now, we are being criticized because we do not blindly follow the path the current administration and congress are leading us down.

The Martin County TEA Party was put on to remind people that citizenship requires your attention. Read the Constitution. Familiarize yourself with the issues. Look at the candidates to see how they have voted in the

past. After you have examined the issues and the candidates, please ask yourself three questions:

1. What are my values?
2. Does my government reflect those values?
3. If not, what will I do about it?

Please: Educate yourself on the issues and candidates, ask yourself the three questions, pray about your choice, and vote on November 2nd.

Jason Jones
Loogootee

~THANK YOU~

'Conducting business locally enhances local economies'

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all those who came out to the Community Expo Saturday morning. We would like to specifically recognize Dan Steiner for emceeding the event, the 4-H Horse and Pony Club for serving lunch, and the residents of Martin County for generously donating to the food pantry and to the humane society.

The purpose of the Expo was to familiarize Martin County residents with businesses and services available locally. Several individuals were pleasantly surprised by the number of businesses, both small and large, that are locally owned and operated. And, as we have found, conducting business locally enhances local economies which in turn improves the quality of life for all.

The entire event would not have been possible without the support of our Martin County businesses. A very special thank you to our sponsors - Old National Bank and Overlook Rental Cabins and the following businesses: The Insurance Shop, Omer Chiropractic, Four Rivers Resources, Graber Insealators, Tranquil Inn & Spa, Thirty-One, Printing Express, Bramble Consulting, The Cartridge Depot, Martin County Community Learning Center, My Mommy's Garden & Greenhouse, Misty's This and That, Main Music, Hollie's Eat & Treats, Choice Realty, Pampered Chef, Martin County Journal, M.C. Special-Tees Candies, Williams Bros. Healthcare Pharmacy, Northwestern Mutual, IN Books and Contemporary Art, Helping Hands of Martin County, and local photographers: Marie Hawkins, Tina Holder Photography, Lampert's Photography, Promises Photography, and KG Photography.

The Martin County Chamber
of Commerce

Election calendar

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit absentee voting. 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 1, 2010

Deadline, by noon, for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered or faxed absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

Deadline, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk.

Deadline for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

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

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

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

1st Annual One-Stop Shop

Saturday, November 6

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

in the K of C Basement at 102 East Main St, Loogootee

Beach Body/Shakeology, personal fitness, by Jayme Thompson
Bri Ann Claire's Boutique, custom-made hair bows for all ages, by Michelle Lemon
lia sophia, fashion jewelry, by Barbara Graber ~ Mary Kay, skin care & cosmetics, by Leslie Doyle
Pampered Chef, high-quality kitchen tools, by Michelle Erler
Red Velvet, homemade red velvet cakes and cupcakes, by Phyllis Panko
Scentsy, wickless candles and home fragrance products, by Dannielle Kemp
Simple Soapworks, natural, organic soaps and balms, by Patricia Hale
Tastefully Simple, delicious, easy-to-prepare foods, by Brandi Hennette
Thirty-One, personalized purses and storage solutions, by Lisa Ader
Tupperware, quality housewares, dishes, and food storage items, by Brenda Mathews
Uppercase Living, decorative lettering and embellishments for the home, by Andrea Sutton
Working Class Jewelry, homemade lanyards rosaries, and unique beaded jewelry, by Helen Bruner



Clerk candidates face off with rebuttals

'I would like to take this time to rebut the accusations'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,
Thank you for giving the candidates the chance to promote themselves with the questionnaires that you provided for us. The responses were printed in last week's paper. Most candidates answered those questions so the citizens would know more about them, however, my opponent chose to attack my integrity and the integrity of the clerk's office instead of promoting herself. I would like to take this time to rebut the accusations made by my opponent.

First, my opponent did not train the ladies working here. At the time my opponent started working in the clerk's office everyone was new and everyone was learning. They all helped each other, they had help from the court personnel and the software vendor was called in to train them on the software. The election clerk learned everything by calling the State Election Division and the State provided vendor.

Second, my opponent did obtain a new system capable of scanning court records. Scanning could not begin right away because the judge did not feel the office was ready for it and I agreed. We began scanning in May of 2009. We have scanned all new cases since then and have gone back to January of 2008 to scan open cases. We have not received approval from the state or the judge to scan disposed cases. Since the accuracy of court records improved, we went live on Doxpop, (an online records search tool) in May of 2010. This is free to the county but not the public.

Third, as far as combining polling sites, I have looked at factual data and I proposed the idea in 2009. I did not follow through because of the concern of some of the voters. My opponent mentioned Vote Centers; this would mean only two or three polling places in the county. This would save money, but talk about inconvenience, especially to the elderly voters having to travel a greater distance to cast their vote, however, until the state passes legislation, vote centers are only allowed in a few pilot counties. As far as poll books not being up to date, the only way someone can be removed because of death is by the

Statewide Voter Registration System removing them. We cannot update an address without the voter giving us a new address. Right now we have updated 90 percent of the poll books. As far as running fair and unbiased elections, that is ALL I have done. In the last election I inadvertently left a candidate off of some ballots. Fortunately, he was unopposed so it did not affect the outcome of any race. This is called an honest mistake, I am not perfect. I apologized to the candidate and to the public at that time. We do have an election board which consists of a republican, a democrat and the county clerk. They did not catch the error when proofing the ballots. Unless you have worked in an election office you would not know how much is involved in running an election. For example, in the spring we had to create 96 different ballots, enter candidate information in two different systems, update poll books, supply area media with candidate information, secure polling sites and the list goes on. I am not making excuses I am just trying to make you, the voter, aware of some of the things that need to happen to have an election.

Fourth, we are already scanning court records. There is somebody in the office from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.; the building is locked at 4. We already operate in an efficient, pleasant, and professional manner, which was not the case before I took office. Anybody who visits our office will confirm that the atmosphere is much better.

Finally, the budget. My opponent claims that we received \$138,436 in grant money to pay for new imaging system. This is incorrect. We did not receive any grant money. The new system cost \$47,313, of this \$35,563 was taken from the Clerk IV-D (this is money received from the State for Child Support Services) the remaining \$11,750 came from the general fund. My opponent was right - it is up to the council to set the budget of each department. However, in 2007 the clerk's budget, money actually spent, was \$199,412.18; this includes \$34,563 that was spent on a new imaging system, which was reimbursed, making the bottom line \$164,849.18. In 2009 the amount actually spent, was \$154,596.67 - that is \$10,252.51 less in 2009. This would include additional appropriations from the general fund. I have asked for

\$1,703.52 from the Clerk's Perpetuation fund, which is money collected from court fees and set aside for the clerk's use, this is not included in the above figures. The election budget in 2008 was \$86,157.37 and for 2010 \$68,528.00 (I am comparing two election years and 2010 can change) that is a savings of \$17,629.37. I have requested \$18,000.00 from the Cumulative Voting Fund, this is tax money set aside to use to purchase/lease voting equipment and \$17,000 from the Non-Reverting Voting Fund, this is grant money we received to purchase/lease voting equipment for handicapped voters. All of these funds have money available for the clerk to use, but only with permission of the council. When these funds run out, I will need to request money from the general fund to cover election costs. This means the clerk's budget was cut by \$10,000 and the election budget by \$17,000. All of this information can be verified by the auditor's office.

The clerk's office is audited every year by the State Board of Accounts and they are satisfied with the job I am doing.

In closing, I would like to say that when I started working in the clerk's office, I asked "Who was the Chief Deputy Clerk?" and my opponent answered "we are all equal". I did not appoint her so I do not know when she became Chief Deputy Clerk. She was a deputy clerk who has the experience of a deputy clerk. There are many areas in which she does not have experience or she would have already known all the above information. I would also like to mention that I have a good working relationship with the current judge and his staff and I expect to work equally well with the newly-elected judge.

I hope everyone gets out to Vote on November 2nd. Unfortunately you won't be seeing me at the polls because I will be in the office conducting a fair and unbiased election.

Julie Fithian
Candidate for re-election
for Martin County Clerk

'I encourage all readers if you have not taken the time to read our responses to do so'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,
This letter is in response to the "Letter to the Editor" by my opponent concerning my answers to *The Journal's* candidate questions last week. I would like for the voters of Martin County to know that I answered the questions thoroughly, clearly, and honestly while being respectful to my opponent.

When I began employment in the clerk's office in 2006, I was the only qualified computer specialist employed by the new clerk. Therefore, I tasked the duties associated with the day-to-day responsibilities and training for the four computer systems that the office of the clerk utilizes. I provided training and day-to-day assistance in all operations associated with the duties of the clerk to all but two of the personnel in the current office. When the clerk allowed Mrs. Fithian to obtain employment in the clerk's office before her term began, I was the one tasked to train her because I was Chief Deputy Clerk and because he wanted to ensure a smooth transition.

I did obtain the funding and did the research to provide a cutting edge scanning system to provide true accountability to court filings from beginning to final disposition. Along with obtaining the funding we also obtained the proper approval to implement said system.

Never anywhere did I say that I was going to implement voting centers, but it was something that I might explore. I am well aware and apprised of what they are as I have attended clerk conferences and election division meetings that were held while employed as Chief Deputy Clerk.

I was appointed Chief Deputy Clerk by the previous administration. I worked and ran the office with that title from beginning of employment until leaving in December 2008, and never was I demoted by the current clerk.

In closing, I would like for the voters to know that I spent a lot of time reviewing and collecting information from the auditor's office, researching, and conveying my position on the questions imposed by the *Martin County Journal*, and it disheartens me that my opponent would feel that I chose to attack her integrity. I encourage all readers if you have not taken the time to read our responses to do so because there are differences in our viewpoints and stances and then make an informed decision before you vote. I appreciate *The Journal* giving the candidates the chance to promote themselves with the questionnaires. For those that I have met at events or door to door along this campaign trail, I thank you for your time and if there are any unanswered questions anyone may have, please feel free to contact me by email at Nonte4Clerk@gmail.com. I would like to encourage everyone to vote this Tuesday, November 2nd your vote CAN make the difference.

Bobbi Sue Nonte
Candidate for Clerk of Martin County

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HEADQUARTERS WILL BE OPEN
ELECTION NIGHT
SANDY'S RESTAURANT
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Martin County 4-H Council

Turkey Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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Martin County Community Building
at the 4-H Fairgrounds

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- Mashed Potatoes
- Noodles
- Green Beans
- Slaw
- Roll
- Dessert
- Drink

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Prior to the event call the
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On the day of the event call the
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New Beginnings Church Weekly MESSAGE

By Shirley Canell -Pastor's wife

BY SHIRLEY CANELL
Pastor's wife

God's Forgiveness for Us.

1 John 1:9

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This passage is one of the greatest gifts in the whole New Testament. Last week, Pastor Ernie talked about forgiveness for others. This week, the sermon was about God's forgiveness for us. There are too many misconceptions about what forgiveness is and that's why there are so many weak and struggling Christians. Too many times in churches, people come to the altar and ask for forgiveness without really understanding what it is and they go away and thinking ok now I'm saved, I asked for forgiveness and nothing is different.

God's wonderful marvelous gift of grace. But what is that gift and when are we not forgiven?

If we confess, literally confess, the word confess means "to say the same thing". What are we confessing or saying the same thing as? The same thing as God's holiness and commands, the same thing as God says about sin. If we don't see our sins as sin we will not confess them nor will we be forgiven. Confessing is more than simply to admit we have sinned. True confession is naming sin, calling it by what God calls it, "envy, hatred, lust, deceit, etc." Confession is not praying a lovely prayer

or making excuses or trying to impress God and other Christians.

Confession simply means being honest with us and with God. If others are involved, being honest with them also. It is more than admitting sin; it means judging sin and facing it squarely.

There are two types of forgiveness.

Judicial forgiveness is the blood of Jesus shed on the cross. It delivers us from the Guilt of sin and gives us right standing before God. God is able to forgive because Jesus' death has satisfied His Holy Law. We must be forgiven for our sins or we cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven and the only way is to have faith in Jesus Christ and his judicial fulfillment on the cross.

Parental or personal forgiveness is the forgiveness that comes when a child does something wrong and you show him what is right by discipline. The forgiveness John is talking about (since he is talking to Christians who were already judicially forgiven) is this parental forgiveness.

Repentance is confessing with action. A cleansing takes place with repentance, it means to turn and go in the opposite direction. It indicates an about face in your thinking that leads to an about face in your lifestyle, a change in your thoughts and ways. Repentance is turning from self to a humility that recognizes oneself as unholy before God and man. Repentance is a change in one's outlook that lifts his eyes from himself and his own affairs and enables him to "Seek first the Kingdom of

God and His righteousness." Matthew 6:33

God is faithful and just. If God were to decide to only forgive certain sins, would that be forgiveness? Would he be a just and forgiving God? He forgives all sin. The wage of sin is death. Spiritual death means you don't go to Heaven. The payment for sin was made at the cross. God is faithful to give us a way to overcome sin, to give us a way through temptation, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Remember last week? "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." Hebrew 10:17. God chooses to remember our sins no more. I am so glad God forgives us our sins. He does more than that.

He cleanses us from all unrighteousness. When confession is sincere by the action of repentance and a change then God does the cleansing. When cleansed a whole new relationship begins. We walk in the light, we live to please God; it simplifies our goals, unifies our lives, and gives us a sense of peace and poise. When we are cleansed, washed in the blood of Jesus Christ, we can enter His holy presence.

God never gives us more temptation to sin than we can handle when we are tempted. He gives us a way through it.

We have to know this. By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. If you don't you are a liar and the truth is not in you.

We don't have to sin. God's forgiveness is not some kind of mystical magical crystal ball. It's pure and simple. If you want

God's forgiveness you must forgive others, confess your sins with the action of repentance, know that God wants to forgive you, when He does He cleanses you from all the wrong things you have done.

Our Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. with praise and worship. God gave me a message, the message was to open the church doors and let the music flow into the streets. His greatness and glory cannot be contained within the walls of the church. We are having our Holiday Dinner on November 7th. Everyone is welcome to join us; the menu is a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Our J.A.M. dance team practices every Sunday morning at 9:15. (JAM, Jesus and Me). You do not have to be a member of the church to join the JAM Dance team.

If you have any questions concerning the church or your own personal walk with Jesus Christ call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258. Praise God.

Harvest Festival to be held at LUMC

The Loogootee United Methodist Church will host a Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church located at 208 West Main Street.

There will be games, face painting, prizes, treat bags, food, story time, and much more. The festival is free for children through sixth grade and all children attending must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call 812-295-3049.

The Martin County Community Foundation's 2010

NOSTALGIA Basketball Game

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Loogootee graduates vs. Shoals graduates
at the Shoals High School Gymnasium

There will be a ladies' game and a men's game

It is not necessary to have played basketball in high school to participate. You only need to have graduated. Any lady graduate through 2005 and any man from 1990 through 1999 is eligible for the game.

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Doors open at 5 p.m.
Ladies' tip-off at 6:30 p.m.

Success of unclaimed property amnesty campaign means millions more for Hoosiers

In an effort to raise awareness of a law requiring businesses to report unclaimed assets to the state, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller launched an Amnesty program in March providing companies an opportunity to meet their statutory obligations to report assets that belong to someone else without fear of penalties or fees. The Amnesty period ends November 1, 2010.

Indiana law requires businesses to file annual unclaimed property reports with the state after a period of inactivity with a holder, typically three to five years. The penalties for failing to file this report can be as high as \$100 per day the report is late, up to \$5,000 and an additional civil penalty of up to 10 percent of the value of the unreported property.

Last Wednesday, Zoeller announced a plan that will hold those businesses accountable for failing to turn over unclaimed assets to the state. All businesses in Indiana are subject to regular audits conducted by the Department of Revenue. During those audits, the state's revenue agency will look for any unclaimed assets that were not reported but should have been. The results of those audits will be turned over the Attorney General's office for review of violations.

"We believe this collaborative effort with the Department of Revenue will help return millions of unclaimed dollars to their rightful owners and is an example of state agencies working together to serve the public," Zoeller said. "For those companies that may claim to not be aware of the reporting requirement or are choosing to ignore it, I want them to know time is running out - if they are holding onto money that belongs to Hoosiers, they are required to report it."

During the Amnesty period that began in March, the Department of Revenue has provided the Attorney General's Unclaimed Property Division with financial information about companies that are likely to have unclaimed property. This information was used to conduct outreach to those organizations and encourage participation in the Amnesty program. Additionally, the Attorney General's office has sent notices and reminders of the impending deadline to better inform companies of their obligation to report.

Nearly 1,500 entities have taken advantage of the amnesty offer and agreed to file the annual reports. The types of companies joining Amnesty include medical offices, blue chip companies, nonprofit organizations, law firms, accounting firms and small professional services firms in each of the 92 Counties in Indiana, more than 20 different states and Canada. More than 400 representatives from these organizations have also participated in training offered by the Attor-

ney General's Unclaimed Property Division on how to report online. Before the Amnesty program kicked-off, about 3,500 companies were filing regular annual reports.

"Many companies have used the Amnesty period to learn about the reporting requirements and understand what qualifies as unclaimed property. The response has been remarkable and we are pleased to see such a high rate of participation. I am confident that those organizations who want to be in compliance will be after this effort," said Becky Yuan, Director of the Attorney General's Unclaimed Property Division.

More than \$385 million sits in the state's unclaimed property database waiting to be claimed.

Each year approximately \$40 million is added to the database by the 3,500 companies that regularly submit annual reports. It is not yet known how much more unclaimed property will be turned over to the state as a result of an additional 1,500 companies reporting, but it is expected to be in the millions.

In 2009, more than \$42 million was returned to people through the Attorney General's Unclaimed Property program.

To learn more about the Unclaimed Property Holder Amnesty Program and reporting requirements, please visit www.IndianaUnclaimed.com/reporting or call 317.883.4520 or 1.800.447.5598.

Program for persons ready to quit smoking

Smoking causes a significant increase in the risk for cancer, chronic bronchitis, and emphysema as well as diseases of the heart and coronary arteries, yet quitting tobacco is very challenging. The health educators at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center recognize this challenge and offer the "Becoming a Non-Smoker" program to help prepare individuals who want to quit smoking.

This free, three-week course will include information about the effects of tobacco, a personalized plan to stop smoking, and information on nicotine replacement therapies as well as a new medication specifically designed for smoking cessation.

"Becoming a Non-Smoker" will be held Mondays, November 22, 29, and December 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Community Relations Classroom at Memorial Southside Office, 1100 West 12th Avenue in Jasper. One week of nicotine patches will be provided free to each participant who completes the three classes.

For more information or to pre-register, call Memorial Hospital's Community Relations department at 481-2399.

Contract awards announced today for I-69 Corridor

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced today, Wednesday, the awarding of two additional contracts for the Interstate 69 (I-69) Corridor in southwest Indiana. Construction will likely begin this fall. These awards ensure that all construction will be underway by the spring of 2011 on roadwork between I-64 near Evansville to US 231.

"We continue to move forward in delivering on the Governor's aggressive goal to have all 67 miles open to traffic from Evansville to US 231 by the end of 2012,"

said Samuel Sarvis, Deputy Commissioner of Major Programs, INDOT.

Gohmann Asphalt and Construction was the low bid for the \$34.1 million contract. This is for the first road construction in Section 2 starting at SR 64 to US 50 east of Washington. Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. was awarded the \$35.1 million contract for construction of the bridges through the Patoka River Flood Plain Refuge in Gibson and Pike counties.

The Patoka River Bridge contract represents the unprecedented environmental commitment INDOT made for the Corridor. INDOT now has eight projects under

contract in Gibson, Pike, Daviess and Greene counties.

"Thousands of property owners, conservation-minded organizations, public and private individuals worked with us to identify, study, protect, and preserve these essential Indiana habitats,"

said Sarvis. "Patoka is a great example of these efforts with approximately 500 acres of mitigation land transferring to the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge, including preserving a portion of the Wabash and Erie Canal."

Seven of ten construction contracts awarded for work between Evansville and 231 have been won by Indiana firms as the lowest bids. Federal guidelines prohibit geographic discrimination when awarding projects developed with federal funds. INDOT is required to allow all qualified companies to bid for the work, without consideration to geographical location.

The I-69 corridor is part of Governor Mitch Daniels' Major Moves highway program, capitalizing on Indiana's strategic location as the Crossroads of America by improving and expanding road infrastructure in support of a stronger economy and greater mobility for all.



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Consumer fraud alert: avoid sweepstakes and lottery scams

Congratulations! It's NOT your lucky day! . . . And that's okay!

Regardless of what you're told on the phone, in a letter, fax or email - you are NOT the lucky winner of a large sum of money. It's the cold, hard truth and Attorney General Greg Zoeller is reminding Hoosiers not to believe everything they read or hear, especially when it starts with, "Congratulations!"

Anyone with an email address, phone number, fax number, or mailing address will probably at one time or another receive a solicitation that claims to be the key to unlocking hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars. Regardless of whether the promise is an international lottery jackpot, a 30 percent share of a Prince's inheritance or a war zone treasure trove - it is a scam. Hang up, delete or shred the scammer's attempt to steal your money, identity, or both. You'll feel like a winner knowing you stopped the crooks from claiming one more victim.

Visit the links to view examples of com-

mon scams:

Fax scams: - www.in.gov/portal/news_events/files/FaxScams2010.pdf. Unsolicited faxes are illegal in Indiana. To file a complaint with the Attorney General's office go to www.indianaconsumer.com/ or call 1-888-834-9969.

Mail scams: - www.in.gov/portal/news_events/files/MailScams2010.pdf. Never reply to lottery or sweepstakes offers. Acknowledging that a solicitation made it into the hands of a real person will prompt your name being added to lists that fraud peddlers buy and sell online.

Email scams: www.in.gov/portal/news_events/files/EmailScams2010.pdf. Forward deceptive spam email to spam@uce.gov. The Federal Trade Commission uses the spam stored in this database to pursue law enforcement actions against people who send deceptive email.

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Martin County JOURNAL Business Review

The Business Review was created to provide the *Martin County Journal* readers with background information on businesses in the area. Some of the info you will find in the next few pages includes the history of the businesses, history of the building where the business is located or was originally located, the owners, managers, and employees; products, services, location, hours, contact info, etc. We hope to make this a regular feature in the *Martin County Journal* and keep our county and our region's rich history documented and alive for years to come while highlighting the products and services of the area's finest businesses.

If you would like to be part of the next business review or have questions about it, please feel free to contact courtney@martincountyjournal.com.

The businesses provided the background information for their reviews. Photos were taken by the *Martin County Journal*.

Builder's Best

Established 1999
Owners: Jim Matthews & Marvin Wagler

Builder's Best opened its doors in October of 1999. Jim Matthews purchased the Doyle Lumber Company building, what is now Urgent Care, in downtown Loogootee, from the Doyle family in 1999, and originally called the store Brown Lumber. In 2003 Marvin Wagler became a partner in the company. Builder's Best is now located at 710 Industrial Drive. The building was built in 2002 and the store employs 21 people.

Jim Matthews was born and raised in Loogootee and is a graduate of Loogootee High School. He was a coal miner for 13 years. Marvin Wagler has been in the construction business for 17 years, since 1993.

Builder's Best offers a complete line of plumbing and electrical supplies. They also offer heating and cooling sales and installation along with lumber and home building and remodeling of all types including window and screen repair.

Hours: Monday thru Friday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The phone number is 812-295-2400.




C&L WHOLESALE

Established May 2008 • Owners: Lisa Robertson & Chris Webster

C&L Wholesale started as a second form of income for owner Lisa Robertson. She had been working third shift in a factory 50 miles from her home. Her and co-owner Chris Webster started out on ebay. They bought a few semi trucks with of inventory and some of the items were too large or too inexpensive to post on ebay so they bought a few more semi loads and their small inventory grew. Lisa quit her factory job and opened a store in Farlen, Indiana. Chris has had experience in operating a business so she relied on him to show her the ropes. Their little store grew and, today, is still growing. Lisa said that it was always one of her goals to be self employed and C&L is one of the last few Mom and Pop stores. Lisa does, however, still sell items on ebay.

C&L Wholesale carries a wide variety of items from name-brand stores. Examples of products they sell are toys, kitchen and household, electronics, tools, and outdoor items all at discounted prices. The newest items they have added to their inventory are furniture for every room in a home. They also sell from a catalog and do online ordering which cuts their cost and they are able to pass that savings on to the consumer.

The store is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are located at 13703 N. US Hwy. 231 in Odon; three-tenths of a mile north of Farlen in the old farmhouse orchard building. Their phone number is 812-636-3276. You can also visit them on their website at www.clwholesale.net and on facebook at the address www.facebook.com/buywholesale.

Strawn Agency

ESTABLISHED 1962 ~ OWNER REX STRAWN

Rex Strawn's father, Max, started the Strawn Agency in 1962 in the former building on Main Street that has since been torn down. In 1964 the agency joined Crane-Nolen. In 1975 it was again moved to the former Formula IV building that now houses Los Bravos. In the final move in 1997, Strawn Agency made it's home at its current location at 127 Cooper Plaza in Loogootee.

Over the years the Strawns purchased the Buck Livers Agency, the Norby Gootee Agency in the 1970s, Insurance One in the 1990s, and the Norbert Burch Agency in 1995.

The Strawn Agency offers all insurance products including auto, home, life, and health. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Rex could not run the agency without his office manager Elaine Slaubaugh and part-time employee Betty Gray.

Those interested in speaking to Rex about their insurance needs can call 812-295-2771.

HARDER'S AUTO SERVICE

Established June of 2009 - Owners are Ed and Bob Harder

Harder's Auto Service, owned by Ed and Bob Harder is located at 101 Broadway Street in Loogootee - connected to Gasoline Alley.

Ed Harder graduated from LHS in 1984 and went on to work for Green Construction and Solar Sources as an oiler and mechanic until 1994 when he went to work for Gasoline Alley as manager and mechanic. In June 2009, he and his brother Bob Harder, took ownership of Harder's Auto Service. Bob Harder is a 1989 LHS graduate and worked for Green Construction and other coal mines as an oil changer and mechanic until 2003. In 2003, Bob went to work at Gasoline Alley in the garage doing oil changes and mechanical work.

Harder's offers oil changes, tire work and sales, batteries, and light mechanic work. They provide quality work in an old-style service station atmosphere.

Harder's is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. They offer in-town pick-up of vehicles for oil changes and after hours payment and key drop box. The phone number for the station is 812-295-4500.



Parkview Village Christian Care, Inc.

Established 2008 • Owned by the Board of Directors

Parkview Village Christian Care was established in 2008 and is owned by the board of directors. Parkview Village is not-for-profit assisted living servicing senior adults in the surrounding communities, helping them to live more independently by offering meals, housekeeping, laundry, activities, with a 24-hour CPR and first-aid certified staff. Personal and medical assistance is also available when needed.

Parkview would like you to come by and visit their apartments and take a tour or view a virtual tour on their website at www.parkview-village.org.

Parkview offers a caring staff, home-cooked meals, personal attention, and a Christian environment.

The facility is open 24 hours and is located at 800 S. West Street in Odon. The phone number is 812-636-3000.

The Cartridge Depot

Established April 2009

The Cartridge Depot, whose legal name is The Ink Drop and is listed that way in the phone book, is a family-owned business. Owners are Mike and Pat Jones along with their sons Michael and Jason.

Mike was born and raised in Loogootee and has lived here for most of his life except for his time in the Air Force and working for RCA in Indianapolis for five years. He is retired from the postal service and has been involved in real estate and worked for both Yuma Regional Medical Hospital and Daviess Community Hospital. Pat was raised in Montgomery and graduated from St Mary's School of Nursing in Evansville. The majority of her nursing career was at Daviess Community Hospital along with time being spent at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, Arizona. She recently was the Director of Nursing at the Martin County Nursing Center. Michael graduated from Rose Hulman, served in the US Navy in the Nuclear Power Program for six years, and worked in Frankfort, Indiana, developing agricultural equipment until gaining employment at NSWC Crane. Jason graduated from Hanover College and also has a degree in business from Indiana Wesleyan University. Jason worked in Atlanta, Georgia, before returning to Loogootee. He is now employed with Martin County Community Foundation. All of the owners are members of St John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Mike, Michael, and Jason are members of the Knights of Columbus #732. Jason is also a Fourth Degree Knight. Mike and Michael are also members of the American Legion Post 120.

Discussion was started in 2008 regarding establishing a business in this area with remanufactured ink jet and toner cartridges. It was believed that there was a market for this product in this area. A decision was made to affiliate with The Cartridge Depot and to open a business in this area.

The Cartridge Depot has ink jet and toner cartridges for most printers and copiers on the market. All cartridges are 100% guaranteed, free shipping/delivery to a business; cash credit is given at the time of purchase. An empty cartridge is not needed to purchase remanufactured cartridges. Popular name brands: HP, Brother, Lexmark, Epson, Canon, Dell, and Xerox, are available on request at competitive prices. Any items not in stock often may be obtained the next day; some items may take two days. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

The Cartridge Depot is located at 219 1/2 N JFK Avenue in Loogootee. Their hours are Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 812-295-3270 and their fax number is 812-295-4920.

It is also noted that remanufactured cartridges for newer printers and copiers are becoming available.

TOY'S AUTO PARTS

Established in 1955 and Owned by Bill and Gina Toy

Toy's Auto Parts was established by Bob and Virginia Toy in 1955. In 1983, the store was purchased by Bill Toy and his two brothers. They were partners until 2000 when they split up the stores - each getting two apiece. Since 2000, Bill and Gina Toy have purchased six more stores in Shoals, Sullivan, Jasonville, Jasper, Brazil, and Martinsville. Bill managed the Loogootee store until 2004 when he passed it over to his son Nick and his son Alan joined the store in 2007. They co-manage the Loogootee location.

Toy's sets a wide variety of automotive parts.

Their hours are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The stores is located at 105 Mill Street in Loogootee and their phone number is 812-295-2312.



DUNCAN & ELLIS, PC

Established in 1999 • Owner Lynne E. Ellis

Duncan & Ellis, PC was established in 1999 and is owned by Lynne E. Ellis. Lynne was employed at Duncan Law Office as a certified legal intern beginning in 1994. In 1999, she joined John M. Duncan in forming Duncan & Ellis, PC and in 2007 the office was relocated to Loogootee.

Lynne Ellis is married to Timothy and has a son Bobby, who is majoring in photojournalism at Ball State University. Her other son by marriage, Timmy, lives with his family in Bedford.

Duncan & Ellis, PC, which provides legal service is located at 122 Church Street in Loogootee. Their hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They can be contacted at 812-295-9000.



MAIN MUSIC

Established in 2000 • Owner Chris Main

Main Music's owner Chris Main worked and taught at Jasper Music Center for seven years. Chris gave his first lessons when he was merely nine years old and at that same age he also played his first gig. He has been in a band ever since, now playing for Copperhead Creek. In the past, Chris has performed at concerts and on television shows and even traveled as far as Texas to play music.

Main Music is serious about A stock equipment and wants to make sure his customers only get top-quality merchandise. Main Music also provides PA installation for churches, events, etc. - temporary or permanant. Reasonable rates. The store carries every kind of musical instrument imaginable from guitars to drums.

Main Music is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The store is located on Hwy. 50 in Loogootee and the phone number is 812-295-2020.



GREENE'S BODY SHOP

Established in 2010
OWNER
ADAM GREENE

Greene's Body Shop owner Adam Greene is a 2005 Loogootee High School graduate and a life long resident of Loogootee. During high school Adam was in the auto mechanics vocational program all four years. After high school, Adam trained at Wyo Tech in Blaneville, Pennsylvania where he studied collision repair, upholstery, and management. He graduated in 2006. He has been doing body work for four years.

The building that houses Greene's Body Shop, which is located at 106 Wood Street in Loogootee, was the former Fisher Ford building in the early 1900s.

Greene's Body Shop has two other employees other than Adam with a combined experience in collision repair of more than 50 years. They are Paul and Matt Stoll.

Greene's offers complete collision repair along with window tinting for automobiles, homes, or commercial locations. According to Greene, quality work is a top priority. The shop is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and after hours by appointment. Their phone number is 812-709-0759.



Martin County JOURNAL

Established
February of 2010
Owned by
The Hughett Family
(Josh, Courtney, Wyatt, and Alex)

The *Martin County Journal* online newspaper was started as a hobby, in February of this year, for owner Courtney Hughett. Having just left the employ of a local print newspaper, she wanted to take some time at home with her family. Her previous job had left her little to no time with her two boys so after quitting her job and then trying to figure out what to do while her kids were in school, she decided, on a whim, to start an online newspaper and website to fill the time and satisfy her love of journalism. Soon after the first issue launched on March 3, 2010, Courtney quickly learned that her "hobby" was going to be much more than that.

The *Journal* has grown over the past eight months into the most subscribed to newspaper in the county. Courtney creates the newspaper by herself from her home on Church Street in Loogootee. In between helping her boys with homework and doing laundry, she will also go out and cover a government meeting or do a phone interview with someone for a feature story or design an advertisement. While the newspaper will eventually outgrow her home, Courtney loves having her family close by while she provides the best news source she can for her county. She takes a tremendous amount of pride in what she does and she also feels that the *Journal* is also the subscribers' newspaper. She takes very seriously their comments, opinions, ideas, and suggestions. Courtney could not continue *The Journal* without ads because it is solely funded by advertisers. Ernie Canell, works one day a week as a salesperson for *The Journal*. Ernie is the pastor of New Beginnings Community Church and owns Printing Express in downtown Loogootee.

The *Journal* offers many sized display ads at very economical prices. Ads are in full-color, designed for free, and discounts are given to loyal advertisers. The *Journal* also give 50% off advertising to all non-profits and churches.

Courtney has been married to Joshua Hughett for close to 13 years and they have two sons Wyatt, 12, and Alex, 10. Courtney is a 13-time Hoosier State Press Association award winner and is especially proud of winning best in the state out of all Indiana newspapers.

Courtney can be contacted via cell phone at 812-259-4309 or by email at courtney@martincountyjournal.com. The mailing address for *The Journal* is P.O. Box 148 Loogootee, IN 47553, the fax number is 877-471-2907 (toll free), and the website is www.martincountyjournal.com. You can also visit *The Journal* on facebook!



The cover of the very first issue of the Martin County Journal from March 3, 2010

The Shops on Mill Street MC Special-Tees & Misty's This and That

MC Special-Tees is owned by Karen Mattingly. Karen bought the building from St. Vincent de Paul and renovated it and MC Special-Tees opened in November 2008 for custom embroidery and t-shirt design. Misty's This and That moved in and had a ribbon cutting in April 2010. Misty Kinder, owner, sells new and used items as well as offers "cash for gold". In June 2010 MC Special-Tees added an old-fashioned candy store featuring mix and match candies sold by weight. Both businesses, along with Posh Pets are working to make Mill Street more active by opening businesses that serve a variety of needs in the community. Misty's This and That has a revolving inventory of new and used item from clothing to household good, electronics, games and musical instuments and will buy gold for cash! MC Special-Tees offers custom embroidery specializing in business logos, t-shirt design, unique crystal photo gifts, a wide variety of candies - sweet, sour, hard, chewy, chocolatey, nutty, candy sand art, candy buffets, specialty candies for the holidays, and candy gifts and bouquets.

The stores are located at 108 Mill Street in Loogootee.

Hours: Misty's Monday-Friday, 11 to 5; Saturday, 11 to 3. MC Special-Tees Monday, 11 to 2; Tuesday-Friday, 11-6; Saturday, 10-12; and by appointment.



Williams Bros. HEALTH CARE PHARMACY

Established 1899 • Owners: Mark, Jeff, and C.C. Williams

Williams Bros. Health Care Pharmacy's Loogootee location was established in 2009 and is owned by Mark, Jeff, and C.C. Williams. The company was founded in 1899 by the Williams' family. The original William Bros. was built on customer service and you will find this is still a core value today. Employees at Williams Bros. understand the importance of knowing their customers and maintaining the advantage of a small town environment with all the modern advancements. Williams Bros. Loogootee is managed by pharmacist Ashley (Walker) Graber, a native of Loogootee.

Williams Bros. has selected generics available in a 90-day supply for \$9.95, automated refills, delivery in the Shoals and Loogootee area, friendly, knowledgeable staff for prescription and equipment needs; insurance bills to all local insurance plans.

The Loogootee store is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is located at 104 E. Broadway Street at the junction of Highways 231 and 50 next to McDonald's.

Williams Bros. says they strive to meet your expectations!



Printing Express

Printing Express began in 2010 at 110 West Main street. The owner is Ernie and Shirley Canell. "I want to start a business that would fill a void in Loogootee" We always had to run a ways away to have things copied or printed."

Ernie is originally from Michigan came to the area to go to school to be a Pastor. And now serves as Pastor of New Beginnings Community Church. He runs the printing business 5 days a week along with Advertising director for the Martin County Journal. His wife has worked at Wabash trucking for the last 15 years and is a native of Shoals.

The business includes printing brochures, business cards, flyers, binding, lamination, faxing and much more. "We are hoping to expand into office supplies, we have a few things on hand now."

It has been a pleasure to see how local people have supported the business. The response to the individual treatment and quality work continues to bring people back for all their printing needs.



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