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Wilcoxon is new Veterans' Service Officer, bridge inspection report approved

Minutes provided by Martin County Auditor Nancy Steiner

The Martin County Commissioners met Wednesday, November 3. The meeting was changed from Tuesday to Wednesday due to Election Day.

Leo Rumschlag of Rumschlag Technical Services gave his 2010 report of the bridge inspections in Martin County. There were three bridges that need to be replaced: #59 on Hart Road, #66 on Mount Pleasant Road, and #11 on Indian Springs Road. He recommended replacing one each year. Bridge #137 on Deep Cut Road needs repaired. Out of the 44 bridges in Martin County, 22 are posted as one lane bridges. The commissioners approved the 2010 Bridge Inspection Report.

Extension Educator Jonathan Stevens and Lisa Arvin, representing the 4-H Council, presented the needs of the community building. Panic hardware was installed up to code in the building; however, a pull box fire alarm system that ties into the main alarm system needs to be installed. The cost will be approximately \$12,000. 4-H uses the building 10 percent of the time and the community uses it the other 90 percent of the time. The commissioners approved to give them \$7,000 out of the county EDIT fund if the county council approves. Representatives from the 4-H Council will attend the next council meeting.

Extension Educator Stevens reported he is presenting programs to the first graders

in Martin County as Professor Popcorn teaching nutrition facts. He also reported that there is a new roof on the livestock barn.

On November 16, there will be a meeting at the community building for Daviess, Pike, and Martin Counties for recertification on private farm chemical application. He is working with students in a workshop on applying for the 4-H scholarship for Purdue University.

Mr. Kinder, Martin County Alliance director, presented information on the county-owned Martin County website. He will be working with the county's GIS vendor, 39 Degrees North, on maps for the site. Bernard Ed Mattingly will be the administrator of it. Mr. Kinder is working on the Perfect Fit building to be listed for sale within a couple of weeks.

Highway Superintendent Williams presented the last four week's work schedule. Training for the new clerk will begin soon. Ash was hauled in today and he is waiting on the salt to be delivered. A sign on Lingenfelter Road needs to be reset. The side arm of the mower has a crack in it and he has been checking the cost of a new tractor and side arm mower. The cost of the four-wheel drive, hydrostatic 105 HP tractor would be approximately \$110-120,000 and the brush mower around \$67,000. A discussion on tractors and the possibility of contracting out the mowing ensued. Williams ('COMMISSIONERS' continued on page 2)



-Photo by Tessa Brown

Saw dust and wood at the Morin Saw mill on Hwy. 50 outside Loogootee is still flaring back up after several weeks and fire department crews have logged eight hours fighting the continued flare ups. The photo above was taken by a neighbor on Monday night.

Saw mill continues to burn after six weeks

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The old Morin saw mill located on Hwy. 50 outside of Loogootee across from Pomp's Tire has been smoldering off and on for the past six weeks. Fire personnel have been dispatched to the scene several times. Runs logged by the Loogootee Police Department include two different dispatches on September 24, and one on October 1.

The sawmill is owned by Melvin Ogg of

Snellville, Georgia and Joseph Ogg, of Farmersburg according to 2009 property tax records.

According to Loogootee Police Chief Terry Pielemeier a pile of saw dust around 100-feet high is where the fire started many weeks ago. He said due to the dry weather, the top of the pile dried out while the inside became combustible. Pielemeier said Wednesday morning that the situation has been turned over to the Martin County Civil Defense. He said that the Loogootee Fire Department has logged eight hours fighting

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Shoals School Board will not close bus route

Minutes provided by Shoals Corporation Secretary Andrea Qualkenbush

The Shoals School Board met in special session Thursday, November 4, and decided to not eliminate a school bus route as was previously considered.

Superintendent Dr. Tony Nonte provided the board with two sets of school bus route descriptions for review. One set outlined the routes on the current 16-route plan; the other set outlined the routes on a 15-route plan including the elimination of one route with the riders being shifted to other routes. Following discussion by the board, it was agreed by consensus to continue using 16 school bus routes for the upcoming 2011-2012 through 2014-2015 contract due to the earlier start times that would be necessary if one of the current routes was eliminated. Approval of the specifications and complete route descriptions is anticipated at the Thursday, November 11 board meeting.

Mary Lou Billings asked when Kelly Springer is expected to complete the CDL school bus licensing process. Dr. Nonte stated that she will be ready for testing to ('SHOALS SCHOOL' continued on page 2)



LHS Band at IU

The Loogootee High School Pep Band directed by Mrs. Betsy Graves performed at the Indiana Hoosiers Volleyball game in Bloomington. The Lady Hoosiers went up against Iowa and won three sets to none. Loogootee graduate and now IU Volleyball senior Taylor Wittmer finished with five kills and nine points and posed with the pep band after the game.

-Photo by Rick Graves

County council okays end-of-the year transfers and additional money requests

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor Nancy Steiner

The Martin County Council met Monday, November 1. Councilmen Lonnie Hawkins, Randy Winger, and Councilwoman Lynn Gee were unable to attend.

The minutes of the October 4 meeting were approved with the correction that Councilman John Stoll did not ask for more information on the Solid Waste District but he had provided more information on the Solid Waste District.

Councilman Stoll made a motion to have the county attorney check the ordinance establishing the Solid Waste District as he believes the Indiana Code numbers are not correct.

An additional appropriation for the surveyor was approved for the new GPS equipment. With a motion by Councilman Shaw the \$34,925 will be taken from the county EDIT fund.

The council approved the following additional appropriation to come from the Rainy Day Fund requested by Sheriff Tony Dant: Jail, Other Services and Charges, Utilities for \$4,000 and Equipment Repair for \$7,103. His request for Jail, Other Services and Charges, Inmate Medical for \$10,500 will come from the Riverboat Wagering Fund.

The sheriff's request for \$2,500 for part-time jail officers was denied and he is to transfer that amount from the line item for the one deputy who resigned.

Due to the additional appropriations not conforming to the 10-day period, three from last month had to be re-advertised and approved. They were Rainy Day, Coroner, Autopsy and Lab for \$3,000; General, Coroner, Autopsy and Lab for \$1,500; and Cumulative Capital Fund, Jail, Rooftop Heating and Cooling for \$7,100.

Coroner Franklin reported he is need of another additional appropriation for next month due to more autopsies being performed. Asking if he needed to come before the board next month, the council said it was not necessary to come back for this request.

Auditor Steiner presented an option for the compilation of the Capital Improvement Plan which is required for the county to be given EDIT monies. The

software option was recommended by Maximus and would cost around \$700. The request was approved and will come out of the EDIT fund.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams requested an amendment in his Wage Ordinance to provide for a part-time training clerk to train his new employee for up to 40 hours at \$17.50 per hour. It was approved by the council.

Don Greene spoke on the Martin County Humane Society and Martin County Ordinance 97-07 establishing an Animal Control Board. He would like to see a member from each town (Crane and Shoals) and the council and commissioners' boards to serve on it. He said that it would cost approximately \$800 to have an Animal Control person trained. So far this year, the humane society has paid out \$8,500 in vet bills and really needs help from the county. Greene said that hopefully next year they will be able to build a shelter for the animals by using grant money.

Transfers

A transfer from the Highway Fund from Personal Services, Operators w/o a CDL to Supplies, Bituminous was approved.

Transfers from the General Fund from Courthouse, Other Services and Charges, Trash Service for \$696 and Fire Sprinkler for \$500 to Supplies, Janitorial Supplies totaling \$1,196; from Recorder, Other Services and Charges, Stationery to Supplies, Office Supplies for \$37; and Circuit Court, Personal Services, Transcripts/Depositions to Other Services and Supplies, Equipment Repair for \$4,000 were approved.

The following transfers from the Probation User Fees Fund were approved: from Probation, Personal Services, Probation Secretary to Capital Outlay, Computer/Equipment, \$3,000; Personal Services, PT Probation Officer to Capital Outlay, Computer/Equipment, \$5,000; Personal Services, PERF to Capital Outlay, \$2,000; Personal Services, Admin. Asst. Level IV to Capital Outlay, Computer/Equipment for \$10,000; and Other Services and Charges, Telephone Pagers to Capital Outlay, Computers/Equipment for \$2,000.

Annual stroll: Celebrating a Martin County Christmas

As the holidays draw near, the time has come for the Loogootee Christmas Stroll Celebrating a Martin County Christmas. Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 2 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Many local participating businesses will have extended hours offering a variety of goodies for the whole family. Downtown and around town businesses will offer shoppers special Christmas Stroll discounts. In addition to local store specials there will be a variety of activities:

Christmas Stories with Mrs. Claus in the library: 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Pictures with Santa at Promises Photography

FREE Carriage Rides originating from M.C. Special-Tees or Burch's Lawn and Garden

Christmas Caroling by the Marco Singers and various church groups

A variety of vendors with booths inside local businesses

Luminaries lighting the path to participating businesses

Hot chocolate, hot cider, homemade cookies and more!

The Chamber of Commerce will award a plaque to the best decorated store front and local businesses will award a gift basket to the best decorated home. If you are interested in being considered for the best decorated home or business, submit your name or business name, address and contact number as soon as possible to: MCCC P.O. Box 257 Loogootee, IN 47553.

Businesses interested in participating in the Stroll, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 295-4093 for information.

Vendors interested in free booth space, contact the chamber of commerce at 295-4093 for information.

Loogootee Lion Discount Cards available soon

The Loogootee Intermediate Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) is happy to announce that Lion Discount Cards will soon be available to purchase. The committee is currently working hard to contact area businesses who are willing to participate in the annual fundraiser.

Unlike previous years, the PAC will give 100 percent of the proceeds back to the kids. Some of the projects sponsored by this will include the t-shirts that the children receive in the fall, honor and high-honor awards, perfect attendance awards, and many other incentives for the kids in grades 5-6.

If you are interested in purchasing a card for \$10 contact any 5th or 6th grade child or parent, the high school office, or stop by any 5th or 6th grade boys or girls basketball game to purchase one. You may also contact Lisa Nonte at 295-2925. Cards will be available as of December 1st for purchase.

SAW MILL

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the fire and spent thousands of dollars and the department's resources are just not capable of handling it anymore. He said there are two choices now, either the property owner needs to take care of the problem or the state will need to be called in which could cost

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also said Brent Roberts of Butler, Fairman, & Seufert was helping obtain federal aid on the replacement of Bridge #11.

The commissioners appointed Eugene Wilcoxon as Veteran Service Officer effective immediately, replacing Eric Wade who recently resigned. Mr. Wilcoxon's telephone number is 295-6712 for assistance.

It was announced that no courthouse employee should park in the health department parking lot.

the county and/or Mr. Ogg a lot of money.

The property owner, according to Pielemeier, has been cooperative throughout the process. Tuesday Mr. Ogg had a crew at the saw mill with rakes and pumps pulling water out of a neighboring pond.

According to a neighbor of the saw mill, the smoldering had spread into parts of the woods over the weekend and her husband has been watching it carefully. She said the smoke has been so bad at times that she has had to give her son who has asthma breathing treatments and the family is unable to go into the backyard or open their windows.

The smoke had spread throughout parts of downtown Loogootee Tuesday night prompting many residents to call in to the police department to report a possible fire. With the county still under a burn ban many residents became wary of smoke.

As of Wednesday another crew was reported to be working at the saw mill again throughout the day.

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qualify for licensing next week.

Mary Lou Billings asked Mr. Springer where calls should be directed concerning high school math scores. Mr. Springer answered that calls concerning high school math should be directed to him.

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

BRIAN E. LUCAS

Brian E. Lucas of Washington, died at 4:45 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2010 at his home. A resident of Washington, he was 34.

He was born September 4, 1976, in Daviess County; the son of William E. and Joanne (Ricks) Lucas. A graduate of both Washington High School and Vincennes University, he had worked at American Rental, Wabash Coffee, and Williams Bros. Pharmacy. He loved fishing and being outdoors with his friends and family.

He is survived by his mother, Jodie Lucas of Washington; brothers and sister-in-law, William Tyler Lucas of Loogootee and Jason and Tabitha Long of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and a number of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his father, William E. Lucas, and his grandparents.

Graveside services were held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, November 5 at Sugarland Memory Gardens, with Rev. Clyde Miller officiating.

MARY G. CISSELL

Mary G. Cissell died at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at Martin County Health Care Center. A resident of Washington, she was 80.

She was born April 30, 1930, in Loogootee; the daughter of Harry and Sarah (Kidwell) Cissell. A 1948 graduate of St. John High School, she was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. She was retired from Verizon Telephone Company and was an avid Loogootee Lions basketball fan.

She is survived by one sister, Shirley Wilson of Loogootee; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Lester and Harry "Bud" Cissell; and two sisters, Jean Padgett and infant Mary Frances Cissell.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Saturday, November 6 at St. John Catholic Church. Burial was in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Brooksmith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brooksmithfuneralhomes.com.

STEPHEN MICHAEL SMITH SR.

Stephen Michael Smith Sr. died at 6:47 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2010 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Loogootee, he was 62.

He was born September 7, 1948 in Washington; the son of Hubert and Joyce (Bullock) Smith. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee and was a 1966 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School in Montgomery. He had attended University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. He

was retired from Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane in 2003 and had formerly worked at Kimball Electronics in Jasper for five years as service manager. He was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1979. While in the Navy he attended officer candidate school in Maryland. Also while serving on the ship USS Iwo Jima, he took part in the recovery force of Apollo 10, 11 and 13. He also served on the ships USS Saginaw and USS Arlington. He received the Navy Achievement Medal for his support of the National Science Foundation 1978 Operation Deep Freeze in Antarctica where he helped re-establish Byrd Station. He was a member of the Loogootee Knights of Columbus, Loogootee American Legion Post 120 where he was the current commander. He was also a member and past commander of the Shoals V.F.W. and a member of the Jasper Moose and Shoals Eagles.

He is survived by his mother, Joyce (Bullock) Smith of Odon; one son and daughter-in-law, Stephen Michael and Carla Smith Jr. of Loogootee; one daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Javier Reynoso of Irvine, California; two brothers, Lee Smith of Westpoint, and Tony Smith of Loogootee; three sisters, Becky Mosby of Chandler, Susan Tylek of Brownsburg, and Cathy Emmons of Zionsville; and one granddaughter, Morgan Jones.

He is preceded in death by his father, Hubert Smith.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, November 9 at Brooksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will be at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.brooksmithfuneralhomes.com.

KERRY ROSE

Kerry L. Rose, formerly of French Lick and Indianapolis, passed away at 2:40 a.m. Sunday, November 7, 2010 at Jewish Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky. A resident of Shoals, he was 56.

She was born April 8, 1954 in French Lick; the son of Kerrill and Monolea (Crowder) Rose. He married Dona Hughes on July 8, 1986 and she survives.

He had attended high schools in Indianapolis and was a self-employed contractor and also was employed in engineering at the French Lick Springs Resort Hotel. He enjoyed working on the family's home, taking care of the yard work, and spending time with his family and friends. However, his greatest love was spending time with his granddaughter.

He is survived by his mother, Monolea Rose of French Lick; wife Dona Rose of Shoals; sons Raymond Lee Rose and his wife, Vanessa of Apopka, Florida, and Mark

Alan Rose of French Lick; daughter Amy Willoughby and her companion Jared Glass of Terre Haute; brothers Steven, Jon, Edward, and Danny Rose all of French Lick; and his granddaughter Ava Grace Glass. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, November 10 at 11:00 a.m. at T.L. Pinnick Mortuary in French Lick with Rev. Terry L. Pinnick officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, in French Lick.

Family requests memorials be given to the Springs Valley Education Fund, c/o Orange County Community Foundation, Inc. 112 West Water Street, Paoli, Indiana 47454.

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

JERALDINE NELSON

Jeraldine Evelyn (Howell) Nelson, Ph.D. passed away on Monday, September 13, 2010, in Vancouver, Washington. A resident of that city, she was 75.

She was born in Martin County, on April 26, 1935; daughter of the late Edmund and Catherine (McBride) Howell.

Surviving Jeri are her four children, David Nelson, of Washougal, Washington;

Robyn Nelson, of Visalia, California; Stephen Nelson and his wife Mei, of Winchester, California; and Corey Nelson and his wife Samira, of Anaheim, California. Additional survivors are her brothers, John Howell and his wife Beverly, Robert Howell, and Larry Howell and his wife Vickie; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews in the Shoals area. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, November 12, at 6 p.m., at the West Shoals Church of Christ. A private burial will be held on Saturday, November 13, at the Spring Hill Cemetery, in Shoals.

KATHERINE G. ROY

Katherine G. Roy, formerly of Loogootee, died Monday, November 8, 2010. A resident of Aurora, she was 62.

She was born on December 4, 1947.

She is survived by her husband Dallas Roy and one son Dallas L. Roy.

Visitation will be held Friday, November 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church in Rutherford Township.

The funeral will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the church with burial following in South Martin Cemetery in Loogootee.

Contributions may be made to the New Life Southern Baptist Church in Manchester.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Monday, November 1

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver eastbound from Lawrence County on U.S. 50.

11:33 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject headed from Shoals to Illinois and has not been heard from since yesterday.

2:56 p.m. - A female caller reported having problems with a family member.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50 entering Shoals.

4:05 p.m. - A male subject came on station to report identity theft.

5:20 p.m. - Received a complaint from a male caller about neighbors horses not being properly cared for and being on his property.

11:28 p.m. - A female caller in Huron advised her son was vandalizing her residence. Lawrence County was notified.

Tuesday, November 2

12:55 a.m. - Received a call from a female about a subject sending threatening text messages.

5:35 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, two to three miles south of Loogootee.

10:21 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Chicken Farm Road.

10:42 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on S.R. 450 near County Farm Road.

11:55 a.m. - Received a call about a possible suicidal subject.

12:46 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

1:21 p.m. - A female caller advised of possible problems with family members.

3:33 p.m. - Received a call about a male possibly having difficulty breathing.

4:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

5:12 p.m. - Received a complaint about a subject in Shoals burning trash.

7:16 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Doane Lane in Shoals.

10:33 p.m. - Received a report of an accident. An abandoned vehicle was located on S.R. 450 that appeared to be involved in a hit and run accident. The owner was unable to be located and the vehicle was towed.

11:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Bedford Regional Medical Center.

Wednesday November 3

6:47 a.m. - Received a call about a

stranded vehicle west of Max Warren's Curve.

8:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on St. Joseph Road in Bramble. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:09 p.m. - A male called about his mother receiving harassing text messages.

4:01 p.m. - A subject came on station to report vandalism to her vehicle.

5:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:13 p.m. - Received a report of a subject running stop arms on a school bus.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Lumpkin Road just off of U.S. 231.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on Poplar Grove Road.

Thursday, November 4

6:32 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident. The caller advised he needed to go to work and would contact someone for a report after work.

8:09 a.m. - A female caller requested that an officer follow her out of town due to an irate driver that has been following her in town.

2:19 p.m. - Received a report of a car off the roadway, west of Cannelburg. Daviess County was contacted.

3:05 p.m. - Received a request to check a vehicle that had been sitting at a residence in Shoals for some time.

7:29 p.m. - Received report of possible intoxicated subjects in Shoals.

9:12 p.m. - Received a request to check for a missing juvenile from Daviess County.

Friday, November 5

4:45 a.m. - Received a report of deer accident on U.S. 231, near West Boggs Park.

9:27 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Chicken Farm Road.

10:56 a.m. - Received a complaint of a subject in the Shoals area burning leaves during the burn ban.

11:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:39 a.m. - Received a call about a subject burning near Loogootee.

12:02 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded semi.

1:01 p.m. - Received a report of a breaking and entering that occurred overnight in Shoals.

1:25 p.m. - Received a report of debris on the roadway on U.S. 50, near Max Warren's Curve.

3:17 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance on St. Mary's Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:22 p.m. - Received a request for assistance for keys locked in a car.

7:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Jackman Hill Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:42 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

Saturday, November 6

1:55 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident just north of the Haysville Bridge. The accident ended up being on the south side of the bridge. Dubois County responded.

6:35 a.m. - Received a report of a power line down on S.R. 550 at the intersection of Poplar Grove Road.

12:45 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

1:25 p.m. - Received two requests for assistance for keys locked in a car.

2:00 p.m. - Received a complaint about violation of a protective order.

3:50 p.m. - Received a call about found property on Butler Bridge Road.

6:56 p.m. - Received a report of a field and woods fire on Elliot Cemetery Road.

9:25 p.m. - A male caller in Shoals advised that the windows were open on a trailer that had recently been broken into.

Sunday, November 7

6:25 a.m. - A caller advised of an accident on U.S. 231, north of Highway 58, near the Crane gate. Daviess County was contacted.

7:03 a.m. - Received a request for assistance from the Martin County Ambulance Service. No transport was necessary.

10:56 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle having been tampered with.

1:47 p.m. - Received a call about vandalism at the ball field in Shoals.

3:01 p.m. - Received a report of a fire on U.S. 231, north of Boggs.

3:52 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm.

5:15 p.m. - A male called about custody issues.

6:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:26 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Loogootee.

6:27 p.m. - Received a complaint from a female caller in Shoals about her no trespassing sign being torn down.

8:21 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Crane Village.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

Monday, November 8

4:20 a.m. - Received a report of a small brush fire just west of the bridge in Shoals.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a mobile home fire on S.R. 450. Williams Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, and Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Beard Road in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Monday, November 8

Unknown time - Received a request for a vehicle check.

Unknown time - Received a request for an officer's assistance with an eviction in Crane.

4:04 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on U.S. 50 westbound and headed into Loogootee.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of a fire at the saw mill outside Loogootee.

4:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on S.R. 450. The subject was transported to Bedford Regional Medical Center.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of possible gunshots heard in Crane.

7:43 p.m. - Received a report of a woods fire in the Doe Run area.

8:16 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler.

11:22 p.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler in Whitfield.

ISP to step up holiday enforcement efforts

In an effort to prevent senseless injuries and fatalities from occurring on Indiana's roadways this Thanksgiving holiday season, the Indiana State Police and more than 250 other law enforcement agencies throughout the state will participate in the Safe Family Travel enforcement blitz. The effort will begin Friday, November 12 and continue through Sunday, November 28. During this time, troopers will have the opportunity to work overtime to ensure safe travel during this dangerous holiday travel time.

Troopers will direct their enforcement efforts towards impaired driving, speeding, following too closely, and other aggressive driving behavior. In addition, troopers will strictly enforce seat belt and child restraint laws.

According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, two people were killed in crashes on Indiana roadways during the 2009 Thanksgiving holiday period from 6:00 p.m. on November 25th to 5:59 a.m. on November 30th. Fifty percent of those fatalities were alcohol related. Additionally, neither of the two drivers killed in the fatal crashes that occurred around Thanksgiving were wearing a seat belt.

Although overall seat belt use is up nationwide, many people still refuse to buckle up. Studies from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have consistently shown that wearing a seat belt increases one's chances of surviving a crash by more than 50 percent.

Holiday travel safety tips:

-Get plenty of rest before setting out on a long trip

-Observe and obey all speed limits

-Allow plenty of time to reach your holiday travel destinations

-Don't drink and drive

-Avoid using the cell phone while driving

-If you see an emergency vehicle stopped on the side of the roadway, remember to MOVE OVER or SLOW DOWN.

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Loogootee Police log

Monday, November 1

7:55 a.m. - Male caller reported a speeding vehicle on U.S. 231.

8:27 a.m. - Marathon reported a male, operating a grey Cougar, had drove off without paying for fuel.

5:12 p.m. - Caller reported a carbon monoxide alarm going off at her residence. Loogootee Fire was dispatched.

6:04 p.m. - Caller reported a field fire near the Perry water tower. Loogootee Fire was dispatched.

7:48 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on Vine Street. The officer determined that kids were playing with the phone.

Tuesday, November 2

12:52 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint in Noble's Court.

1:00 p.m. - Female caller reported animal neglect on Cherry Street. Chief Rayhill checked on the dog and spoke with the owner. No neglect was found.

2:57 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on South Oak Street.

6:26 p.m. - Female caller reported a subject in her vehicle refusing to leave.

8:32 p.m. - Male caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on U.S. 50. Officer Branham responded.

Wednesday, November 3

8:10 a.m. - Female caller requested a welfare check on a female living on S. Kentucky Avenue.

8:54 a.m. - First responders requested on St. Joseph Road for a male having seizures.

5:14 p.m. - First responders requested on U.S. 231 North for a male who had collapsed.

Thursday, November 4

6:51 p.m. - Male caller reported he has been threaten by another male in Shady Estates.

8:59 p.m. - Female caller reported a possible prowler on Bloomfield Road. Sgt. Hennette was unable to locate a prowler.

10:18 p.m. - A caller on SE First Street reported damage to his residence.

Friday, November 5

2:21 p.m. - An employee at Chuckles reported a drive off of \$25 dollars in fuel.

5:13 p.m. - A female caller reported loud music at Country Place Apartments. Officer Branham advised the subjects to turn the music down.

9:20 p.m. - DCSD reported a 911 hang up at a residence on County Road 250 North.

Saturday, November 6

11:10 a.m. - Caller reported a burn ban violation on SW 2nd Street. Capt. Akles responded.

9:43 p.m. - Female caller reported a suspicious vehicle in Goodwill Cemetery. Officer Pat Todd went to check it out.

Sunday, November 7

1:50 a.m. - Female caller reported someone knocking on her windows. Officer Pat Todd responded.

1:49 p.m. - A male caller on SE First Street reported his residence shot with a BB gun.

2:48 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a residence north of the Boggs entrance. Subject was issued a citation for a burn ban violation.

6:19 p.m. - Female caller reported a speeding vehicle on East Main Street. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the driver.

Any drug or criminal tips can be sent to loogooteepd@hotmail.com.

Indiana Dept. of Corrections warns of jail scam

The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) and local county sheriffs are warning Hoosiers about a new scam preying on family members of inmates housed in Indiana jails.

Henry, Morgan, and Huntington county jails have recently been contacted by an individual claiming to be an IDOC employee. The caller asks for a list of jail inmates with drug-related charges who are scheduled to be transferred to the IDOC and claims there is a new drug treatment diversion program available for offenders that meet specific criteria. Department officials warn - there is no such program within the IDOC. Audio recordings confirmed the same person, who identified himself as Lt. Dan Woods, called Morgan and Henry County. The IDOC does not have any employee by the name of Dan Woods.

This same caller or his associates have also contacted relatives of inmates incarcerated for drug-related offenses and advises them of the same fictitious program. The caller tells the family to send a money order for \$900 and the inmate will be transferred into the program, in lieu of prison. So far, two families of IDOC inmates have been contacted by two unknown persons posing

as IDOC employees. In one instance, after the initial transaction was completed, the offender's family was contacted again and told they needed to send more money to cover fees at the county jail. In both cases, the families were pressured to get the money as quickly as possible and get the transactions completed over the phone within hours of the initial call. The identified victim families live in the New Castle area, and both inmates were incarcerated at the Henry County jail during the same time period.

IDOC investigators are working with the Indiana State Police to identify the perpetrators of this scam as quickly as possible. Anyone with information about this scam should contact the Indiana State Police at 888-873-1694.

*A recording of a telephone conversation between Captain Dave Rogers from the Morgan County Jail and the individual claiming to be Dan Woods, where "Woods" attempts to obtain information about jailed offenders can be heard here: <http://www.in.gov/idoc/>. Officials are releasing the recording in the hope that a member of the public might be able to identify "Woods".

Martin County court news

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED October 28

Chadd M. Keusch, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed October 27

Advantage Assets II, Inc. vs. Brandon Koontz, civil collection.

Central Mortgage Company vs. Jeremy Holland and Monica M. Van Boxel Holland, mortgage foreclosure.

October 28

Capital One Bank vs. Sandra M. Sherfick, civil collection.

Melissa M. Dobson vs. Richard L. Dobson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

November 1

Capital One Bank vs. Nicholas Strange, civil collection.

Equable Ascent Financial, LLC vs. James Poirier, civil collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Richard Diamond, civil collection.

Central Mortgage Company vs. Michael Strange, Carole Strange, Peoples Bank, and Old National Bank, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

November 1

Hastings Mutual Insurance Company vs. Nicholas Dant, civil plenary, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

October 29

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Brandee and John Owen, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Ronald Truelove, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Terry and Michael Wade, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Alicia Burnette, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Brad and Tracey Stoll, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jesse and Sarah Daniels, complaint.

November 1

Jerry Schnarr and Cheryl Stemle vs. Nick Clingerman, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 8

Travis Campbell to L.L. Receivables Company in the amount of \$1,524.79.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

October 26

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Judith Yarnell, complaint, dismissed.

November 1

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kathy Johnson, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

October 27 - November 2

Robin Jones, Shoals, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Maria Query, Shoals, driving while suspended, \$119.

Paul Rousey, Washington, seatbelt violation, \$25.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

October 29

Frederick Wynn Morgan, Jr. of Shoals and Heidi Nicole Melton of Shoals.

Thomas Alan Truelove of Shoals and Alisha Helen Freeman of Shoals.

November 4

Tad Allen Osgatharp of Loogootee and Renee M. Johnson of Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

Mark L. Taylor, of Martin County to Paul T. Taylor, of Martin County, a part of Lot Numbered One in Ackerman Addition to Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 11,031 square feet and/or 0.2532 of an acre, more or less.

David D. Mitchell, of Martin County, Indiana to Vicki L. Mitchell, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

Randall J. Blankenbaker and Jonna D. Blankenbaker to Francis M. Dant and Bonnie J. Dant, tract one - a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West. Also, a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 12.01 acres, more or less. Except one-fifth acre in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 3, Range 4. Tract two - a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing .50 acre, more or less.

Lisa Luegers, of Martin County, Indiana, Robin Knies, Jane Durholz, and Arminda C. Bueltel, of Dubois County, Indiana to Elizabeth Luegers, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 4 West and that

portion of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 5 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 12.006 acres, more or less.

J. Wallace Borders and Cleo Borders, of Martin County, Indiana to Bert L. Smith and Lela E. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana, 0.385 of an acre, more or less, in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the city of Loogootee, Indiana.

J. Wallace Borders and Cleo Borders, of Martin County, Indiana to Bert L. Smith and Lela E. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, and containing 0.44 of an acre, more or less.

Marguerite Butcher, of Martin County, Indiana to Richard T. Butcher, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 44 in the town, now City, of Loogootee, Indiana, except 55 feet of even width off of the Northwest end of said lot.

J. Shane Roush and Brenda E. Roush, of Martin County, Indiana to Barry L. Morphew, of Hamilton County, Indiana, the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Also, the south half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, except 5 acres out of the Northwest corner, and containing after said exception 15 acres, more or less.

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Indiana State Police reports

Sunday, November 7

4:15 a.m. - ISP Trooper Wooten conducted a traffic stop at SR 161 northbound at CR 4408 in Spencer County for a traffic violation. Upon contact with the driver, Isaac Mckenzie, 30, of Owensboro, Kentucky, probable cause was developed and a search of the vehicle revealed Mckenzie was in possession of marijuana. Mckenzie was charged with a felony due to a prior conviction. He was lodged in the Spencer County Jail without incident. Trooper Wooten was assisted by the Spencer County Sheriff's Department and the Rockport City Police Department.

8:22 p.m. - ISP Trooper Sexton responded to 160 Larimer St. in Crane Village, in reference to three males fighting. Trooper Sexton arrived at the scene and identified Darren T. King, 27, of Crane and Scott J. Smith, 44, of Clayton, were the two who were fighting. The two were taken into custody and lodged at the Martin County Jail and charged with battery and disorderly conduct. Trooper Sexton was assisted by Martin County Sheriff's Department Deputy Steve Nolan.

8:33 p.m. - ISP Trooper Lents was traveling northbound on US 231 to an emergency call when a white Ford F-150 being driven by Alvin J Swartzentruber, 33, of

Loogootee, failed to yield to Trooper Lents nearly causing a traffic accident. During the course of the traffic investigation Trooper Lents and K-9 Trooper Lambert discovered Swartzentruber was intoxicated and a habitual traffic violator. Swartzentruber became combative during the arresting process. He was transported/ incarcerated at the Martin County Jail and was charged with habitual traffic violator, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a prior conviction, intimidation, resisting law enforcement and several traffic violations.

Monday, November 8

10:00 p.m. - ISP Trooper Sexton responded to a call of a vehicle, a 2001 silver Ford Taurus, that had struck a guardrail at US 50 at Lilly Pond Road in Martin County. After striking the guardrail the vehicle continued east on US 50 towards Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert observed the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. During the traffic investigation the driver was identified as Rodney N Finch, 41, of Brownstown, Michigan. Through the investigation Mr. Finch was determined to be intoxicated. He was taken into custody without incident and charged with operating while intoxicated and leaving a scene of a property damage accident.

Martin County accident reports

Monday, November 1

7:53 p.m.- Mary Doane, 61, of Shoals, was traveling westbound on U.S. 150 near Windom Road operating a 2009 Chevrolet Impala. She stated that a deer was present in the roadway and she steered to the right to avoid striking the deer. She then overcorrected and traveled left of center and off the roadway and drove into a ditch, striking a large landscaping stone. The vehicle then continued out of the ditch and came to a stop on Windom Road, a few feet from U.S. 150. The vehicle sustained significant damage and had to be towed from the scene. The investigating officer was Deputy Steven Nolan.

Thursday, November 4

9:54 p.m. - Mark Wening, 30, of Loogootee, was driving his silver 2007 Chevrolet on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, when his vehicle collided with a deer that was present on the roadway. He was able to drive to Loogootee to call the Sheriff's Department. No one was injured in the accident and a wrecker was not needed. The damages to the Wening vehicle were to the left front headlight assembly area and the entire hood and possibly part of the engine. The investigating officer was Major T.A. Burkhardt.

Friday, November 5

5:03 p.m. - Teresa D. Lindsey, 44, of Loogootee, was westbound on Hickory Ridge Road in a red 2004 Chevrolet Silverado. She crested a hill, lost control of the vehicle, and went of the north side of the roadway. Lindsey overcorrected and went across the roadway off the south side of the road and into a ditch. The impact caused the vehicle to spin 180 degrees and the rear of the vehicle then hit the embankment. The vehicle returned to the roadway before coming to rest. Lindsey was transported by helicopter to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville for head and back injuries. The investigating officer was Deputy

Keith Keller.

7:26 p.m. - Marvin Knepp, 21, of Odon, advised he was traveling eastbound on U.S. 50, just East of Loogootee, in his maroon 1984 Chevrolet Caprice. He collided into a deer that was present in the roadway. The entire front end of the vehicle was damaged but there were no injuries reported. The investigating officer was Major T.A. Burkhardt.

Saturday, November 6

8:06 p.m. - David W. Dunbar, 43, of Greenwood, was traveling east on Mt. Olive Road, near Roberts Lane, operating a tan 2000 Chevrolet Silverado. At the same time, an unknown westbound vehicle pulling a camper trailer was traveling west. Mr. Dunbar stated this other vehicle was in his lane of travel and forced his vehicle off the roadway. His vehicle went off the south side of the roadway and struck a culvert. After striking the culvert, Dunbar stated his vehicle came back onto the roadway and fishtailed until he could bring the vehicle to a stop. Dunbar's vehicle sustained damage to the right rear bedside and a broken rear axle.

Monday, November 8

6:08 a.m. - Mathew W. Murray, 29, of Loogootee, was traveling west on the Lingenfelter Road in a 1999 Jeep Wrangler. A deer ran onto the roadway and was struck by the vehicle. The investigating officer was Chief Deputy Rob Street.

Tuesday, November 9

6:18 a.m. - Joshua Beyers, 20, of Oolitic was traveling west on U.S. 50, near Indiana Creek Stone Quarry, in a green 1994 Ford, when he struck a deer. The Lawrence County Sheriff's Department responded, but the accident was just inside Martin County. There was damage to the front of the vehicle, which was towed from the scene. The investigating officer was Corporal John Fischer.

Motorists encouraged to get vehicles ready for winter driving

With snow flurries back in the Indiana forecast for the first time this year, public safety officials are reminding Hoosier motorists of a few tips to help get ready for the coming winter.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Indiana State Police (ISP) affirm that all Hoosier motorists need to prepare vehicles in preparation for difficult winter travel conditions.

Drivers are encouraged to follow these tips to winterize vehicles:

-Check tire pressure and tread depth. Use a pressure gauge and measure tire tread depth to ensure good traction. Consult your owner's manual for advice. Look for uneven wearing which can also be dangerous.

-Check battery, exhaust system, heater and defroster. Make sure the battery is not past its lifespan, and that the terminals are tight and free of corrosion. Hoses and belts should be inspected for cracks. Now is the time to discover if your heater is broken - not when the temperature drops.

-Check antifreeze. Make sure that a 50 percent antifreeze, 50 percent water mixture is at the proper radiator level. If the coolant is two years old, get it flushed and refilled.

-Change oil every 3,000-5,000 miles. Consider using a lighter, "winter weight" oil. Refer to your owner's manual for guidance.

-Check windshield wipers and blades: Replace the blades twice a year and make sure extra wiper fluid is on hand.

-Ensure the four-wheel drive system and brakes are functioning properly. -It is a good idea to keep at least a half tank of gas in your car at all times during the

winter months, to keep the fuel lines from freezing.

Even with the best maintenance and cautious driving, snow, ice and freezing temperatures can sometimes still get the best of your vehicle. Hazardous winter driving conditions induce crashes, which are the leading cause of death during winter storms. Being prepared to handle potential slide-offs, crashes, and car trouble in winter is a simple but crucial step to take in preparing for the next few months.

Prepare a winter emergency kit for your vehicle. Supplies should include:

-At least two blankets or a sleeping bag
-Flashlight or battery-powered lantern and extra batteries

-Booster (jumper) cables
-Emergency flares
-Extra clothing, particularly boots, hats and mittens

-A steel shovel and rope to use as a life-line

-Bottled water or juice and nonperishable high-energy foods (granola bars, raisins, nuts, peanut butter or cheese crackers)

-Thermos or container that won't allow liquids to freeze

-First-aid kit and necessary medications
-Sand or non-clumping cat litter for tire traction if your vehicle gets stuck in snow or ice

-A cell phone charger which can be adapted to vehicle use

-Ice scraper and snow brush

-Tire repair kit and pump

-Candle, matches, heat sticks/packs, lighters, hand-warmers, etc. (Be sure to crack the window if you using a heat source inside the vehicle)

Increased seat belt, impaired driving patrols coming to Martin County

With the holidays fast approaching, more motorists will be hitting the road. As the number of vehicles increase, so does the potential for traffic collisions on Indiana roadways.

To ensure everyone arrives at their destination safely, the Martin County Sheriff's Department will join hundreds of state and local law enforcement agencies to participate in Indiana's Safe Family Travel enforcement effort.

The effort includes high-visibility seat belt and impaired driving patrols that will take place November 12 through November 28, including the Thanksgiving holiday period.

According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), there were nearly 2,000 collisions in Indiana during the 2009 Thanksgiving holiday period (6:00 p.m. November

25 through 6:00 a.m. November 30). Of those incidents, 127 were alcohol-related.

"For many, the holidays are the happiest time of year, but can quickly become tragic when a loved one is involved in a collision," said Martin County Sheriff's Department Deputy Keith Keller. "We ask that all Martin County motorists put safety first this November by always wearing their seat belt and designating a sober driver if their activities or Thanksgiving celebration includes the use of alcohol."

"Safe Family Travel" is a statewide enforcement effort that is funded with federal dollars awarded to Indiana from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The effort encompasses seat belt and impaired driving initiatives and is further supported by a paid, statewide advertising campaign.

Martin County jail bookings

Saturday, October 30

Sonja Davis, 40, of Shoals arrested for possession of controlled substance and public intoxication.

Sunday, November 7

Michael E. Norris, 27, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police. Norris was wanted on a Daviess County warrant for theft. Capt. Akles was arresting officer.

Scott Smith, 44, of Indianapolis, was arrested and charged with battery and public intoxication.

Darren King, 27, of Indianapolis, was ar-

rested and charged with battery and disorderly conduct.

Alvin J. Swartzentruber, 33, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with habitual traffic violator, intimidation, operating while intoxicated, and resisting arrest.

Monday, November 8

Rodney N. Finch, 41, of Michigan, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated after a person called the sheriff's department reporting a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50, eastbound from Loogootee.

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Governor outlines 2011 legislative priorities

Governor Mitch Daniels said last Thursday that a balanced budget, K-12 education, local government reform and a fair redistricting plan are among his top priorities for 2011.

"I want to present to the citizens of our state the outlines of a very ambitious agenda for more positive change in Indiana," said Daniels. "It's a big set of assignments and we are really excited about the chance for Indiana to surge forward on all of these fronts."

The governor said over the next several weeks specifics of the agenda will be further developed.

Daniels has already begun to meet with legislators from both parties to jumpstart discussions about these ideas.

Here are the governor's legislative priorities:

Protect taxpayers

- Pass a balanced budget without a general tax increase
- Enact a straightforward state government spending cap in the form of an automatic taxpayer refund

Put students first and strengthen local flexibility

- Evaluate teachers on student learning so we can pay our best teachers more
- Hold schools accountable for student learning while giving them the flexibility to deliver better results under local control
- Provide more quality options so parents can make informed decisions

Reward and protect our best state employees

employees

- Protect the paycheck of every state employee by prohibiting mandatory dues payments
- Require annual state employee performance reviews so we can identify the best performers
- Update and streamline the state employee classification system so we can pay our best performers more

Improve transparency and efficiency of local government

- Eliminate nepotism and conflict of interest in local government
- Abolish township boards and other outdated layers of government

Broaden public-private partnerships (P3) for public infrastructure

- Free state government to enlist the private sector as a partner in building new roads, bridges, and other infrastructure

Develop a fair redistricting plan

- Redraw Indiana's political districts on the basis of logical geographic and community boundaries

Tackle the imbalance in the unemployment insurance trust fund

- Pass a bill that brings premiums and benefits in balance

Address issues in Indiana's sentencing laws

- Develop a comprehensive sentencing reform package that incarcerates all dangerous criminals while managing non-dangerous offenders in more cost-effective ways

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Fresh Faces

The Indiana House was actually the first chamber in the nation to flip from Democrat to Republican on Tuesday night. Republicans now have a higher majority in the chamber than in any year since 1984.

So what does this really mean for the Indiana House?

Being in the majority means much more than being able to count on being able to pass a particular bill.

In Indiana, it means that the party in power runs operations in that chamber. Most of this happens behind the scenes, in aspects of staffing, operations, and logistics - for example, the party in power maintains the House website and operates the live video feed of session.

For this reason, this week has been a flurry of activity for our staff.

But mainly, I believe that having Speaker Brian Bosma back at the helm will mean consistency, predictability, openness, and possibilities for Hoosiers.

It will mean consistency and predictability for the way session is run—in everything from scheduling to timeliness.

It will mean open flow of information between majority and minority parties, leading to more and more creative possibilities.

Bills and ideas won't be bottled up because of partisan, petty politics. As Speaker Bosma says, "We will let the democratic process work."

Until the debate can begin, however, we have some housekeeping to do.

Here's an interesting fact: in Indiana, a person who has been elected but not yet sworn in is actually known as a "legislator-in-embryo."

in-embryo."

These as-yet 'unborn' representatives hit the ground running this week, with a full 'caucus' on Wednesday to officially meet each other, followed by a press conference held by Speaker Bosma.

For the next two weeks there will be plenty of activity at the Statehouse in Indianapolis, as our staff changes and prepares new offices and materials.

Tuesday, November 16, which is known as Organization Day—mostly because it's the day we organize ourselves and gather all the tools we'll need to start session.

We'll gather once again in Indianapolis for a brief session, and spend some time 'moving in' to the new space we'll have (since we're adding extra members to the caucus).

This is also the first day that legislators may file drafts for new bills. If successfully carried through the legislative process in the spring, these will become state law.

As I watch these new members arrive triumphantly at the Statehouse, I'm tremendously excited for them and I can't help but think back to the first time I walked up those limestone steps as a freshman legislator - just two short years ago.

However, unlike the past two years, I believe that House Republicans are now poised to make good, creative changes to governing in Indiana. We are going to carefully craft a budget, make sure our kids are getting the most education they can from every dollar, and continue leading the nation in job creation.

It's going to be very exciting, and I can't wait to get started.

Bosma, Friend and Richardson re-elected as leadership team

Members of the Indiana House Republican Caucus convened last Wednesday to organize and select their leaders for the upcoming 117th Indiana General Assembly. The caucus unanimously endorsed the leadership team of Representative Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) as Speaker-elect, Representative

Bill Friend (R-Macy) as Majority Floor Leader-elect and Representative Kathy Richardson (R-Noblesville) as Caucus Chairwoman-elect.

Joining the leadership team and incumbents were 17 newly elected House Members. In remarks to the press following the caucus, Speaker-elect Bosma stated that even though House Republicans regained control of the House, this is not a time for celebration.

"This was never about winning an election. This is about completing the work that was begun in 2005 - to bring Indiana fully into the 21st Century. Our goals will include creating the jobs that today's students are prepared for and to make our public education system one of the premier education systems in the country," said Speaker-elect Bosma.

The Indiana General Assembly will be faced with balancing a budget in difficult fiscal times, strengthening Indiana's economic climate, and drawing new legislative maps in a fair and balanced way.

"We pledge to pass a responsible budget meeting the critical needs of our state, with no tax increases on Hoosier families. We pledge to do what Hoosier families and businesses have had to do in tough economic times - live within our means."

Another key point that Speaker-elect Bosma stood strong on is the return of civility and bipartisan cooperation to the Indiana House through increased transparency to the public and open-debate on issues before the House.

"These are lofty goals in a difficult year, but I can tell you that the 59 members of the Republican caucus pledge to address each and every one of these issues, and many more" said Speaker-elect Bosma.

THANK YOU ALL



Thank you to all who voted for me on November 2, 2010. It makes me feel good to know that you appreciate the job I have been doing. I will serve the next four years with the same dedication that I have in the past. Thank you to all the people who took time from their lives to campaign with/for me, to all the people who stood at the polls on election day and my family for their continued support. I could not have done it without you.

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AngelWorx program sponsoring second annual basket project

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

These older adults are on fixed incomes and often cannot afford the everyday necessities that many of us take for granted.

A total of 387 baskets were turned in last year and delivered to individuals in need.

This project is open to schools, churches, businesses, and individuals and involves purchasing a plastic laundry basket and filling it with items such as dish soap, deodor-

ant, and toothpaste.

Some individuals decorate their baskets to make them more festive.

Baskets must be completed by December 8. Participants will be given a drop off location prior to that date. Generations' Case Manager and Meals on Wheels drivers will deliver the gift baskets to the clients.

To register for the project and to receive a complete list of basket items, contact Alma Kramer by calling 800-742-9002 or 888-5880 or emailing akramer@vinu.edu

Generations serves older adults in Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin and Pike counties.

Humane Society Pet of the week



The Martin County Humane Society has this very nice lab mix female, she is around eight months old.

If you are interested in adopting this nice dog call Sandy at 812-709-0130

Don't forget the humane society is delivering pizza Friday night, November

12, from 4 to 8:30 p.m. This will take place at the new Pizza & More in Loogootee. Pizza & More will donate so much per delivery, plus all tips. Call in your order at 295-2222 and members of the humane society will deliver for you.

THANK YOU

The Jug Rox Adult Booster Club would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the 2010 Fall Festival a success this year.

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We also greatly appreciate all of the area businesses who collectively donated the many door prizes, and/or equipment for the Fall Festival, or helped out in any way. All of your help made the night fun for all who attended.

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A thank you goes to the Junior Class and their sponsors for the Haunted House and to Lisa Bauer and her helpers for the "Not So Scary" Haunted House.

Thank you to the Volleyball team and coaches for the cake auction and to Mike and Sharon Akles for their auctioneer services.

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Thanks to Carla's Catering & Creations and Chastain's Flowers for providing decorations and flowers for the King and Queen Ceremony.


Thank you also to The Culinary Arts Class, under the direction of Teresa Heckard, for preparing all the food for the evening.

Special thanks goes to the basketball girls' team, the basketball boys' team, the soccer team, and the golf team and all of their coaches for their help in setting up the festival, cleaning up after the festival, and working the games. We appreciate everyone's hard work.

And thank you to Bill Bauer for being our emcee for the evening.

In addition, thank you to the people of our community for your continuing show of strong support for the athletic program in the Shoals Community Schools.

THE JUG ROX ADULT BOOSTERS



My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett
Owner, Martin County Journal

I had a woman email me a few weeks ago wanting me to write a story about bullying in our local schools. Bullying is a sensitive subject for me and not just because what my son has experienced but because, I too, have been bullied.

I attended Loogootee Schools (the first time) through fourth grade. I had my best bud Kerry Frye through my school years, not to mention our entire class was pretty close. I was more of a one-on-one best friend type and Kerry and I pretty much did everything together. I don't recall there ever being a clique of us at that age.

I never really thought about bullying, who was popular or unpopular, or who was privileged or underprivileged. I loved school and I was a straight A student and the worst bullying Kerry and I did was chasing poor Todd Ervin all over the playground every single day because we both had a crush on him. We wore that poor boy out.

Right after my fourth grade year ended in May, I learned that my parents were divorcing. This meant we had to move to Washington which is where my mom and dad are from and where my grandparents lived. Not only was I devastated to have my parents splitting up, I was also leaving the only school and friends I had known.

The next year was the worst year of my life thus far. Not only was I sad about my mom and dad but with my mother going through, well, "adjustments" we will say, she was not at home much.

My new school was Griffith Elementary and my fifth grade teacher just happened to be a woman who was practically related to my family and on top of that I was still a straight-A student. Since the teacher already knew me and asked me to do everything for her, I was quickly labeled the teacher's pet which was not good. Also, I had entered a school where my classmates had been together for five years already; I was an outsider. Not to mention my mother was not well off and you could tell this just by looking at me. I was not lucky enough to have new shoes and clothes for the first days of school and my mother decided to chop off my very long hair the summer before fifth grade so I had a boy haircut. All of this combined, left me being teased and picked on mercilessly. It was horrible.

One day I remember walking into the classroom and the whole class was giggling. The teacher was not in yet and I looked up to see my name and "Teacher's Pet" written under it on the chalkboard. All of my classmates were laughing and pointing at me. Kids in my class would leave mean notes on my desk, exclude me from recess activities, and most of the time I sat by myself at lunch and was always the last one picked for a team during gym class.

The worst it got was one day while I was keeping the scoreboard for a recess kick-ball game. The scoreboard was metal and on a tall, thin stand and I had to flip the heavy numbers over manually as each team scored. Not paying attention I look up just as a sixth grade girl appeared in front of me, called me a nerd and shoved me down. I still had my hand around the base of the scoreboard so it went down with me. One of the metal corners fell on top of my head. Blood was everywhere.

The game stopped and the P.E. teacher, who was supervising the game, had some other girls lead me to the restroom to try and clean me up. I remember blood just dripping into my face in that restroom while the girl who had shoved me stood

near the doorway crying while all of her buddies consoled her telling her it was an accident and it wasn't her fault.

My mom came and picked me up hours later as I sat in the lobby of the school office with blood caked in my hair and no one paying a bit of attention to me except to stare.

As far as I know the girl was never punished and the teasing did not stop for the remainder of the year. Most of the specifics on the day-to-day teasing I don't remember but sometimes I still have nightmares about it. I know, crazy right, all these years later.

I don't know what was wrong with that school or the students there but that was the only year of school that I was ever teased or picked on.

Thank goodness before sixth grade we moved again to another area in Washington and I started at Lena Dunn. My first day, as I was sitting up against the wall with the rest of the gym class after being eliminated from the dodge ball game, a girl came over and asked that I come and sit with her and her friends. Hesitantly I walked over assuming this was a trick.

As it turned out these girls became my best buds for the next two years of school until my family moved once again back to Loogootee and I joined back up with my grade school pals.

After my fifth grade year and the things I went through, my attitude towards people changed. I never just befriended someone based on what they looked like, how they dressed, who their parents were, what grades they had, how much money their family had, etc. I treated everyone the same - the way I wished I would have been treated at Griffith Elementary. I realized that just because I may have not looked the greatest as far as my hair or my clothes, I was still a person and most importantly, I had feelings. Sure, I was a little odd because I was shy and awkward, but I outgrew it.

Through my junior high and high school years at Loogootee there was never too much bullying. As in grade school, we were all a very close class. Sure, there were a few of those "Oh no you didn't just talk to me" girls, but I never really cared to be friends with those types anyway. Never, to this day, have I ever judged anyone based on the outside and I have drilled this into my own children. I also NEVER listen to someone else's opinion of someone; I base my feeling on how they treat ME.

When my oldest son started getting bullied my claws came out. He was teased, shoved and locked into a bathroom stall, etc. After reporting it to the teacher and even writing a column about it, nothing was done. I was told that the school has very kind, caring students. Of course kids are kind and caring in front of the teacher; they were when I was in fifth grade too. They sure weren't so kind and caring behind her back though.

I have no idea what the solution is. If parents refuse to teach their children that we are all equals and that they should go by the Golden Rule and treat others as they want to be treated then nothing will ever change.

Children learn what they are taught . . . or not taught in some cases.

If you would like to be a guest columnist for the Martin County Journal, contact courtney@martincountyjournal.com.

Near-record harvest possible for deer season

Indiana's annual firearms season for white-tailed deer opens Saturday, November 13 with near-record harvest expected for all deer seasons combined.

The record overall deer harvest is 132,752, set last year, with roughly 83,000 being harvested during the firearms season, including almost 36,000 on opening weekend.

Department of Natural Resources biologists expect hunters to kill more than 80,000 deer again this year during the 16-day firearms season, which ends November 28.

"Harvest numbers for the season will always be about the same as the previous year," DNR deer biologist Chad Stewart said. "With the dry fall we've been having, the corn harvest is vastly accelerated compared to last year, which means less potential cover for deer. I anticipate a record or near-record harvest, and obviously, the firearms season is a major component of that harvest."

Harvest composition on opening weekend is typically an approximate 60:40 split favoring antlered deer, but more antlerless deer are typically harvested than antlered deer by the end of the firearms season.

"Hunters will always want to go out on opening day with the hopes of harvesting a buck," Stewart said. "That's what causes hunters to lie awake the night before and it's what they think about while sitting in their hunting stand while it's still pitch black out that opening morning. So hunters are undoubtedly selecting their bucks to harvest on that opening weekend."

"But as the season progresses, since more

does are able to be killed than bucks, the numbers eventually catch and surpass the buck total," he said.

Biologists will again be at nearly 40 check stations across the state on opening day to collect age information and biological samples from deer checked, testing primarily for the presence of chronic wasting disease and bovine tuberculosis.

"So far, we have not detected either in free-ranging deer in Indiana," Stewart said.

Favorable weather conditions were a factor in hunters killing 35,898 deer on the opening weekend of firearms season in 2009, an increase of more than 4,700 over the first two days of the 2008 firearms season. A weather system that went through on opening day of the 2008 season brought rain, sleet, and freezing rain to much of Indiana, reducing the harvest during opening day of that year.

The number of deer harvested in individual counties last year ranged from a low of 96 deer in Tipton County to 4,102 deer in Steuben County. Harvest exceeded 1,000 deer in 62 counties; exceeded 2,000 deer in 19 of those counties; and exceeded 3,000 deer in five of those counties.

Unless otherwise exempted, a license is required to hunt deer during the firearms season. Licenses can be purchased online at IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov, by calling 317-232-4200, or at a retailer or DNR site listed at IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov.

License exemptions and other deer hunting information can be found in the online DNR Deer Hunting Guide at www.dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/2343.htm.

Small game season opened last Friday

The 2010-2011 hunting season for rabbit, quail, and pheasant opened statewide last Friday, November 5. Season dates and daily bag limits may vary on state-owned properties. Please contact each property for specific information.

Rabbit: November 5 through February 15, 2011. Bag limit is five.

Pheasant (cock only): November 5 through December 19. Bag limit is two.

Quail (north of Indiana 26): November 5 through December 19. Bag limit is 5.

Quail (south of Indiana 26): November 5 through January 15, 2011. Bag limit is eight.

To hunt rabbit, an individual must purchase an Annual Hunting license, or have a Lifetime Hunting or Youth Comprehensive

Hunting license. To hunt quail and/or pheasant, an individual must purchase an Annual Hunting license and a Game Bird Habitat Stamp, or have a Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting or Youth Comprehensive Hunting license. Individuals with a Lifetime Basic Hunting license must purchase the Game Bird Habitat Stamp annually.

Fluorescent orange clothing is required while hunting rabbit, quail, pheasant, and squirrel (starting November 5) throughout the 2010-2011 hunting season. Hunters must wear one outer garment exposed at all times that is solid fluorescent orange.

Hunters should remember to gain permission before hunting on privately owned land.

For additional information, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2343.htm>

DNR unveils online deer hunting guide

With the deer firearms season set to begin on Saturday in Indiana, the Department of Natural Resources has posted a handy Deer Hunting Guide on its website.

Users can scan the 37-page guide online at www.dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/2343.htm, download it to a mobile phone capable of reading PDF files, or print it as a single document.

The guide includes basic information on license requirements, bag and possession limits, season dates, and equipment regulations.

It also has a county-by-county list of pub-

lic hunting areas, from Yellowwood State Forest in Brown County to Blue Grass Fish & Wildlife Area in Warrick County.

The 10-page list includes the property name, phone number, hunting opportunities, available acres, and other amenities, such as camping or shooting range.

In addition to basic information, the guide provides hyperlinks to complete language on hunting rules and regulations in Indiana, plus a hyperlink to a searchable database of mandatory check stations where successful hunters can take their deer.

Calendar of Events

Humane society and Pizza & More team up to raise funds for a shelter

Pizza & More is holding a fundraiser to help the Martin County Humane Society. The members of the humane society will be delivering pizzas Friday night, November 12. Pizza & More is donating part of their proceeds to the humane society, and all tips, so here is your chance to try out this new pizza business, and help the humane society. Call 812-295-2222 between 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Pizza & More is located at the former Hilltop Buffet next to the Eldorado Motel. The humane society thanks you in advance for your support.

Tourism meeting

The Martin County Tourism Committee will meet Wednesday, November 10, at 7 p.m. at the learning center. The meeting is open to the public.

Meet the Coaches dinner

A Boys' Basketball Meet the Coaches dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus on Friday November 12, at 7pm. A free dinner will be provided and the public is invited to attend.

Walking for fitness at LUMC

Walking for fitness is held each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Loogootee United Methodist Church in the Family Center. The program will follow school weather closings. If there is a school delay, or during the week before Thanksgiving and the week before Christmas, there will not be organized walking. You may still come and walk individually without music. Come "follow the blue line". Fast walkers are on outside of blue line, and slow walkers are on the inside. It takes 22 laps to make a mile (No bumps to trip over). Choose your pace. Whistle blows every five minutes to change direction. All ages are invited, and it is free. Call Sandy Haseman at 295-9822 with any questions.

Humane society meetings

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

Recovery support group

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

Youth football meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at 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.

Caregiver Retreat

Jim Comer, nationally recognized author and expert on communication, will be the keynote speaker at a free Fall Caregiver Retreat on Thursday, November 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church, 1528 S. Hart Street Road, in Vincennes. His presentation, "The Joys and Jolts of Parenting Your Parents," begins at 9:45 a.m. Todd Stallings, Executive Director of Indiana Association for Home & Hospice Care, will give a presentation on "Health Care Reform and Us" at 12:30 p.m.

Local providers of home health care, personal emergency response systems, nursing facilities, respite programs and other related agencies will also be on hand to discuss their caregiver services. Lunch will be provided. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To RSVP, call 1-800-742-9002.

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New Beginnings Church Weekly Message

BY SHIRLEY CANELL
Pastor's wife

How to be a conqueror! Revelation 2:12-17
How do we win the battle? You think what battle? There is a battle going on around us and with us. It's a battle between our human desires and the temptations of living in occupied territory. The Bible tells us and we see it all around that the prince of darkness is trying to pull the church into things that are not of God. Many have joined in the idea that we can live in the best of both worlds.

Thinking you can live in both worlds is a lie from the devil. He makes you believe that you can do certain churchy things on Sunday and be ok. You'll be ok if you go to church, are nice to people, and haven't murdered anyone. If you are living in occupied territory without Jesus you tend to believe in things like, evolution, abortion is ok in certain circumstances, it's ok to lie if it saves someone from being hurt, it's ok as long as you believe in something, all roads lead to Heaven, we all believe in the same God, it's ok to watch or listen to certain things as long as you don't act on them.

We are in a battle. We are God's army in a world occupied by the devil and his demons.

The worst part is they are defeated and know they are doomed but are trying to take as many as they can along with them. God says we dwell where Satan's throne is. We are becoming a nation of tolerance, if we are not, then we are narrow-minded. We are narrow-minded, we have to have the mind of Christ. Matthew 6:33 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you. Seek His kingdom and we will have all our needs met. Great rewards come for those who overcome, win the battle, and conquer the enemy. It is so important in these last days to focus on the task of winning!

We have to win the battle against sin, false ideas, win against the thoughts and ideas that Satan and his demons have put into our minds. In Revelation, God tells us the problems in the seven churches in Asia Minor and what they have, good and bad, and how to become conquerors. To become conquerors the churches were told to Repent. Repent meaning, wake up, remember what you had heard and keep it, do it God's way. God wants us to overcome the things of the world to be conquerors.

Don't deny faith, faith is assurance, not just saying I believe, but having a heart truly and totally assured that Jesus Christ has come

to save us from Satan's realm. To clear your eyes and minds so you can see God's awesome love. He says hang onto the faith, don't deny the faith in any part of your life. Hold fast to the name of Jesus in all things. No matter what you may be going through right now hold on to the name that is above all names, the name of Jesus.

Don't be led away by falling into the traps and temptations of the world. You can't tolerate evil in any form. You can't allow it Paul says in 1 Corinthians 5, A little leaven does what? Leaven's the whole lump. If you allow sin in, it will fester and grow. There is no room for compromise. Idolatry, anything that is between you and God, Immorality, Infidelity, unfaithfulness to God, these are the temptations of living in occupied territory. In the verses this week it tells us if we don't repent of these things in the Church of God, he will come to us, soon, and war against us with the sword of His mouth. It's the sword of judgment.

The wisdom of the world says I have to live in the world so I have to be like the world in certain ways. When God calls you to be different than the world, you will be sanctified, set apart to do His work. We have to rely on God's wisdom not ours and not the

worlds. This is so we don't fall to the temptations of this world.

For the one who is a conqueror here are the promises, you will be given the morning star, Jesus Christ in His fullness. You will be clothed in white garments and will never be blotted out of the book of life. Your name will be confessed before the Father. You will be made a pillar in the temple of God. God will write His name on you. You will sit with God on His throne. Eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. God promises to give the true believer the spiritual bread the unbelieving world cannot see. Jesus Christ. He will give you a white stone and on that stone a special message privately from the living Christ to those He loves.

Our Sunday service starts at 10 a.m., we start with praise and worship time. Every morning we are gathering at the church at 7:15 a.m. praying until 7:30. Overall we are praying for the lost, praying for God's intervention to help us to help them. You do not have to be a member of the church to show up and pray. We are basically coming together as a unified front against Satan and his works. Please join us. If you have any questions call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258. You can do all things through Christ.

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Shoals athletes honored at fall awards banquet



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Shoals Junior High Volleyball awards winners are shown above. In the first row, from left to right, are Alexis Young and Emilee Wagler. In the back row, from left to right, are Ashton Allbright, Taylor Atkinson, and Holly Self.



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Shoals Junior High Cross Country award winners are shown above. From left to right, are Zach Bleemel, Mitch McKibben, Josey Waggoner, and Kelsey Sellers.



-Photo by Joni Harder

Shoals Junior High Soccer award winners are shown above. From left to right they are Kyle Courtright, Michael Hawkins, and Reva Troutman.



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Shoals High School Cross Country Award winners for 2010 are, in the front row from left to right, Chelsey Baker, Katlyn Sanders, and Sasha Mains. In the back row are Jordan Sorrells and Mikey Shartzter.



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Shoals High School Volleyball award winners are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Jaylenn Hilderbrand, Lezlie Hert, and Brianna Wagler. In the back, from left to right, are Michaela Brockman, Shaelin Adams, Mandi Stewart, and Rachel Harder.

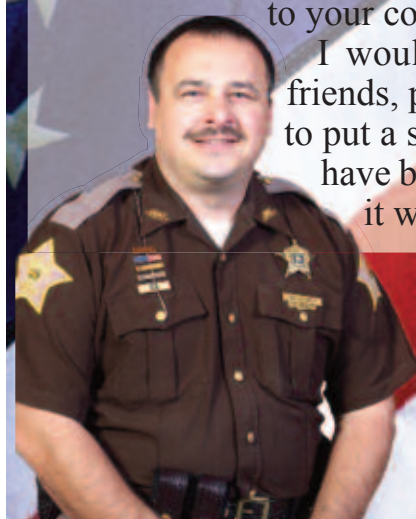
THANK YOU

I would like to thank you, the voters of Martin County, for taking the time on November 2nd to vote in the election. During the past several months of my campaign, I have truly enjoyed meeting and talking with everyone I came in contact with along the way. I thank those of you who voted for me and for having the confidence in me to be your Sheriff. My promise to you is I will ALWAYS listen to your concern and do what I can to help.

I would like to especially thank my family, friends, poll workers, and those who allowed me to put a sign in their yard. My success would not have been possible without all of your help and it will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,
ROB STREET

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Shoals High School Soccer award winners are shown above. From left to right are Austin Myers, Tyler Price, John Harder, and Damon Roach.

Fall classes, programs at the 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 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

Intro to Sociology (SOC1 111) Thursdays 6 p.m. 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 p.m. 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 a free Ivy Tech course!

In an effort to promote academic planning and early registration, the 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, eerxleben@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 November 18. The class is from 6 p.m. 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

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.

Overcomers' support group

Indiana Drug Education and Awareness Solutions are conducting an ongoing Overcomers' Recovery Support Group at the center. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. 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.

Adult literacy and education

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 Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881 or 812-606-2056.

Coming soon!

The New Year will be here before we know it, and along with a new year comes a new set of classes. In the works are more computer applications courses, résumé classes, Microsoft programs classes, fitness/aerobics classes, music, and more. Keep an eye on the newspapers and website for further updates. The learning center is here to serve the community; call and let us know how we can best serve you!

Contact

Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email kkerr8@ivytech.edu

Office hours

Monday through Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shoals JH Basketball opens season

The Shoals Eighth Grade Basketball team won their first game of the season against Holy Family Monday night, November 8 at home.

Leading scorers for Shoals were Michael Hawkins with 12 and Johnny Arnett with six.

"Being our first game of the year we had some things we did well and some things we didn't," said Coach Chad Cundiff. "This coming Saturday will be a real test to where we stand as a team when we play Loogootee. Chad Wade will definitely have his team prepared and ready," he said.

The boys will play again Saturday at 9 a.m. against Loogootee at home.

The Shoals Seventh Grade Basketball team lost their season opener against Holy Family at home Monday night by a score of 18 to 24. Leading Shoals was Zach Bleemel with seven points. Landon Clark finished with five rebounds.

Shoals was only able to play six kids in the game. Coach Mike Fisher said, "We gave a good effort as shorthanded as we were."

Shoals trailed by two points at halftime and were unable to overcome a big third quarter from the Holy Family squad. "This was the first game for the Shoals team so it gives us an indication of some of the things we need to work on," said Coach Fisher.



LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY WEST

Breakfast

Thursday, November 11

Cereal, toast, sausage

Friday, November 12

Sausage biscuit, egg, juice

Monday, November 15

Waffle sticks, sausage, juice

Tuesday, November 16

Breakfast pizza, hash browns, milk

Wednesday, November 17

Biscuit and gravy, sausage, fruit

Lunch

Thursday, November 11

Hamburger, French fries, pears, cake

Friday, November 12

Pepperoni pizza, celery sticks, apple

Monday, November 15

Turkey sandwich, French fries, peach crisp

Tuesday, November 16

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, bread

Wednesday, November 17

Spaghetti, salad, green beans, breadstick

LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, November 11

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

Friday, November 12

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

Monday, November 15

Breaded tenderloin or pizza, scalloped potatoes, peas, fruit, salad plate, milk

Tuesday, November 16

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

Wednesday, November 17

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

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, November 11

Cereal, homemade sweet rolls, juice, milk

Friday, November 12

Ham sandwich, hash browns, milk

Monday, November 15

Cereal, toasted cheese, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 16

Waffles with syrup, sausage, juice, milk

Wednesday, November 17

Eggs with biscuit and jelly, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, November 11

Beef nuggets, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, yeast roll, milk; choice 4-12: pizza

Friday, November 12

Fajita chicken served over rice, green beans, fruit juice, milk; choice 4-12: corn dog

Monday, November 15

Chicken sandwich, fries, chilled fruit, cookies, milk

Tuesday, November 16

Taco salad, corn, jello, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

Wednesday, November 17

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, milk; choice 4-12: sausage pizza



-Photo provided

Hoosier Hitters

Girls from Martin County recently participated in the IU Volleyball Clinic, Hoosier Hitters, held at University Stadium in Bloomington on Saturday, October 23. The IU Volleyball team and coaching staff sponsored the clinic. The clinic taught the basic fundamentals of volleyball. Those participating are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Brenna Wade, Makenzie VanHoy, Kylie VanHoy, Sarah Street, Caitlin Cox (IU volleyball player), Jayce Thompson, Macy McAtee, and Jayleigh Wagoner. In the back row, from left to right, are Sydney Davis, Emily Wade, Delani Bateman, Kristin Norris, Savannah McAtee, and Tia Fuhs.

Thank You....

To everyone who came out to the polls and voted on Nov. 2.

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To all the hardworking volunteers and supporters that helped with my campaign

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Thank you to Jeannie Hollis, election clerk; January Roush and Kainen Salmon, election board; Mason Read, for technical support; to all the poll workers and the guys at the county highway garage. Without all of you we could not have a successful election.

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Lions vs. Rox repeat at nostalgia basketball game



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Member of the Loogootee Lady Lions Nostalgia team are shown above. In the first row, from left to right, are Kayla Dant, class of 2010; Amy (Swartzentruber) Waggoner, class of 1995; Leslie (Blake) Summer, class of 1993; and Waynessa Burch, class of 2010. In the back row, from left to right, are Coach Teresa Nolley, class of 1974; Chas (Frye) Sward, class of 1996; Kelci Mann, class of 2010; Kerry (Frye) Sims, class of 1995; Leslie (Wade) VanHoy, class of 1992; and Jessie (Divine) Bell, class of 2004.



-Photo by Jason Jones

The members of the Shoals High School Alumni who played on the ladies team for the nostalgia game are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Gwenivere Summerton, class of 2003; Christian (Wright) Johnson, class of 2002; Lisa (Troutman) Baker, class of 2000; and Bobbi (Self) Turpin, class of 1997. In the back row, from left to right, are Jamie (Gibson) Shaw, class of 1994; Cindy (Stevens) McNabb, class of 2003; Amanda (Roush) Turpin, class of 2003; Kathy Kerr, class of 2006 and Coach Alan Abel.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee's Kelci Mann drives around the Shoals defense with help from Kayla Dant in setting up a screen.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Loogootee girls defeated the Shoals Lady Rox by a score of 41 to 30 in the nostalgia basketball game last Saturday put on by the Martin County Community Foundation. Leading scorers for the Lady Lions were Kelci Mann with 14 and Leslie VanHoy with 12. Also scoring for Loogootee were Kayla Dant with five points, Amy Waggoner with three, and Chas Sward, Waynessa Burch, and Jessie Bell with a bucket a piece. For Shoals Amanda Turpin and Gwin Summerton led with 10 points followed by Lisa Baker with six, Kathy Kerr and Jamie Shaw with two each, and Cindy McNabb with one point.



-Photos by Joshua Hughett

In the photo on the left, Shoals' Amanda Turpin reaches for the ball. In the photo on the right, Loogootee's Kayla Dant, at right, attempts to stop a layup by Shoals' Lisa Baker.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shoals player Kathy Kerr and Loogootee player Kelci Mann struggle to gain control of the basketball.

Loogootee beats Shoals in men's nostalgia game



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Shoals' Chad Gibson goes up for a shot as he is guarded by Loogootee's Jeremy Wildman. The Lions defeated the Jug Rox 82 to 67.



-Photo by Jason Jones

Members of the Shoals alumni team for the nostalgia basketball game are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Jason Rush, class of 1998; JK Boyd, class of 1996; Steven Rush, class of 1998; Jason Wyman, class of 1997; Bryson Abel, class of 1998; and Nick Wininger, class of 1999. In the back row, from left to right, are Eric Cooper, class of 1992; Chad Cundiff, class of 1998; Brandon McKibben, class of 1996; Chad Gibson, class of 1999; Travis Brett, class of 1998; and Coach Jim Goldsberry.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Loogootee player Jeff Bledsoe goes up over the top of Shoals player Travis Brett to make the shot.



-Photo by Jason Jones

Loogootee alumni that participated on the men's team are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Will Walker, class of 1991; Jared Mathies, class of 1993; Jeremy Wildman, class of 1994; and Chris Bateman, class of 1990. In the back row, from left to right, are Scott Bullock, class of 1990; Nathan Waggner, class of 1993; Coach Mike Wagoner, class of 1977; Jeff Bledsoe, class of 1995; and Mark Sutton, class of 1990.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Loogootee was led in scoring by Jeff Bledsoe with 31 and Jared Mathies with 13. Scott Bullock had 10, Will Walker and Chris Bateman both contributed eight, and Jeremy Wildman and Nathan Waggner had six. For Shoals, Travis Brett led with 23 points followed by Jason Rush with 12. Also contributing were Jason Wyman with 9, Eric Cooper with five, Brandon McKibben and Bryson Abel with four each, Stephen Rush and Nick Wininger with three points a piece, and Brian Self and Chad Gibson with one bucket each.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Loogootee's Jared Mathies leaps for a rebound.

Talking turkey: Fewer birds means higher Thanksgiving prices

BY STEVE LEER
Purdue University News Service

Consumers should count their blessings as they spend a little more for the annual Thanksgiving feast this year because they're likely to face even higher food prices in 2011, a Purdue University agricultural economist says.

September's Consumer Price Index indicates that retail food prices are up 1.4 percent from September 2009, said Corinne Alexander.

"This is what we could consider a fairly modest price increase," Alexander said. "What I would consider a normal or typical food price increase is somewhere around 2.5 percent."

Among the holiday staples, turkeys and sweet potatoes will cost more, while retail prices for cranberries and white potatoes will remain stable or be down this season, she said.

"We'll have about two percent fewer turkeys this year. As a result, we're seeing wholesale prices up about 20 percent compared to last year," Alexander said. The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts wholesale prices for eastern market whole turkeys will be between \$1 and \$1.04 per pound in the fourth quarter of this year,

compared with 84 cents per pound last year.

Greater consumer demand is driving sweet potato prices higher this holiday season. Retail prices are eight percent higher than one year ago, Alexander said.

A bumper cranberry crop - estimated to be the second largest on record - should benefit consumers. Reduced demand for white potatoes translates into four percent lower retail prices, Alexander said.

What consumers will actually pay for Thanksgiving dinner depends on where they shop, Alexander said.

"Turkey is a favorite loss leader item at grocery stores," she said. "They might offer a discount on turkey in the hope that when you come to pick up that turkey you also buy all the other items for Thanksgiving."

A combination of factors is behind rising food prices, Alexander said. Demand is up for corn and soybeans as livestock feed and for use in biofuels, making it more expensive for farmers to raise livestock. U.S. corn yields are lower than late-season estimates, creating additional supply and demand shortages. And a wheat shortage brought on by a Russian drought and other market forces is taxing supplies of that cereal grain.

Livestock and dairy producers are re-

sponding to the feed cost increases by reducing herd sizes or delaying herd expansion, leading to tighter meat supplies, Alexander said.

"Oftentimes there's a time lag between increases in feed costs and increases in livestock and dairy prices," she said. "That time lag can be anywhere from six months to a year. We also see that time lag in terms of some of the cereal products and bread prices because a lot of contracts for flour millers tend to be long-term contracts."

Because of the weak economy and lower consumer spending, supermarkets and restaurants have been hesitant to pass their higher costs onto consumers, Alexander said.

There will come a point when retail outlets will have no choice — likely within the next six to 12 months, she said.

Not only will consumers spend more for

Thanksgiving food, it will cost more to cook the meal or travel to enjoy dinner at grandma's. Natural gas prices are 3.7 percent higher than last fall, with electricity rates up 1.5 percent. Gasoline is 5 percent more expensive compared with fall 2009.

Despite the pain to the pocketbook, Americans should have plenty to eat this holiday season, Alexander said. She encouraged sharing with those hit hard by the recession.

"Although Americans eat very well, spending less than 10 percent of their average income for food, there are many this year who find their budgets tightened by unemployment, minimal wage increases and continued erosion of fixed incomes by inflation," she said. "For these, any food price rise is significant. We should remember those who are less fortunate and share our food bounty."

Nominations sought for VU Davis Citation award

Nominations are now being sought for Vincennes University's 2011 Walter A. Davis Memorial Citation.

Since 1952, the Citation has been presented to persons who have given outstanding service to their community. Recipients must either be a VU graduate or a resident of the greater Vincennes area (approximately a 45-mile radius).

Recipients are selected by a committee representing the VU Alumni Association, VU Board of Trustees, VU Foundation,

Vincennes community, and a past recipient of the Davis Citation.

Nominations will be accepted through January 7, 2011. A detailed biographical profile and letters of support are required. Nomination materials should be sent to Jennifer Gilmore, Alumni Director, Vincennes University, 1002 N. First Street, Vincennes IN 47591.

More information is available by calling the VU Alumni Office at 812-888-4354 or visit www.vinu.edu/alumniawards.



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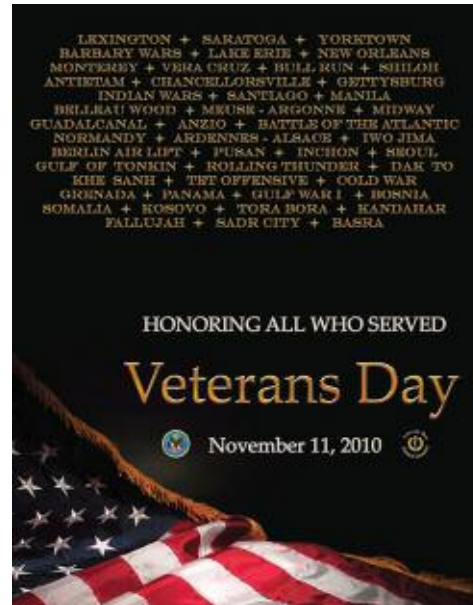
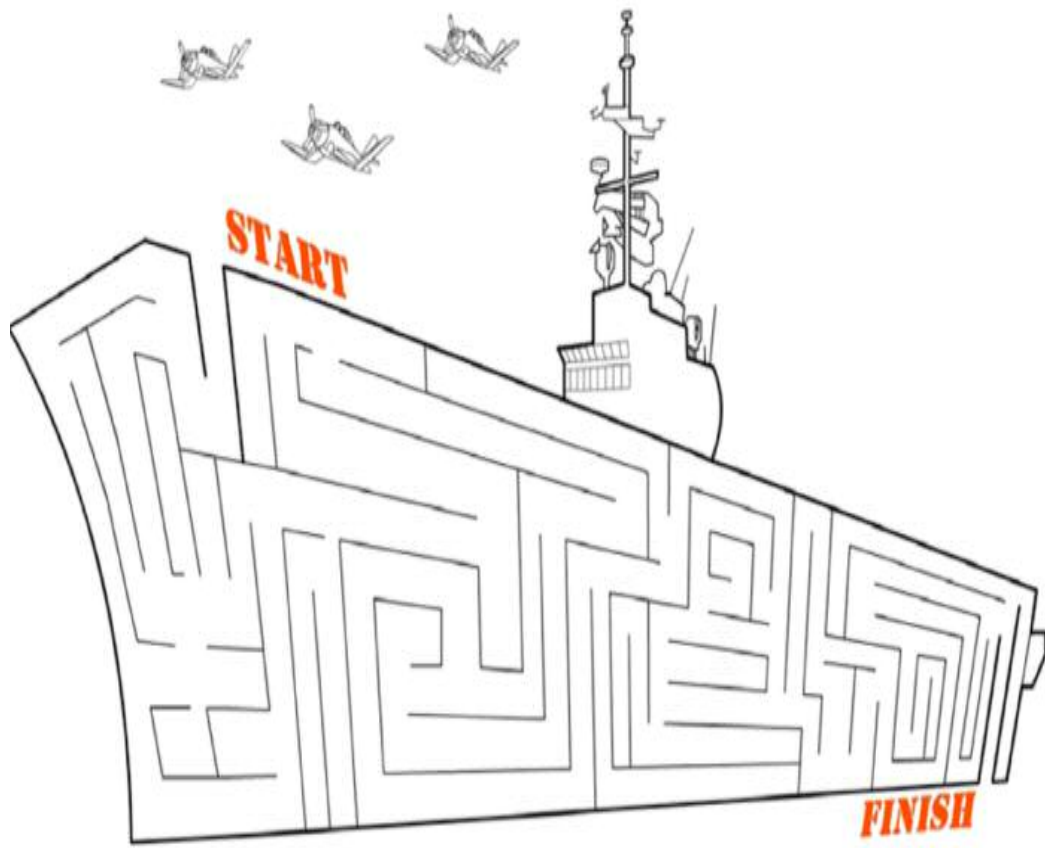
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