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Shoals Schools talking administrative changes

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Shoals Superintendent Dr. Tony Nonte provided information to the school board last Thursday night, November 10, on possible budget reductions. According to Dr. Nonte, the school's 2012 budget is overspent by \$700,000. Dr. Nonte told the board that the estimated expenditures for the corporation for 2012 total \$4.8 million with estimated revenue from the state of \$4.1 million.

Ideas for reducing costs were suggested by Dr. Nonte. Those included:

-The reduction of an elementary school teacher at an estimated cost savings of \$33,262.

-The elimination of one special education teacher at a cost savings of \$19,900.

-Cutting an English teacher in the junior/senior high school. He noted that this would eliminate the yearbook, newspaper, and drama classes.

-Eliminating the position of athletic director and moving those responsibilities to the

teachers. The athletic director would be retained as teacher and coach. The estimated savings would be \$4,333 this year and \$6,499 next year. He added that there would be additional savings with health insurance due to this position change.

-Moving the athletic transportation costs from the school's general fund to the athletic department. The total of the move would be \$15,000.

-The elimination of two instructional assistants from the elementary

-Negotiate give backs in teacher contracts

-Turning off of lights, especially in the gyms at night

-Invest in night setback thermostats to reduce the energy bills. This is already done in the elementary section.

-Monitor copy paper usage to make sure it is being used for school purposes. The current cost throughout the corporation is \$7,500.

-Consolidation of administrative duties which Dr. Nonte said includes the athletic director, assistant principal and principal.

-Consolidation of coaching positions

"Like we said before, if we consolidate, Shoals is gone. If we don't have our school, we won't have our community,"

-Shoals School Board Member Denise Garrett

Rita and Coach Butcher announce new scholarship

As we approach this Thanksgiving Day, we all celebrate our blessings. With that in mind, the founders of the Rita and Coach Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family Scholarship Foundation has selected Thanksgiving Day 2011 to announce the formation of this foundation. As many of you know Rita and Coach Butcher have always regarded "Our Fans" as the Loogootee Basketball Family. The current founders of the foundation are Rita and Jack Butcher Family, Pam and Jason Loughmiller Family and Rex Sager Family. Ken Frye has been an active supporter.

Starting this school year, the fund will award The Rita Butcher Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a Loogootee High School Senior. Anyone who would like to

join the basketball Family Scholarship Team is encouraged to call Coach Butcher at 295-3464. There are five avenues for your consideration - The Founders Club - The Gold Squad - The Black Squad - The Fan Club - The Cheerleader Squad.

While it is likely the scholarship will be awarded to a girl or boy in extracurricular activities, athlete participation is not a prerequisite. They also encourage students interested in trade or vocational school training to apply.

Interested students should follow the same procedure as with other scholarships applications at the school. Hopefully, depending on the success of the program, additional scholarships can be awarded in the future.

Parents dominate discussion at Loogootee School Board meeting

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A few parents turned out at the Loogootee School Board meeting Tuesday night, November 15 to ask questions. Board members Shawn Howell and Scott Hall were absent.

Donna Greene, one of the parents present, questioned the school's policy on foreign exchange students. She said that she and her husband have been interested in bringing an exchange student into their home however they can't seem to get communication going between the company responsible for placing the exchange students and the school. She asked Superintendent Larry Weitkamp whether he had been contacted by the company. Weitkamp said he hadn't been contacted and then looked to Principal John Mullen who said that he was contacted once

over the summer and the company was referred to the superintendent. Weitkamp replied that he hasn't been contacted within the last few years on placing any students. He said however that he did call a phone number provided to him by Greene's husband but it was never returned. Greene questioned whether the school would be willing to work with exchange students if it was pursued for next year. Weitkamp said that the problem in the past was that the company placing the students didn't want to provide the school with any info about the students prior to placing. He said that the school is not in a position that they can very easily take an exchange student who doesn't speak English or reasonably fluent in English.

Another issue Greene brought up was the fact that the elementary school no longer has
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Dr. Nonte explained that there is currently \$401,000 in the school's rainy day fund. He also told the board that due to new legislative action, reducing teachers can only be done between May 1 and July 1. He said that it could be discussed but the board could take no official action on notifying the teachers.

Dr. Nonte recommended some transfers from different funds, which would put \$900,000 in the school's cash balance. He noted however that this money would be used up by the end of 2013. He said that the state legislators may provide more money to school corporations in the future but this is unknown. "But I'll be honest with you, the legislators that are in charge really don't have

much sympathy for small, rural schools that are losing enrollment or small, rural schools in general," he said. He reminded the board that a few years ago those legislators had tried to pass laws that forced consolidation on corporations with less than 1,500 students. He said that this didn't pass but the legislators found another way to put corporations in a position where they had to look at consolidation. He went on to explain how the corporation ended up in the position they are in with lower funding and how the property tax caps put in place a few years ago contributes to that reduction.

Dr. Nonte then explained the possibility of
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Dog control ordinance passes with a 2-1 vote

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, November 15. The main item on the agenda was the decision on whether to approve the county's newly-revised animal control ordinance. The animal control commission, a nine-member board appointed by the county's governing bodies, met for six months to go through the ordinance line by line and make changes. When completed, the ordinance then moved on to the commissioners for approval. After several meetings with the ordinance tabled for more changes and corrections and after taking the ordinance to the county council last Monday, the commissioners were set to make a decision on its fate Tuesday night.

A group of residents turned out at the meeting to express their issues with the or-

dinance. Their spokesperson, Ben Survance, began by saying he was concerned with the Animal Control Commission, of which he was appointed to by the county council, making policies and implementing those policies without the consent of the commissioners. He said that he thought that the commissioners were going to be in charge of deciding if a fine was to be issued not the law enforcement officers and he thought the commissioners would be in charge of settling disputes.

Commissioner Dan Gregory replied that if the ordinance was passed, it would in fact be the commissioners deciding in favor of it. He also said that the ordinance would settle disputes not the commissioners, which is why it was designed, and law enforcement personnel would issue fines.

Survance said that what is written in the
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Ceremonial scissors

-Photo provided

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday, November 9 at Tranquil Inn in Shoals. The chamber now has large ceremonial ribbon cutting scissors to use when new businesses have their grand opening. The scissors were purchased through an anonymous donor. The chamber would like to thank Loughmiller Machine, Tool & Design for beautifully engraving on the blade a dedication to Mayor Don Bowling for his years of service to the City of Loogootee. Shown above in the front row, from left to right, are Joy Gibson, Becky Simmerman, Mayor Don Bowling, Nancy Steiner, and Deanna Bauernfiend holding grandson Owen Tarr. In the back row, from left to right, are Theresa Abney, Jan Guthrie, Karen Mattingly, Donna Stoughton, Marie Hawkins, Susan Arthur, and Jim Stoughton.



Helping the animals

-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Dr. Jordan and Brooke Hawkins of Hawkins Health Center attended last night's Martin County Humane Society meeting to donate \$700 to the animal shelter fund. October was Teacher/Faculty Appreciation Month at Hawkins' office for all teachers, faculty, and their families in the local area. Those teachers, faculty, and their family members were able to donate a portion of their adjustment fee during the entire month of October to the humane society. Shown above are Don Greene, MCHS President; Jennifer Randolph, Theresa Abney, Dr. Jordan Hawkins, Dr. Brooke Hawkins holding daughter Lydia, Terri Dye and Linda Sherfick.

PARENTS

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an art teacher. Weitekamp replied that there isn't a pull-out art teacher but that art is being taught by the classroom teacher. He said that the students are put into a rotation to include more technology instruction. He added that art was the easiest thing to combine with classroom teaching because teachers do not require anything extra on their licensing to teach it. He said it did save some funds but the idea was to push more technology.

Greene said she was afraid that with the lack of an art class, the students would be behind by the time they reached the intermediate level. Weitekamp replied that they are learning technology.

Board member Tim Bradley told Greene that the issue will be evaluated at the end of the school year to see if it is working.

Weitekamp added that it would be helpful if the state would provide the funding that they used to. Greene replied that the school recently hired Jordan Hawkins to take the position as basketball program manager. Board member Eric Ackerman replied that Hawkins' position has nothing to do with the art position. Rita Divine, who was in the audience, added that they were two different funds. Greene asked why the money couldn't be transferred. Board member Larry Craney said that it was not legal to do so.

Desiree Taylor, another parent in the audience came before the board to commend Nikki Wagoner on the wonderful job she did helping her with her son. Taylor explained that her son was out of school for 40 days with chicken pox and shingles and that Mrs. Wagoner did what she could to help keep him current on his work. "I think that we need to praise some of our teachers more, that's a big thing I see, we don't thank our teachers enough for what they do," she said.

Taylor added, however, that the school did have things they needed to work on administrator wise due to an issue she had recently. She cited phone calls not getting returned. "I'm not happy and you wouldn't believe the amount of parents who have contacted me just in this past week because of this," she said. "There are several things that need to change." Board member Bradley told Taylor that any issues she had that were not satisfied at the level of the principal should be taken to the superintendent. Taylor said that she had left two messages for the superintendent and they were not returned. Weitekamp replied that he thought the issue was handled.

The final parent, Jason Ziegler, questioned the board on the student handbook. He said that there is a section on athletics which includes coaches, athletes, and philosophy. He asked the board if they expected the coaches to follow all of the rules listed. Board member Bradley replied that they do. Ziegler explained that he found out after asking a coach that had never seen or read this section of the handbook and he wanted to know why. Bradley replied that Ziegler should bring up

the issue with the athletic director Bill Powell. Ziegler replied that he had and was told that Powell would have to get back to him. Bradley replied that they would have to look into it more but if the coaches were not aware of the handbook, then they would be soon.

In other business, the board approved the bus escalation/de-escalation contract. According to Weitekamp, the price of diesel is \$1.29 higher than the original base price and six cents higher than the last nine weeks. Gasoline is \$1.70 higher than the original base price and 10 cents lower than the last nine weeks.

Weitekamp updated the board on new policies that will be in place regarding air quality. Those policies include animals in the classroom, chemical management (from chemistry class, etc.), and vehicle idling. Weitekamp explained that the new law does not allow for any cars to be idle for longer than five minutes by the front door of the school. Signs will be posted around the school to this effect and the law is supposed to be enforced by the school personnel. He said Mike Tippery, the school's safety officer, will be available for anyone who has questions on the policies that will be posted on the school's website.

The board offered their condolences to Dot Stoll for the death of her mother.

Elementary Principal Laura Mattingly was not present at the meeting due to illness.

High School Principal John Mullen gave his monthly report. He told the board that the high school band attended the Festival of Bands in Mitchell on November 1, the student council took an overnight trip to Indianapolis for the state convention, the beta club went to their annual convention the following weekend. Rita Divine was named Beta Sponsor of the Year. Tyler Booker ran for state beta secretary but did not win. Hannah LaMar placed first in the state for English, the scrapbook place first, Miranda Searl and Christina Powell were second and third place in Spanish, quiz bowl placed second, Brooke Nonte and Aaron Bridgewater placed third in special talent. Mullen told the board that despite the event, club, or organization, the students continue to show off Loogootee. Mullen also reported that a networking breakfast will be held on Thursday with the Family and Consumer Science class. Students network with local professionals to learn more about careers. Mullen also explained a new program started in the school called "monkey see monkey do". Any student seen doing something good by a teacher or fellow student will have their name posted on the bulletin board and will also receive a prize at the end of the month. Mullen noted that the student council put together a Veterans Day program last Friday. Mullen thanked Senior Chief Naomi Huff who was the guest speaker and all the veterans that participated.

The board will meet again Tuesday, December 20 at 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE

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ordinance is subjective and gives bad neighbors a club to punish another neighbor. He said that a dog that barks, whines or howls excessively would be considered an opinion of the neighbor. He said it could be abused. County Attorney Dave Lett explained that it was the job of the law enforcement officials to make those determinations. "It's not like there's a bunch of vigilantes out there that are going to be enforcing this," he said. "This is to provide kind of a framework for law enforcement officers to work under here in the county."

Sheriff Rob Street asked Survanche what he suggested officers do – write a ticket to every offender regardless of the complaint or have the officer use their own discretion. He said each call would depend on the circumstances on a dog complaint such as how many times an officer has been called to a location. Street said that the highest volume of calls they receive at the sheriff's department through the week are on dog complaints. "Something's got to be done," he said.

Another member of the audience said he had issue with the amount of days a dog would be held when picked up. The ordinance states five days before the dog could be given to a new owner. He said that if that if he went on vacation for two weeks and someone got his dog that he spent thousands of dollars on it wouldn't be fair.

Don Greene, president of the Martin County Humane Society, told the man that a responsible dog owner would find someone to care for their dog while they were on vacation and have tags on the dog to identify the owner if it was to get loose. He also stated that most of the dogs taken in by the humane society are kept for much longer than five days without being adopted out.

Survanche then got into discussion with Attorney Lett about what the animal control commission was being empowered to do. Survanche said the ordinance read like the commission could make laws without the Martin County Commissioners permission. Lett explained that this was not the case and that the job of the animal control commission was to come up with policies to present to commissioners for approval and oversee the progress of ordinances passed to update the commissioners. He told Survanche that the only body in the county that could pass a law or ordinance was the Martin County Commissioners. Survanche added that he felt with three members of the humane society serving on the animal control commission of the nine, it was unfairly balanced in favor of the ordinance. Don Greene noted that Survanche was a member of the animal control commission and chose to only attend two of the six commission meetings held. He told Survanche that he should have come to the meetings to give his input.

After more discussion from the audience Commissioner Paul George told the crowd that they were moving on to the decision on the ordinance.

Before they could, more residents opposed spoke out. One resident stated that no notice was given that the ordinance was being discussed by the commissioners and it was never mentioned in the local news media. Another resident said that government officials don't even plan on following the ordinance so it was not necessary.

Donna Greene then spoke in defense of the Martin County Humane Society. "You people make it sound like these guys are animals and are out to just take your animals away from you. They are here to protect your animals," she said. She went on to say that the humane society just wants support for taking in the animals in the county and she doesn't think it is fair that they show up to a few meetings to complain about people who are trying to help.

Commissioner George broke up the arguing again saying they were moving on.

Commissioner Dan Gregory then spoke making a motion to approve the ordinance noting that if it doesn't work it can be amended. "Let's give law enforcement a chance," he said. Commissioner John

Winger then said that he understands that the animal control commission will continue to meet every other month to bring suggestions back to the commissioners. "It's not just a one-sided deal here," he said seconding the motion by Gregory.

Commissioner George responded saying, "I will say I'm not real big on tying my dog up cause I don't live in Shoals and I don't live in Loogootee so I don't know how we ever got to this point." He voted no on the ordinance but it passed 2-1.

In other business, Jenny Dearwester with SIDC was present to hold a public hearing to hear comments on the housing rehabilitation project that took place in the county. 12 houses received money to help in the rehab totaling \$244,330 in grant money. The county paid an additional \$2,600 in matching funds which was provided by Hoosier Uplands. Items replaced in the homes included roofing, heating, windows, siding, plumbing, air conditioning, and electrical. Three contractors from Daviess and Greene counties worked on the 12 homes and all have been completed and passed inspection.

Martin County Health Officer Dr. Larry Sutton came before the commissioners to give them information on the new public health coordinator he hired to replace Kelly Baker. After interviewing two people, Dr. Sutton said he decided to go with Anthony Holt who lives on Dover Hill Road in Loogootee and works with emergency preparedness at Bedford Hospital.

Dr. Sutton also told the commissioners that the state is pushing for health departments to be accredited. He said this will have to happen for the county soon or they may not receive state funding of around \$33,000. He said the accreditation process could be timely as Martin County doesn't offer the same programs as larger counties do and doesn't have a hospital that keeps track of patient information. He said that surveys included in the accreditation would cost around \$5,000.

Commissioner George asked the ambulance service to come forward to discuss a complaint. A resident was present and told commissioners that about a week ago he had to call an ambulance for his wife. He said the first responders showed up right away but the ambulance took 50 minutes to arrive. He said he lives on Tedrow Lane which is five minutes from Loogootee or Shoals. He said the ambulance got lost trying to locate his residence and that this is the third time this has happened in the last year and a half to two years – twice with the former ambulance service provider and once with the new provider. Sheriff Street said that when a 911 call comes in a map is pulled up with the location. The ambulance traveled to Tedrow Road instead of Tedrow Lane.

Amy Kaho, a representative from the ambulance service, explained that the ambulances are equipped with a computer. When they typed in Tedrow, it came up as Tedrow Road off Windom Road and that is the location they went to. She said they were unaware of the amount of county roads that have similar names. She explained that they take complete responsibility for the mistake and have since updated all their computer maps and had service on their programs. She also said that she came up with a list of protocols that she wants to work with the sheriff's department on so this never happens again.

In a final order of business Highway Superintendent Jim Williams opened bids for material. The stone bids were from Roger's Group, Cave Quarries, Heritage Aggregates, BTI Crushed Stone, and Arvin Crushed Stone. Fuel bids, diesel and gasoline, were received from Jones Oil Company and White River Co-Op. Asphalt bids were received from J.H. Rudolph & Company and Asphalt Materials. Culvert bids were received from Southern Indiana Supply, St. Regis Culvert, Metal Culverts Inc., and CPI Supply.

Williams recommended that all bids be looked over with the county attorney and brought back to the next meeting. The commissioners agreed.

DEBRA KEARBY

Debra R. Kearby passed away at 11:56 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 49.



She was born on December 26, 1961 in Daviess County; the daughter of Deb Vowell and Marge Meadows.

She married Ronald DEBRA KEARBY Kearby on April 16, 1994 at the Hickory Ridge Church in Shoals.

She was formerly employed by Chastain's Flowers, Video Magic, Faytastic Pizza, and was a substitute teacher for Shoals Community Schools.

She was a graduate of Shoals High

School Class of 1980 and Vincennes University Jasper Campus. She attended Powell Valley Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald of Shoals; daughters, Jessica Kearby of Bloomfield and Kacia Cunningham of Winslow, one son, Dustin Kearby of Jasper; four grandchildren, Ivory, Izik and Izayah Jackson, and Jazlyn Kearby; three sisters, Judy Shannon of Sunbright, Tennessee; Sharon Hembree of Shoals, and Michelle Carrico of Odon; two brothers, Gary Taylor of Glendale, Arizona, and John Vowell of Linton.

She was preceded in death by parents and one brother, Tony Taylor.

A funeral service was held Monday, November 14 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals.

Burial followed the service in Spring Hill Cemetery.

DELBERT BERRY

Delbert Berry died at 8:15 p.m. November 10, 2011 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 79.

He was born January 3, 1932, in Martin County; the son of Noah F. and Tillie (Street) Berry. An avid gardener, he enjoyed working outdoors in his yard. He was retired from Indiana Furniture Company in Dubois, and attended St. Martin Catholic Church, Whitfield. He married Theresa (Craney) Berry on February 8, 1958 and she survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Jeff Berry of Shoals and Ron Berry of Loogootee; two daughters, Lisa Ruckriegel and Barb Simmons, both of Loogootee; one sister, Ophia Chambers of Ferdinand; one brother, William F. Berry of Loogootee; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

His parents, Noah F. and Tillie Berry; one son, Charles Berry; three brothers, Noah,

Eugene and Tommy Berry; and one sister, Betty Melton, are deceased.

The funeral was held Monday, November 14 at Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. Martin's Catholic Cemetery in Whitfield.

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

LULA JANE FIELDS

Lula Jane Fields passed away at 2 a.m. on November 11, 2011 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Kokomo. A resident of Shoals, she was 83.

She was the daughter of Virgil Fields, Thelma (Gaither) and John Bohn. She had a wide variety of hobbies that she enjoyed greatly; including, fishing, baking, cooking, cross stitching and playing cards. She collected key chains, eagles and other figurines.

A Christian, Jane attended many local churches. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aries #2442, Shoals American Legion Ladies Auxillary, and Shoals Senior Citizens Center. She worked at the Plainville Canning Factory, and was employed 27 years with Desley Home Fashions in Loogootee. She was also a caregiver and homemaker.

Jane loved her family which includes one nephew Dale and Shelly Fields of Loogootee, two nieces Valeria and Doug Sanders of Kokomo and Phyllis and Jerry Jacobs of Iron Station, North Carolina. She has five great nieces and nephews and eight great-great nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father, and a brother Donald Fields.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, November 16 at 2 p.m. at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery. Visitation began at 11 a.m. today and will last until 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

SHOALS

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placing a referendum on the ballot asking taxpayers in the school district to pay additional taxes to keep the school afloat. "My whole point is we need to do all we can to survive as long as we can but we need to start planning in the event that good times don't ever come back," he said. "Unless we get more revenue and/or cut our budget, we are headed for bankruptcy, there's no question about that."

"I think we have to take action now because I don't want to lose our school," said Board Member Mary Lou Billings. "And I think we have to do everything possible to keep our school."

Billings said that it looks like most of the cuts proposed would involve personnel however there were other ways also to make reductions. She said that the lights in the gym and the thermostats being set back at night should have been done a long time ago. Board Member Christy Farhar also noted that the water pressure could be reduced to save money as well.

"Those are minor savings but every little bit adds up," said Billings. "It's not going to be pretty what we're going to do but we have no choice at this point."

Farhar also recommended moving the nighttime custodians to second shift to help with the nighttime light bills and possibly eliminating the number of custodians if possible. She reiterated that small savings add up.

The board discussed the possibility of reducing the teaching staff and how that would affect education for the students. They also discussed consolidation with a consensus from the board that they didn't want this to happen.

"Like we said before, if we consolidate, Shoals is gone. If we don't have our school, we won't have our community," said Board Member Denise Garrett. "And, I think everyone wants Shoals to be here."

Board Member Bill Shobe responded to Garrett saying that the state doesn't allow schools to operate in the negative therefore cuts had to be made or the state would force consolidation.

The board spent some time discussing the past work sessions and the fact that no decisions are being made meeting after meeting.

In response to that, Dr. Nonte made a recommendation to go ahead and shift the cost of athletic transportation from the general fund to the athletic department. The board approved.

The board also approved the elimination of two third shift custodial positions at the end of the school year.

The board approved the elimination of two instructional assistants from the first grade effective at the end of the school year.

Dr. Nonte and the board discussed the reduction in teaching staff with Board Member Shobe saying that he feels the board needs to look at the restructuring of the administrative staff which includes the athletic director,

principal, and assistant principal which needs to be decided on by the next board meeting to get notifications out by January 1.

The board also made a decision to send preliminary notification to Elementary Principal Carolyn Eubank that her contract would not be considered for renewal.

Board Member Billings suggested combining coaching positions. Board Member Shobe suggested cutting back on the number of sporting events for next year if possible.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Mike Fischer as 5th/6th grade boys' basketball volunteer

-Harold Bleemel, Garrett Bateman, and Michael Shartzter as boys' high school basketball volunteers during the 2011-12 school year

-Courtney Otero as junior high girls' basketball attendant

-Sarah Abell, Chasity Qualkenbush, Ash-

ley Hawkins, and Jennifer Tedrow as substitute teachers during the 2011-12 school year

-Brittany Davis as 3-1/2 hour cafeteria worker

-Maternity leave request from Kristina Sullivan

Dr. Nonte notified the board of a donation in the amount of \$121.48 from the Martin County Chamber of Commerce to the art department.

Dr. Nonte provided the board with a report listing the various tutoring opportunities available to students in the junior and senior high. Chris Stevens, Assistant Junior/Senior High Principal, outlined the new Peer Mentor Program that has been implemented. He explained that High School Media Specialist Sue Lanham has been very instrumental in making the program successful with very good results so far. The board commended the staff and students who are participating in the program.

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For more info, contact Mike Newland @ 709-0517, or Misty Newland @ 709-0786. Email us at: mnewland39@frontier.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, November 9

11:50 p.m. - Received a complaint of harassment in Montgomery. Daviess County was contacted.

Wednesday, November 9

8:48 a.m. - Received a complaint on a vehicle parked at a church in Loogootee.

8:53 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Clarksferry Lane.

10:27 a.m. - Received a report of possible illegal burning in Shoals.

11:46 a.m. - Received a report of a child in the roadway on U.S. 50 near the Overlook.

11:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. No transport was necessary.

11:59 a.m. - Received a call regarding a possible scam.

12:04 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a female running on U.S. 50.

2:06 p.m. - Received a call regarding a stray dog.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with keys locked in a vehicle on S.R. 450.

6:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Killion Mill Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Crane VFW. The subject was transported to Bloomington Hospital.

8:39 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism and stolen medication on Windom Road.

9:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:13 p.m. - Received a call regarding threatening text messages.

10:40 p.m. - Received a call regarding a suspicious vehicle in a driveway on Reinhart Road.

Thursday, November 10

1:21 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with an unruly child in Loogootee.

12:23 p.m. - Received a call regarding a possible impaired driver traveling west on U.S. 50, nearing Loogootee.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in a trailer court in Shoals.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a loader.

4:52 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Chicken Farm Road.

5:34 p.m. - Received a report of a woods fire on Graded Road.

6:10 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol around a business in Loogootee.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 50 near the S.R. 650 junction.

8:17 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, northbound from West Boggs Lake.

8:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Haw Creek Road.

10:40 p.m. - Received a call regarding an injured deer.

11:19 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance and a possible suicidal subject in Shoals.

Friday, November 11

9:43 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn on Highway 645.

9:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Chicken Farm Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:58 a.m. - Received a call regarding a missing dog in the Doe Run area.

12:59 p.m. - Received a report of stolen jewelry.

2:11 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on U.S. 50 in the Shoals area.

2:37 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing and illegal hunting on private property in the Indian Springs area.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of a logging accident. The subject was transported to Evansville Deaconess Hospital by Air Evac.

4:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane Village. No transport was necessary.

6:48 p.m. - Received a request to check suspicious lights in a field off of Abel Hill Road.

7:02 p.m. - A male caller requested an officer check his residence for a trespasser.

7:33 p.m. - Received a call regarding a stranded motorist on U.S. 231, near the Alfordville turnoff.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of a possible gunshot in the area of Peeks Road.

9:39 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee.

Saturday, November 12

3:04 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee near Highway 56.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on U.S. 231, nearing Loogootee.

9:12 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Mill Road.

9:56 a.m. - Received a call regarding a fight near the boat landing in Shoals.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of erratic driving on Doe Run Lane.

11:54 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on Rama Dye Road.

1:03 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire on Reinhart Road.

4:46 p.m. - Received a report of a possible scam.

4:59 p.m. - Received a request to check on a subject that appeared slumped over in his vehicle on St. Mary's Road. Daviess County was contacted.

5:54 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm on Pine View Drive.

6:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:08 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a fire near Brooks Bridge Road. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Civil Defense were dispatched to assist Haysville Fire Department.

8:54 p.m. - Received a report of a power outage in Loogootee.

9:18 p.m. - Received a call regarding a traffic hazard at the scene of the fire on Brooks Bridge Road.

Sunday, November 13

3:45 a.m. - A female caller in Shoals reported someone stealing wood and insulation from her property.

6:43 a.m. - Received a call regarding a subject at a store in Loogootee not being able to pay for merchandise.

8:50 a.m. - Received a call regarding a tree over the roadway on S.R. 450, near Hickory Ridge Church.

1:40 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on children.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire on S.R. 650.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of a possible fraud.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire in Newburgh. Greene County was contacted.

3:44 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident at CVS in Loogootee.

Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

4:52 p.m. - Received a call regarding a controlled burn and subject requested it be checked on.

4:57 p.m. - Received a call regarding custody issues in Daviess County. The caller was referred to Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

5:33 p.m. - Received a call regarding the fire on Brooks Bridge Road possibly starting up again.

5:42 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm east of Shoals.

5:44 p.m. - Received a report of an accident at Ruler Foods in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

5:59 p.m. - Received a call regarding custody and visitation issues.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of possible poaching.

7:37 p.m. - Received a call regarding erratic driving and spotlighting on Butler Bridge Road.

8:18 p.m. - Received a call regarding harassment.

11:59 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

Jail bookings

Wednesday, November 9

11:10 p.m. - Jerrad VanMeter, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with possession of synthetic marijuana.

Thursday, November 10

11:50 a.m. - Mark McGowan, 47, of Valparaiso, was arrested and charged with failure to appear and possession of paraphernalia.

Saturday, November 12

11:36 a.m. - James Hunt, 34, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and driving while suspended.

12:42 p.m. - Cameron Brown, 20, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with reckless driving and leaving the scene.

Sunday, November 13

12:25 p.m. - Kyle Sheckells, 22, of Leavenworth, was arrested for failure to appear.

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Martin County Court News

Monday, November 7

3:25 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported an ADT alarm going off on Broadway Street. Sgt. Hennette went and checked it out everything was secure.

5:00 p.m. - A male was on station to report harassment. Capt. Akles talked with the man.

5:56 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported an alarm going off at a business on Walnut Street. Capt. Akles went to the location everything was secure.

Tuesday, November 8

6:15 p.m. - A male was on station requesting transient assistance.

Wednesday, November 9

10:26 a.m. - Female called in to report that her dog was missing at Shady Estates trailer park. It was a little black dog.

11:32 a.m. - Male caller reported that a large tree had fallen across Brady Road. The street department was contacted.

11:58 a.m. - Female caller requested an officer to come to her residence regarding check fraud. Chief Rayhill was investigating officer.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle accident involving a city vehicle. Martin County Sheriff's Department worked the accident.

9:10 p.m. - Male subject came on station to report a battery.

10:13 p.m. - Caller stated he was receiving harassing text messages from another male.

10:43 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity.

Thursday, November 10

2:43 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle accident with possible entrapment on US 231. Loogootee Fire was dispatched.

4:13 p.m. - Caller stated someone had broken the window out of her vehicle. Sgt. Hennette responded.

4:51 p.m. - An employee at a local business requested extra patrol.

8:16 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated

driver southbound on US 231. Officers were unable to locate.

9:12 p.m. - Caller reported receiving harassing phone calls. Officer Nolan spoke with the caller.

9:21 p.m. - Caller reported her daughter being harassed by another female. Officer Nolan spoke with the mother.

Saturday, November 12

1:06 p.m. - Caller reported a brush fire on Reinhart Road. Loogootee Fire was on the scene for about an hour.

8:10 p.m. Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a brush fire on Brooks Bridge Road. Loogootee Fire was on the scene for approximately three hours.

9:00 p.m. - Caller reported power lines down on Brickyard Road. Duke Energy was contacted.

Sunday, November 13

6:43 a.m. - An employee at Chuckles reported someone was unable to pay for gas. Officer Todd responded.

1:11 p.m. - Caller reported the fire on Brooks Bridge Road had rekindled. Loogootee Fire was dispatched.

1:45 p.m. - Officer Todd responded to a business alarm on Broadway Street.

2:56 p.m. - An employee at Chuckles reported a suspicious person on their property.

3:27 p.m. - Officer Todd responded to a business alarm on Dewey Street.

3:43 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a very minor accident at the CVS parking lot. Both drivers exchanged information.

6:02 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver. Sgt. Norris was on another call. A deputy was notified.

6:16 p.m. - Caller reported a power line sparking on Queen Street. Duke Energy was notified.

11:37 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Church Street. Sgt. Norris responded and was unable to locate.

Loogootee man injured in tree stand accident

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating an accident in which a Loogootee man was injured when he fell from his tree stand Saturday morning, which was the opening of Indiana's deer firearms season.

Initial reports indicate that James Wayne Cunningham, 53, of Loogootee, was deer hunting from a tree stand in rural Martin County, south of Loogootee. Cunningham, who was not wearing any type of full-body safety harness, stated that he heard something "pop" which caused the stand to shift,

cause him to lose his balance, and fall approximately 12 feet. Cunningham was able to return to his vehicle and then home. Later, he went to Jasper Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries to his neck and chest.

Indiana Conservation Officers are continuing their investigation to determine the cause of the accident.

Indiana Conservation Officers are responsible for investigating all hunting related accidents.

State Police to conduct sobriety check point in Dubois County on Friday

Troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper Post will be conducting a sobriety check point at an undisclosed location in Dubois County on Friday, November 18. Those drivers passing through the check point area should have their licenses and registrations ready to present to troopers and will only be detained briefly while troopers determine whether further investigation is necessary.

The purpose of the sobriety check point is to remove those motorists from the highways who are alcohol and/or drug impaired and poses a danger to all who use the roadways. Impaired drivers are responsible for billions of dollars in property damage, personal injury, and death annually.

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-Never provide alcohol to anyone under the legal drinking age of 21.

Motorists encountering another vehicle being operated erratically are encouraged to dial 911 or call the Jasper Indiana State Police Post at (812) 482-1441 or 800-742-7475 and be prepared to give a description of the vehicle, location, and direction of travel.

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

November 3

Anthony J. Hackney, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

November 7

Steven R. Crays, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Donald G. Bartley II, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Timothy W. Witt, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Felony.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

October 25

Roger W. Hess, convicted of conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 361 days suspended including credit for 2 actual days previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

November 1

Jerrad L. VanMeter, convicted of theft, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years in the Martin County Security Center with 444 days suspended including credit for 37 days previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration and 29 days on Martin County Community Corrections Electronic Home Monitoring Program with no good time credit. Defendant received 14 months of probation.

November 4

Richard D. Gingerich, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years in the Martin County Security Center with 817 days suspended including credit for 22 actual days previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 27 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

November 3

Ashley M. Schutte, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

November 4

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Deanna Porter, civil collection.

November 7

Cach, LLC vs. Scott S. Callison, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

November 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Advantage Assets II, Inc. and against the defendant

Real estate transfers

Glenn Allen Fuhrman, of Dubois County, Indiana to Darrell Smith and Sandra Smith, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing .64 acres, more or less.

Verlin Wagler and Mary Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana to Jacob M. Stemen and Sheena M. Stemen, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 3.7177 acres.

Kristen Highfield in the amount of \$1,487.10.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Filings

November 3

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Terry J. and Tyler J. Brown, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Anthony and Susan Berlin, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Chris and Melissa Bailey, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Rhonda G. Brown, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Douglas L. Basye, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. James and Annette Curry, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Stephanie S. Cox, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Nicholas A. Dant, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Todd L. Edwarda and Emma Devanis, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kevin Fervida, Jr., complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jim R. and Cheryl L. Galloway, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. James C. Lee, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Janet S. Mullis, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Scotty J. Powell, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Anthony C. Wade, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Matthew E. Winger, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kevin L. and Kimberly S. Wells, complaint.

Deandra Potampa vs. Kevin Leslie, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Mandalyn L. Moody in the amount of \$2,553.42.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Tiffany F. Pell in the amount of \$540.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Cory J. Peters in the amount of \$1,063.77.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Kelly D. Rusher in the amount of \$949.28.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jordan L. VanMeter in the amount of \$1,766.22.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Steven J. Walton in the amount of \$4,400.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

November 2 - November 8

Clayton Hopf, Huntingburg, speeding 73 in a 50, \$125.

Stephen Risacher, Loogootee, driving while suspended, \$120.

Chad VanMeter, Fort Wayne, speeding 74 in a 55, \$125.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

November 9

Cecil Michael Peck of Shoals and Terri Lee Beller of Shoals.

November 10

Alan Robert Toy of Loogootee and Jill Suzanne Kelso of Loogootee.

November 14

James Steven Mersinger of Loogootee and Megan ReNae Corbin of Loogootee.



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Martin County accident reports

Wednesday, November 9

2:33 p.m. - Hawkins, 71, of Shoals, was attempting to park her 2002 white Chevrolet Cavalier on 2nd Street in Shoals when she ran into a telephone pole. The car had front-end damage, but the pole was not damaged. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Hale.

Thursday, November 10

2:44 p.m. - Shirley A. Lewis, 74, of Loogootee was traveling south bound on U.S. 231, about 2.5 miles south of Loogootee, in a white 1993 Chevrolet. Lewis drove off the roadway in a construction zone. She drove into a pile of gravel that caused her vehicle to ramp directly into the back of a crane and then bounce into the roadway and flip over. During the impact the gravel sent debris into the air, which came into contact with a blue 2009 Chrysler, owned by Marla Raber, 35, of Montgomery. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Hale.

7:25 a.m. - Jeffrey S. Gee, 39, of Odon, was traveling south on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee, in a silver 2000 Nissan Frontier

when he hit a deer that was present on the roadway. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Hale.

Saturday, November 12

6:11 a.m. - Anna Knepp, 78, of Montgomery, was traveling north on U.S. 231, north of Haysville, in a gold 2007 Dodge Caravan, when a deer ran out in front of her vehicle and she could not avoid hitting the deer. The collision caused minor front end damage. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Hale.

8:17 p.m. - Rebecca Boling, 68, of Odon, was traveling north on U.S. 231, just south of St. Joseph Road, in a silver 2008 Dodge, when four deer entered the roadway in front of the vehicle and she was able to avoid three of the deer, but hit the fourth. The investigating officer was Deputy Joshua Greene.

9:23 p.m. - Warren Richardson, 49, of Loogootee, was traveling north on U.S. 231, just south of C.R. 950S, in a maroon 2001 Mitsubishi. Richardson noticed a deer standing at the east edge of the road. As he got closer to the deer he slowed the vehicle and moved into the opposite lane of traffic to try to go around the deer. As he entered the other lane he noticed a car was coming at him. He then moved back into his lane, and when he did the deer ran into the roadway, hitting the front passenger side of the car, then rolling over the top of the car, it hit the trunk area of the car. There was damage to the front end and the rear spoiler and trunk lid. The investigating officer was Deputy Joshua Greene.

Sunday, November 13

11:26 a.m. - Heather Bates, 34, of Bedford, was westbound on U.S. 50, east of the Martin State Forest, in a red 2003 Alero, when her vehicle traveled off the north side of the roadway and struck an embankment. The vehicle continued along the embankment, striking a rock wall, before coming to a rest. The driver and passenger were transported to IU Health in Bedford. The investigating officer was Corporal Steve Nolan.

1:45 p.m. - Pamela Shultz, 48, of Indianapolis, was southbound on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, in a light blue 2004 Chrysler Sebring when she struck a deer that was present in the roadway. Damage was sustained to the left front hood, bumper, fender, and headlamp. The investigating officer was Corporal Steve Nolan.

5:55 p.m. - Katrina Bell, of Loogootee, was operating a GMC and backing from a parking spot at Ruler when she backed into a 1995 Ford owned by Sheila Taylor, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Sgt. Norris investigated.

9:28 p.m. - Casey S. Harner, 28, of Shoals, was traveling west on U.S. 50, near the Jug Rock, in a maroon 2008 Toyota Tundra. Olivia Walls, 15, of French Lick, was also westbound in a grey 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse. Walls approached the Harner vehicle at a high rate of speed and rear ended the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The investigating officer was Deputy Joshua Greene.



“One Less Ministry”

-Photo provided

These three girls from St. John Catholic Church helped out at the Senior Center in Shoals on Tuesday, November 8. They served the free meals offered by the “One Less Ministry” along with a few members of St. Mary Catholic Church. The girls are in the 2012 Confirmation Class at St. John. Shown from left to right are Katie Kidwell, Tyra Fuhs and Deidra Nolan.

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WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL
Pastor's wife

Urgency of serving our purpose!
Romans 1:14-20

This world is in trouble! Why is the world so turned upside down? We have so many questions that sometimes there seems to be no answers. WHY, is the big question in this day and age, Non-Christians and Christians alike ask, “Why does God allow things to happen?”

How many times have you heard these statements, “Whatever works?” “It is what it is.” “Good for you but not for me.”? There is an urgency of a change of our world view that will change the way we think, the way we approach the life God has blessed us with. It is the purpose of God for our lives.

In verse 14, Paul says I am under obligation. The eagerness to share the Gospel comes from the debt we owe to God. We owe Him everything. Paul's life was consumed by the command to go and make disciples. When we get so consumed by the problems of life and forget the commission that God gave us, to go tell others about the good news of the gospel of Grace, we miss the blessings of God.

James 4:17, “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” Do not be ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God. Power is the Greek word that we get dynamite from. Paul was imprisoned in Philippi, everywhere you went you would see the Roman soldiers, they were in control of most of the known world in that day. Yet Paul was still eager to preach the Gospel in the seat of this contemporary political Power. To many, the gospel message was foolish. The Gospel is still in effect today because it has the very Power of God.

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Colossians 2:13, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.” Ephesians 2:5, “Because of the great love with which He loved us even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.” 1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit.”

The power of the Gospel delivers people from their lostness, rescues people from the lies of the Devil. Salvation rescues them from the ultimate penalty of their sin. It has the power to change lives. If you who think you have too many things to get right in your own life before you can share the gospel, here's the question. Do you believe?

Faith is not just a one-time event, but an ongoing condition of the heart. True saving faith is a supernatural, a gracious gift of God that He produces in the heart, and it is the only means a person can appropriate true righteousness. The three elements of saving faith. Mental, the mind understands the gospel and the truth about Christ. That victory comes through faith. Emotional, one embraces the truthfulness of those facts with sorrow over sin and joy over God's mercy and grace. Volitional, the ability to make conscious choices or decisions the sinner submits his will to Christ and trusts in Him alone as the only hope of salvation. Genuine faith will always produce authentic obedience.

The Gospel reveals things that the world views will never reveal. We receive an awesome grace because of what Jesus Christ did at the cross. We can not measure up to God's holy standard, man never could that's why Jesus died for us.

This doesn't mean that we try to rationalize our behavior to justify the way we live, it means that God will continue to work on us as we work out our salvation with fear and trembling. The world view suppresses the truth, but the Gospel reveals God's wrath on all ungodliness and unrighteousness.

Share the Gospel without fear or compromise, confront the lies of the world view and build our lives on the Gospel truth.

Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions about the church or your walk with Jesus Christ, call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

National extended mass layoffs for third quarter

Employers in the private nonfarm sector initiated 1,226 mass layoff events in the third quarter of 2011 that resulted in the separation of 184,493 workers from their jobs for at least 31 days, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Total extended mass layoff events decreased over the year from 1,370 to 1,226, and associated worker separations fell from 222,357 to 184,493. Events and separations reached their lowest third quarter levels since 2007. Both events and separations have decreased over the year for eight consecutive quarters.

Both events and separations in the manufacturing sector declined to series' lows during the third quarter of 2011. Fifty percent of private nonfarm employers indicated they anticipated some type of recall, up from 45 percent a year earlier.

The national unemployment rate averaged 9.1 percent, not seasonally adjusted, in the third quarter of 2011, down from 9.5 percent a year earlier. Private nonfarm payroll employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased by 1.7 percent (1,826,000) over the year.

Industry Distribution of Extended Layoffs

Over the year ending in the third quarter of 2011, the number of extended mass layoff events declined in 13 of the 18 major private nonfarm industry sectors. The transportation and warehousing and the accommodation and food services sectors experienced the largest declines in the numbers of worker separations over the year. Eight of the 21 manufacturing subsectors experienced over-the-year decreases in the number of layoff events.

Both events and separations in the manufacturing sector were at series' lows in the third quarter of 2011. Thirty-eight percent of manufacturing employers with an extended mass layoff event in the third quarter of 2011 anticipated recalling at least some of the displaced workers.

Administrative and waste service firms had 198 extended mass layoff events and 33,584 separations, primarily due to contract completion. This sector accounted for 16 percent of the layoff events and 18 percent of the related separations in the third quarter. In these events, 55 percent of the employers anticipated recalling at least some of the displaced workers.

Reasons for Extended Layoffs

Business demand factors accounted for 47 percent of the events and related separations in the private nonfarm sector during the third quarter of 2011, primarily as a result of contract completion. Layoffs due to the completion of seasonal work accounted for 23 percent of extended mass layoff events and 21 percent of related separations during the quarter. Over the year, the largest decrease in worker separations occurred in layoffs attributed to seasonal factors.

Movement of Work

In the third quarter of 2011, 35 extended mass layoffs involved movement of work and were associated with 6,216 worker separations, a series low for both figures. Over the year, the number of such events decreased by 16, and the number of separations decreased by 1,337. Movement of work layoffs accounted for 4 percent of total non-seasonal events during the quarter.

Fifty-seven percent of the events related to movement of work were from manufacturing industries. Employers cited organizational changes as the economic reason for layoff in 31 percent of the events involving movement of work. Among workers affected by the movement of work, the largest proportion was in the South.

The 35 events with movement of work for the third quarter involved 49 identifiable relocations of work actions. Employers were able to provide information on the specific number of worker separations for 28 of these actions. Among these actions, 93 percent were domestic reassignments, and 82 percent involved work moving within the same company.

Recall Expectations

Fifty percent of the private nonfarm employers reporting an extended mass layoff in the third quarter of 2011 indicated they anticipated some type of recall, up from 45 percent a year earlier. Of those employers expecting to recall workers, 29 percent indicated the offer would be extended to all displaced employees, and 61 percent of employers anticipated extending the offer to at least half of the workers—both percentages reached third quarter series' lows. Among employers expecting to recall laid-off workers, a series low 58 percent intend to do so within 6 months. Excluding extended mass layoff events due to seasonal work and vacation period, in which 98 percent of the employers expected a recall, employers anticipated recalling laid-off workers in 36 percent of the events.

Size of Extended Layoffs

The average size of a layoff (as measured by the number of separations per layoff event) was 150 workers during the third quarter of 2011. Events were largely concentrated at the lower end of the extended layoff-size spectrum, with 73 percent involving fewer than 150 workers. Conversely, only 4 percent of layoff events involved 500 or more workers.

Initial Claimant Characteristics

A total of 181,777 initial claimants for unemployment insurance were associated with extended mass layoffs in the third quarter. Of these claimants, 15 percent were black, 22 percent were Hispanic, 41 percent were women, and 19 percent were 55 years of age or older. In the entire civilian labor force for the same period, 12 percent of all persons were black, 15 percent were Hispanic, 47 percent were women, and 20 percent were 55 years of age or older.

Geographic Distribution

Among the four census regions, the West recorded the highest number of separations due to extended mass layoff events in the third quarter of 2011. Among the nine census divisions, the highest numbers of displaced workers were in the Pacific. Three of the 4 regions and 8 of the 9 divisions registered fewer laid-off workers compared with the third quarter of 2010.

California recorded the largest number of worker separations in the third quarter of 2011, followed by New York and Illinois. Over the year, 28 states reported decreased numbers of separated workers associated with extended mass layoff events during the third quarter, led by New York and Florida. New York accounted for 53 percent of the total over-the-year decline in worker separations.

Eighty-six percent of the initial claimants for unemployment insurance associated with extended mass layoff events in the third quarter of 2011 resided within metropolitan areas. Among the 372 metropolitan areas, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Calif., reported the highest number of resident initial claimants. New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa., accounted for 35 percent of the total over-the-year decline in metropolitan area resident initial claims. Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, Calif., entered into the highest 10 metropolitan areas in terms of initial claims by residency of claimant during the quarter, replacing Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, Fla., from the previous year.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



November is National Adoption Month. My wife and I are very blessed to have four children that have enriched our lives. Being a parent brings great responsibility, but it is a joy that I hope that those who wish for it are able to experience.

That being said, it is an unfortunate truth that there are more than 107,000 children in foster care in the U.S. that are eligible for adoption. These children are waiting to find permanent homes and loving families. In an effort to bring awareness to this fact, November has been named National Adoption Month; and through the work of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, November 19 is National Adoption Day.

On Saturday, November 19, more than 400 events will be held nationwide to finalize the adoptions of children in foster care, and to celebrate all of the families who adopt. For 13 years this event has been made possible by the work of courts, judges, attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies and advocates to make the dreams of thousands of children come true.

Most children wait more than three years to be adopted in foster care and in that time they change schools, lose relationships, and fall behind in their education. Each year more than 29,000 youth 'age out', or reach legal adulthood at the age of 18, without finding a permanent family and home.

Of those that age out, nearly 25 percent leave foster care without a high school diploma and a mere six percent finish a two or four year degree. Children need emotional and financial support to have the chance to succeed and these children were given very little opportunity for that.

Families provide the love and support that allow us to lead happy and productive lives. There are many children waiting for the opportunity to love and be loved and to have a successful life.

If you have ever considered the possibility of adoption, or would like to learn more about the process, I encourage you to visit www.in.gov/dcs and click on 'Adoption' in the left side column. If you'd like to learn more about National Adoption Day, please visit www.ccaainstitute.org and under the 'Our Programs' tab click on 'National Adoption Day'.

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**Loogootee and Shoals
SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS****LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY****Breakfast****Thursday, November 17**

Cereal, sausage, applesauce, milk

Friday, November 18

Egg, sausage, biscuit, juice, milk

Monday, November 21

French toast, sausage, fruit, milk

Tuesday, November 22

Breakfast pizza, egg, fruit, milk

Wednesday, November 23

No School – Thanksgiving Break

Lunch**Thursday, November 17**

Ham and cheese sandwich, French fries, pears

Friday, November 18

Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, peach crisp

Monday, November 21

Chicken nuggets, corn, pears, bread

Tuesday, November 22

Hamburger, cheese, tator tots, fruit

Wednesday, November 23

No School – Thanksgiving Break

LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY AND**JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL****Lunch****Thursday, November 17**

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

Friday, November 18

Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, fruit, salad plate, milk

Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23

No School – Thanksgiving Break

SHOALS SCHOOLS**Breakfast****Thursday, November 17**

Cereal, French toast, juice, milk

Friday, November 18

Sausage gravy, biscuit, juice, milk

Monday, November 21

Breakfast taco, fresh fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 22

Cereal, cinnamon roll, juice, milk

Wednesday, November 23

Breakfast sandwich, juice, milk

Lunch**Thursday, November 17**

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, milk; choice 4-12: cheese pizza

Friday, November 18

Cheesy breadsticks, corn, fruit salad, milk

Monday, November 21

Hot dog, baked potato, fruit, cookie, milk

Tuesday, November 22

Chicken wrap, pretzels, broccoli, milk; choice 4-12: quesadilla

Wednesday, November 23

Turkey and gravy, baby carrots, mashed potatoes, pumpkin mousse, milk; choice 4-12: turkey sandwich

Shoals Jr/Sr High School Honor Roll for second grading period**Seventh grade**All A's: Ashley Mullins and Alex Tedrow
Distinguished Honor Roll: Rusty Bonham, Jessica Montgomery, and Keylee Tow

Honor Roll: Makaya Baylis, Allison Boyd, Ashley Boyd, Christopher Cushman, Quinton Floyd, Kelsie Graves, Marissa Hampton, Kaci Norman, Mykaela Peterson, Aulbrey Schlaegel, Jonathan Sullivan, and Autumn Terry

Eighth grade

All A's: Allison Albright, Britney Cooper, Logan Harker, Megan Hawkins, Christina Hovis, Corbyn Sipes, Reva Troutman, and Dawn Wright

Honor Roll: Taylor Atkison, Zachary Bleemel, Tyrell Brett, Kaden Butler, Julie Dorsey, Jasmine Gates, Steven Hammack, Damion Hart, Carmen Houchins, Gavin Howell, Victoria Mills, Ashley Phillips, David Qualkenbush, Jessica Ryan, Michael Sorrells, Aundie Tinkle, Danielle Whaley, and Alex Wininger

Ninth grade

All A's: Logan Albright, Ashley Montgomery, and Holly Self

Distinguished Honor Roll: Brittany Bauernfiend, Qiying Song, and Josey Waggoner

Honor Roll: Ashton Albright, Audrey Bowers, Haylie Brace, Kyle Courtright, Kylee Hardwick, Jordan Haviland, Michael Hawkins, Austin Jones, Grady Key, Ashley McDonald, Dakota Newkirk, Kathleen Parke, Audrey Sanders, Kelsey Sellers, Akela Wells, and Alexis Young

Tenth gradeAll A's: Robin Hamby and Nicole Harder
Distinguished Honor Roll: Cole Hovis

Honor Roll: Jenna Bleemel, Erica Bratton, Luke Brett, Ariel Hert, Cody Hert, Hannah Land, Tyler McGuire, Dakota Mullins, Sistoria Neeley, Ashley Payne, Kandi Tichenor, Kristen Waggoner, and Jessica Walker

Eleventh grade

All A's: Whitney Albright and Emily Richardson

Distinguished Honor Roll: Tristan Bennington, Jessica Courtright, Austin Kimmel, Jennifer Montgomery, Ramona Simmons, and Clayton Tow

Honor Roll: Megan Abel, Amberly Albright, Matthew Bruner, Jonathan Butcher, Kayla Butler, Lezlie Hart, Ethan Jones, Brittan Land, Lacie Nelson, Katie Payne, and Jon Sherfick

Twelfth gradeAll A's: Rachel Harder and Darek Turpin
Distinguished Honor Roll: Victoria Bauer, Alanna Dawley, Audra Deckard, Megan Sanders, and Jacob Stoner

Honor Roll: Elizabeth Abel, Tanner Abel, Dakotah Asbell, Austin Bailey, Chelsey Baker, Zachary Baker, Michael Basley, Alex Bauernfiend, Christie Bough, Michaela Brockman, Zachary Cook, Denise Cornett, Taylor Gaskey, MacKenzie Graves, Kelsey Hardwick, Brian Hert, Jondavide Hopkins, Mackenzie Jones, Courtney Kender, Sasha Mains, Robert Marshall, Miranda Mullins, Austin Myers, Audrey Sorrells, Mindy Tarrh, and Stephen Witt

Loogootee JH girls begin basketball season

On November 7, the Loogootee Junior High Lady Lions hosted Pike Central in their first game of the season.

The 7th grade Lady Lions walked away with a 16 to 11 win. Meghan Mathies lead the team with 8 points, followed by Mya Hedrick with 4 points, and Mayson Riley and Kylie Hall with 2 points each.

The 8th grade girls lost, 22 to 24, in a close battle. Bailey Davis led the team in points with 7. Macey Baxter added 6 points, Meghan Mathies 4 points, Emily Bateman 3 points, and Mayson Riley 2 points.

On November 12th the teams traveled to Vincennes Rivet. The 7th grade Lady Lions were defeated 9 to 24. Leading the team with points that morning was Kylie Hall with 5 points, followed by Mayson Riley with 4 points. This brings their record to 1-1 for this season.

The 8th grade girls were also defeated 23 to 46 at Rivet. Leading scorers were Bailey Davis and Macey Baxter with 8 points each. Meghan Mathies contributed 4 points, Emily Bateman 2 points, and Kendall Riley 1 point. This brings their record to 0-2.

Loogootee Intermediate students accepting bids on themed baskets

The Loogootee Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is happy to announce that the fifth and sixth grade classrooms at Loogootee Intermediate are now accepting bids in silent auction fashion on themed baskets. Each classroom has selected a theme for a basket and has worked very hard at obtaining items either through donation or by purchasing them. The themes are as follows:

-Mrs. Knepp's fifth grade classroom – candy. The basket contains 16 oz. chocolate truffles, package of confetti popcorn, package of pretzel M&Ms, snickers bar, package of Lifesaver gummies, package Starburst tropical, package Big Red gum, package of Twizzlers, package of Airhead Extremes, package of large gumballs, package of large spice drops, Smarties, bag of cotton candy, box of Jolly Rancher Sours, suitcase of Tootsie Roll Midgees, suitcase of Smarties, suitcase of Double Bubble gum, pack of Tootsie Roll pencils, pack of Dots pencils, pack of Double Bubble pencils, one Fruit Gushers lip balm, pack of 26 Wonka assorted candy, one adult medium Nerds t-shirt, toy gumball machine with gumballs, working glass/metal gumball machine with gumballs.

-Mrs. Hart's fifth grade classroom - movie night. Basket contains 24 bags of extra butter microwave popcorn, one popcorn tub, the following movies: Hoosiers, Shiloh, Shiloh Season, Letters to Juliet, The Notebook, City of Angels, and Michael; flannel blanket 45x60, box of Milk Duds, 10-pack of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, box of Sugar Babies, and a king-size plush blanket.

-Mrs. Allen's fifth grade classroom - Indianapolis Colts. The basket contains the following Colts items: three NFL Huddler comfy throws, plush football, ink pen, mascot pillow/throw combo, 3-section notebook, #1 fan sign, baseball cap, 4-pack magnetic dry erase boards, trash can, sheet of stickers, can coolie, pennant, drawstring bag, team photo, 3-flavor tin of popcorn.

-Mr. Walton's fifth grade classroom - Indiana Hoosiers. Basket contains 4 tickets to IU Men's Basketball vs. UMBC, red IU Snuggie, IU thermal coffee mug, IU camou-

flage can coolie, IU keychain, IU trash can, IU bottle of body lotion, IU back scratcher, IU baseball cap, IU adult XL t-shirt.

-Mrs. Wade's sixth grade classroom – chocolate. Basket contains \$5 gift certificate to Chocolate Bliss, chocolate colored fleece throw, jar of Nutella, large Symphony milk chocolate, almonds, and toffee; large Symphony milk chocolate, large Hershey's special dark, bag black and gold M&Ms, bag chocolate stars, can of Rich & Creamy Chocolate Frosting, cinnamon bun jar candle, 6 pack of Nestle rich milk chocolate cocoa, package classic fudge brownie mix, box M&M cookies, box Oreo Cakesters, box Super Moist Devil's Food Cake mix, large assortment of miniature candy bars including Butterfinger, Milk Duds, Whoppers, Nestle Crunch, Twix, Baby Ruth, and Reese's.

-Mrs. Wagoner's sixth grade classroom - Loogootee Lions. Basket contains a black and gold fleece throw, Lions welcome mat, Lions ball cap, Lions water bottle, Ty Lion beanie, Lions spirit band, Lions adult large t-shirt, two boys' basketball sectional tickets, black and gold pom-poms, two girls' basketball sectional tickets, and a basketball signed by the 2011-12 boys' varsity and girls' varsity basketball teams and coaches.

-Mr. Sander's sixth grade classroom - Purdue Boilermakers. Basket contains a Purdue mini basketball, Purdue body lotion, Purdue sheet of Ultra decals, signed framed photo of Matt Painter, Purdue wall clock, signed framed photo of Kyle Orton, deck of Purdue playing cards, Purdue mug, two tickets to Purdue women's basketball.

-The PAC's basket - Pamper Yourself. Basket contains 15-minute hand or foot massage, three gift certificates for a haircut, gift certificate for color or highlights, bottle Kenra moisturizing shampoo, bottle Kenra moisturizing conditioner, large specialty pizza, coffee cup, four packs of French Vanilla cappuccino, 10-pack Nestle mini marshmallows hot chocolate, can Pirouline dark chocolate wafers, bag of Ghirardelli milk chocolate and caramel, bag of Ghi-
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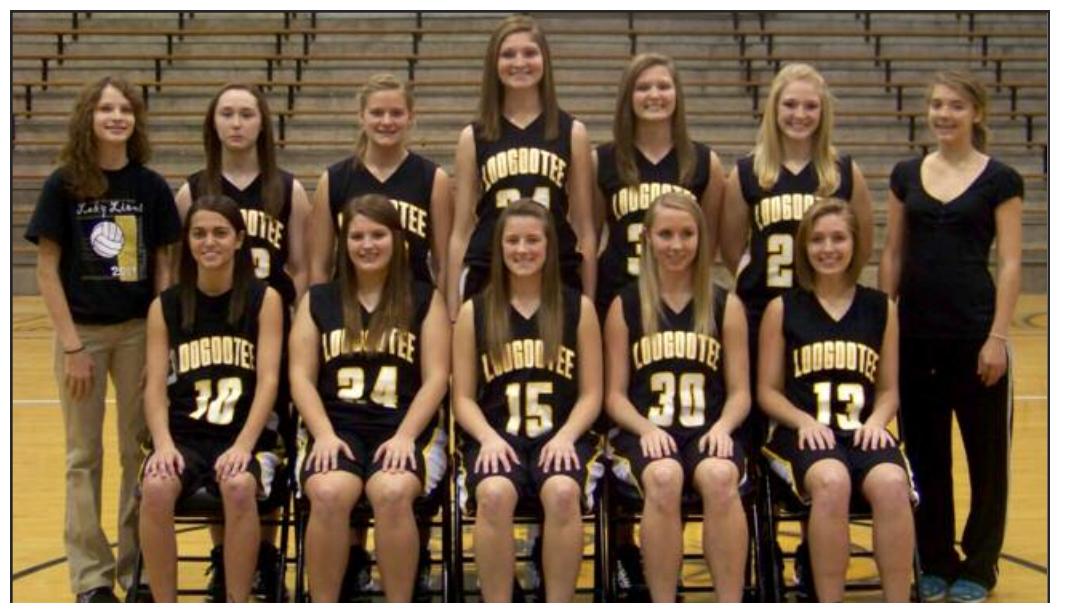
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Loogootee Basketball season is here



Varsity Boys Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Cam Wagler, Austin Bradley, Aaron Howell, Conner Wittmer, Bryant Ackerman, Luke Jones, and Matt Mathies. In the back row, from left to right, are Waylon Matthews, Zach Dove, Will Nonte, Dirk Fahey, Ryan Vaupel, Colin Nelson, and Alex Frye.



Varsity Girls Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Wynter Wagoner, Brooke Nonte, Taylor Walker, Lauren Walton, and Hannah LaMar. In the back row, from left to right, are Ashley Lindauer, Manager; Gabrielle Ritchey, Allie Walker, Christina Ziegler, Kennedy Rohlman, Taylor Hayes, and Ariel Jones, Manager.



Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Dylan Street, Ryan Howell, Kris Lyon, and Josh Sibrel. In the second row, from left to right, are Waylon Matthews, Zach Dove, Alex Frye, Cam Wagler, Colin Nelson, Ryan Vaupel, and Will Nonte. In the back row, from left to right, are Branden Wilz, Tyler Stoll, Hayden Bell, Dirk Fahey, Ben Blackwell, Darian Stewart, and Jayce Wagoner.



Freshman Boys Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Ben Blackwell, Ryan Howell, Jayce Wagoner, Kris Lyon, and Darian Stewart. In the back row, from left to right, are Josh Sibrel, Hayden Bell, and Dylan Street.

BASKETS

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rardelli dark and raspberry, autumn wreath Yankee candle, adult large Hawkins Health t-shirt, large comfort gel pack, small comfort gel pack, 45x60 flannel blanket, pedicure tool, foot file, two cherry blossom shower gels, cherry blossom hand and body lotion, cherry blossom shampoo, cherry blossom conditioner, 24-ounce pumpkin spice bubble bath, berry mint moisturizing foot cream, berry mint foot scrub, berry mint foot soak, cherry ice moisturizing foot lotion, cherry ice exfoliating foot scrub, silver leaf pear shower gel, and silver leaf pear body lotion. Bidding began a few weekends ago at the

open house and will continue until December 2, following the boys' high school basketball game. Baskets will be displayed at all of the fifth and sixth grade boys' and girls' basketball games, the girls' varsity games against Orleans, North Daviess, and Shoals, and the boys' varsity game against Wood Memorial.

If you wish to place a bid, please attend one of the above mentioned games, contact any member of the PAC, or contact Lisa Nonte at 295-2925 or by email at jlonte@netscape.com to do so. As always, we appreciate the support that our community gives to us and our school.

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8th Grade Boys Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Jess Divine, Corey Jacobs, Justin Kiser, and Eric Lark. In the second row, from left to right, are Will Riley, Jake Blackwell, Grant Carrico, Logan Carrico, and Jayson Bullard. In the back row, from left to right, are Coach Larry Hembree and Volunteer Coach Bill Riley



8th Grade Girls Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Emily Bateman, Bailey Davis, and Brittany Woody. In the back row, from left to right, are Kendall Riley, Coach Jeff Nonte, and Macey Baxter.



7th Grade Boys Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Wyatt Nonte, Blake Ziegler, Landon Bell, Clayton Thomas, and Jayse Graber. In the second row, from left to right, are Marcus Hopkins, Jordan Clark, Cole Gillick, Justin Wagler, Tye Collins, and Tokala Richardson. In the back row, from left to right, are Volunteer Coach Andy Marks and Coach Alan Burch.



7th Grade Girls Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Mya Hedrick, Abby Williams, Emily Brookshire, and Kylie Hall. In the back row, from left to right, are Coach Ron Riley, Mayson Riley, Mattie Jones, Kaylin Rohlman, and Meghan Mathies.



6th Grade Boys Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Brandon Armstrong, Cole Harmon, Leighton Seals, Luke Callison, Jayden Wagoner, and Austin Woody. In the back row, from left to right, are Coach Jeff Bledsoe, Carson Rayhill, Brandon Eckerle, Jordan Kaiser, Dylan Arthur, Corbin Henninger, and Jordan Leatherman.



6th Grade Girls Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Halle Sheetz, Cora Hedrick, Katie Sims, and Heather Harshaw. In the back row, from left to right, are Coach Mike Seals, Jody Seals, Julianne Bell, Savannah McAtee, and Taiya Armstrong.

-Photos by Lori Mattingly and Courtney Hughett



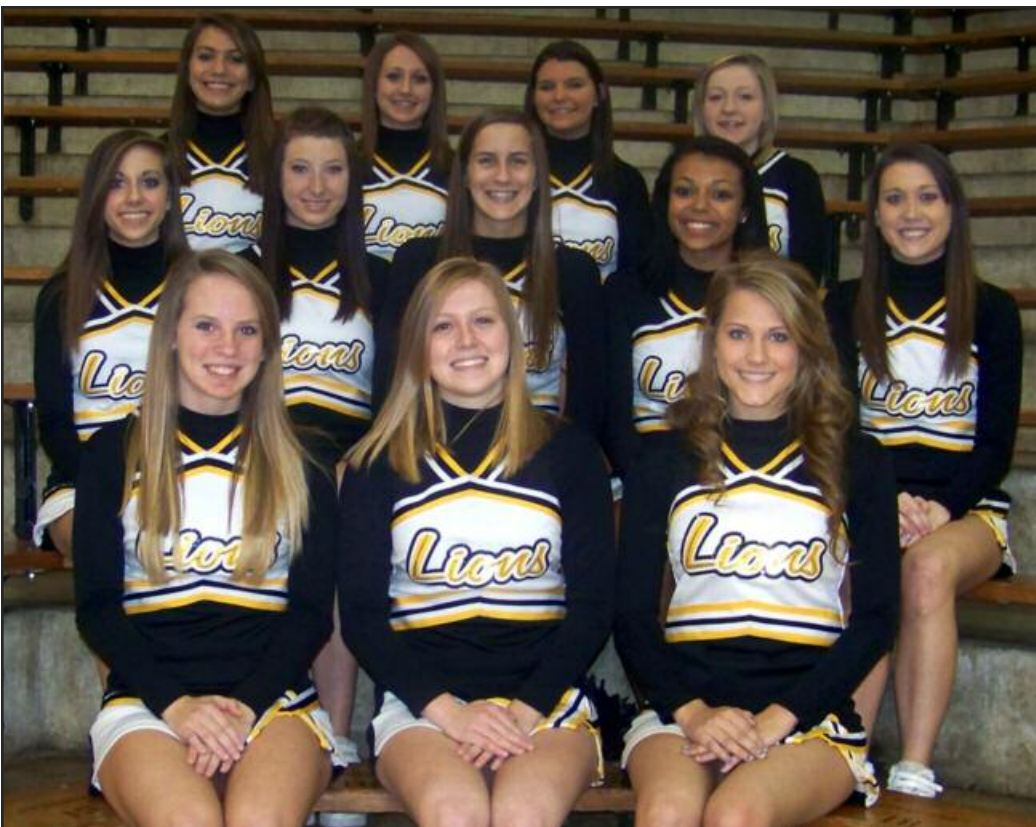
5th Grade Boys Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Jaymison Wagoner, Luc Burch, Bailey Dearwester, Jaycobson Wagoner, and Jayden Seitz. In the second row, from left to right, are Caleb Wagler, Wyatt Crane, Jace Toy, Cruse Bridgewater, Ethan Ziegler, and Marcus Lukens. In the back row, from left to right, are Coach Jeremy Wildman, Nick Bowman, Sheldan Christmas, Jake Carrico, Max Christmas, and Tanner Fuhs.



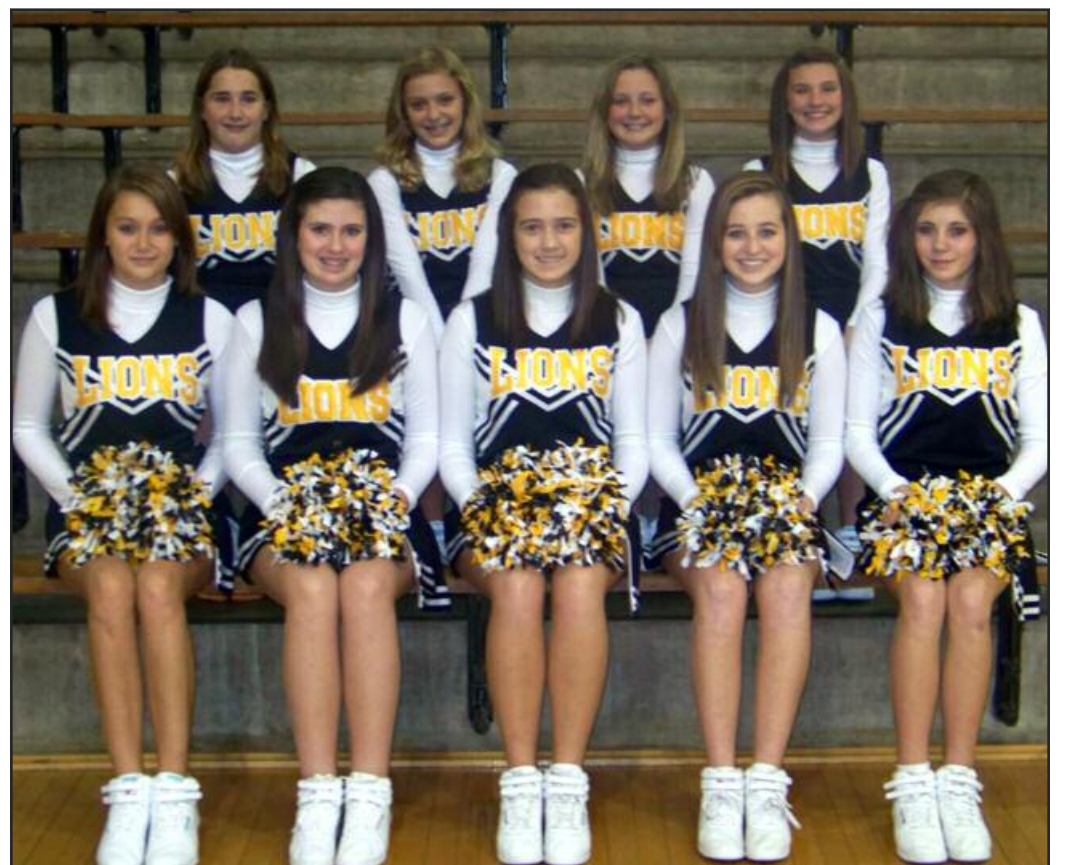
5th Grade Girls Basketball

In the front row, from left to right, are Leonna Hedrick, Katie Hupp, Becca Hollaway, and Maddie Cropp. In the back row, from left to right, are Coach Jill Toy, Madisyn Wade, Maelee Hawkins, Sydney Davis, and Coach Lacey Wade.



High School Cheerleaders

In the front row, from left to right, are Mariah Weisheit, Addison Dant, and Lauren Henrichsen. In the second row, from left to right, are Nicole Knight, Elizabeth Sander, Morgan Walker, Alexis Neely, and Katie Kidwell. In the back row, from left to right, are Waylee Wagoner, Deedra Nolan, Tyra Fuhs, and Andrea Blanton.



Junior High Cheerleaders

In the front row, from left to right, are Brianna Williams, Kendall Burch, Jordan Mann, Emma Walters, and Deedra Fields. In the back row, from left to right, are Jaylon Combs, Kaitlyn Wagoner, Lindsey Lukens, and Breanna Lytton. Not pictured is Leanne Trambaugh.



5th and 6th Grade Cheerleaders

In the front row, from left to right, are Sarah Bussinger, Chloe Carrico, Rikki Weter, Mackenzy Hudson, Leonna Hedrick, and Coach Hannah Kidwell. In the second row, from left to right, are Marina Lents, Brionna Gully, Mallory Berry, Skylar Padgett, Ashlyn Wathen, Madisyn Wade, and Jessica Browder. In the back row, from left to right, are Dylan Ritchey, Anaya Carrico, Kenadi Rumble, Kashten Burch, Maelee Hawkins, Jayleigh Wagoner, and Dometerly Riker.



Lionettes

In the front row, from left to right, are Jacy Harper, Madison Zins, Megan Ader, Christina Powell, Allison Kiser, Miranda Taylor, and Elizabeth Sander. In the second row, from left to right, are Lauren Bowling, Holly Street, Addyson Aiman, Ashleigh Powell, Ashley Desch, Emma Graber, and Kailye Robbins. In the back row, from left to right, are Waylee Wagoner, Kaitlyn Carter, Sabrina Stuffle, Chassidy Bridges, Kelsy Seals, and Addie Arvin.

-Photos by Lori Mattingly and Courtney Hughett

OUTDOORS

Fight poaching by using TIP hotline

Licensed, ethical hunters know the rules and play by them, but poachers don't. Hunting season increases the likelihood that law-abiding hunters will encounter poaching, which is the illegal taking of fish, game or non-game wildlife.

When that happens, DNR Law Enforcement urges hunters to use the TIP hotline to file a complaint. TIP is an acronym for Turn in a Poacher or Polluter. Firearms season for deer runs November 12-27.

Anyone can use the TIP hotline but hunters are more likely to witness violations.

It's quick and simple to report a violation. The toll-free TIP phone number is 1-800-TIP-IDNR (1-800-847-4367). Complaints also can be filed online at tip.IN.gov.

A typical poaching situation occurs when a law-abiding hunter is sitting in a tree stand, waiting for sunrise (the legal time to shoot), and notices a spotlight shining the field from a pickup truck. The truck stop

and shots ring out through the darkness.

"True sportsmen have an ethical responsibility to report this violation," said Lt. William Browne, DNR Division of Law Enforcement. "Poachers are thieves, and some estimates indicate poachers kill as much fish and game as legal hunters and fishermen do."

TIP is a joint effort of sportsmen and women, private citizens, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to help eliminate the illegal taking of Indiana's fish and wildlife. Cash rewards are offered for information leading to the arrest of fish and wildlife law violators.

All information is held in strict confidence. The complaint can be anonymous. Neither videotapes nor signed confessions are required for successful prosecution of poachers. Citizens who provide TIP with information are not required to testify in court. Reported information is investigated by Indiana Conservation Officers.

Hoosier urged to prepare for coming winter

November 19th is the average date of first measurable snowfall in Indiana. This week, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the American Red Cross are inviting all Hoosiers to join in the effort of preparing for winter.

Governor Mitch Daniels has proclaimed November 13-19, 2011 as Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana.

"When it comes to getting ready for winter, personal responsibility is key," said IDHS Executive Director Joe Wainscott. "Don't wait until a few hours before a snow or ice storm to stock up on supplies—start preparing now. Once your family is ready for winter storms, check with any elderly neighbors, lower income families or families with young children that might need help obtaining extra blankets, warm clothes or other essentials to keep them warm and safe."

"We saw last year how ice and snow can debilitate our communities," says John Lyter, CEO of the American Red Cross Indianapolis Region. "We need to prepare ourselves now so we keep our families safe this winter."

IDHS and the American Red Cross offer these tips for preparing your home for winter.

Home Readiness

-Check your homeowner's insurance policy to make sure coverage is adequate for the type of winter weather in your area. Learn what is excluded from the policy.

-Remove dead tree branches. Ice and snow, combined with winter winds can cause limbs to snap and break and could do damage to your home.

-Clean gutters. Snow and ice can build up

quickly, especially if your gutters are clogged with debris. When thawing begins, water from melting ice has nowhere to drain and can back up under your roof and eaves, causing water damage to walls and ceilings. Consider buying screens to keep your gutters debris-free.

-Make sure auxiliary heaters and fireplaces are adequately maintained and serviced. Many fires related to alternative heating sources are preventable through proper maintenance. Before installing a wood-burning stove, check with local fire officials about codes and proper installation techniques. Do not store kerosene in a non-approved container or in your home and be sure to keep alternative heat sources from flammable materials (walls, curtains, etc.). For more information about using alternative heat sources safely, visit GetPrepared.in.gov.

Emergency Preparedness Kit

-Make sure that your emergency preparedness kit is complete, with fresh supplies.

-Along with your kit, keep extra blankets and warm clothes easily accessible in case you have to find them in a power outage.

-Stock up on extra food and water. After a winter storm you may be snowed in or without electricity for a few days.

-Remember to consider the needs of all family members, such as babies and older adults.

-Keep extra prescription medicines available in case you are snowed in. Don't forget your pets!

For more winter preparedness information, visit GetPrepared.in.gov and indyredcross.org.

Hunters asked to complete online state forest survey

Hunters can help monitor the abundance and distribution of deer and other wildlife species in state forests by completing an online survey after each hunting trip to a state forest this year.

"Hunters are uniquely skilled observers

in the outdoors and are in a position to provide feedback that can help us better manage the resources of our state forests," said John Seifert, director of the DNR Division of Forestry.

Hunters are asked to go to dnr.IN.gov/forestry/7245.htm every time they return from a hunting trip. Multiple hunting trips made on the same day would ideally warrant separate visits to the website to complete a survey. State forests in Indiana are listed at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/3631.htm.

This anonymous survey will be available all year online and is open to all hunters who hunt in the state forests. Completion will take a hunter a few minutes. More instructions are listed at the website.

Shotgun season opens with a bang



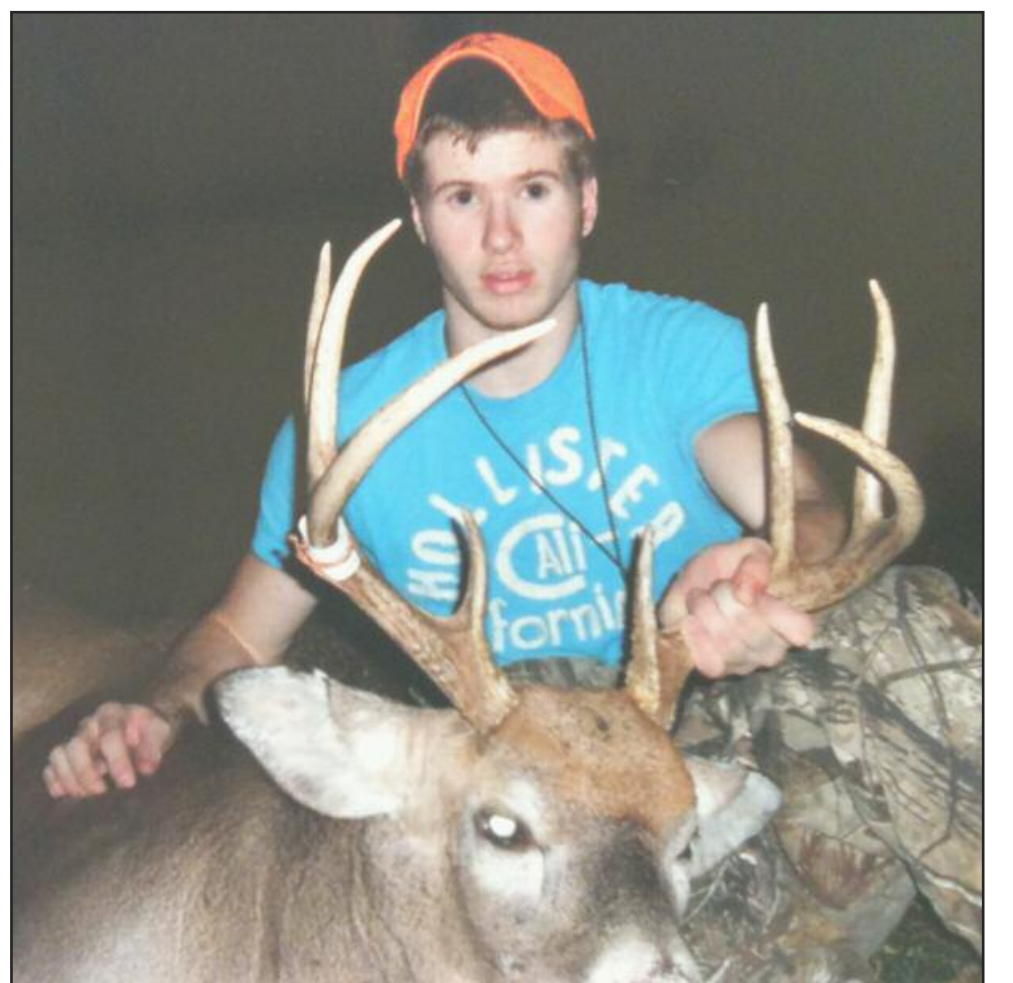
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Jeff Cooper, of Shoals, landed this eight-point buck on opening day of shotgun season Saturday.



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Corbin Henninger, son of Allen and Denise Henninger of Loogootee, took a doe on the opening day of shotgun season. Corbin is a sixth grader at Loogootee Intermediate.



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Zach Cook, of Shoals, took this very large eight pointer from the woods on Monday.

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November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month and state health officials urge people to learn more about lung cancer and its risk factors. Americans die of lung cancer more than any other type of cancer. In fact, 4,166 men and women in Indiana died from lung cancer in 2008, the most recent year with a full data set.

Smoking is the most well-known and greatest risk factor for developing lung cancer. The longer you smoke and the more packs a day you smoke, the greater your risk for developing the disease. It is thought that 87 percent of lung cancer deaths are caused by smoking. A person's best defense against developing lung cancer is to never begin smoking, but current smokers can greatly reduce their risk of lung cancer by quitting. Avoiding places where smoking is allowed is also helpful.

"People who quit smoking before the age of 50 cut their risk of dying in the next 15 years by half compared to those who continue to smoke," said State Health Commissioner Gregory Larkin, M.D. "The Indiana Tobacco Quitline is a great resource for smokers of all ages. By simply calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW, Hoosiers who smoke are provided with resources and support to help them quit for good."

The effects of quitting smoking begin im-

mediately. In fact, within 20 minutes, blood pressure and pulse return to normal levels. Within 72 hours, the chance of a heart attack drops and sense of smell and taste begin to return. Within three months, lung capacity increases. Within one year, risk of heart attack is cut in half. And within five years, heart disease rate drops to that of a non-smoker.

Secondhand smoke can also increase your risk for developing lung cancer. A non-smoker who lives with a smoker has about a 20 to 30 percent greater risk for developing lung cancer.

"The first question many people with lung cancer are asked is 'did you smoke?'" said Dr. Richard Freeman, Director of Thoracic Surgery and Medical Director of Cancer Care for St. Vincent Hospital and board member for the American Lung Association in Indiana. "The reality is that there are smokers and nonsmokers with lung cancer. There are individuals who quit smoking 20 years ago that are now facing the diagnosis of lung cancer. It doesn't matter how the disease formed in their bodies; what matters is that they are treated with compassion and have hope for a cure."

Other risk factors for lung cancer include exposure to carcinogens like asbestos, radon and air pollution.

For more information regarding lung cancer, visit the American Lung Association of Indiana at www.lungin.org and the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

To learn more about the resources available to you to quit smoking or become a Quit Buddy to help a friend or loved on quit, visit www.QuitNowIndiana.com.

To make a difference in cancer control in

Indiana, please go to www.indianacancer.org and become a member of the Indiana Cancer Consortium (ICC).

The ICC is a statewide network of public and private organizations whose mission is to reduce the burden of cancer in Indiana through the development, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive plan that addresses cancer across the continuum, from prevention through palliation.



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Blood drive

The Cindy Lagle Agency recently held their first blood drive. 29 people showed up at the event with 18 able to donate. Shown above are Jennifer Wilson, former agent assistant; Josh Rayhill, honorary office manager; Kyle Green, agent assistant; and Cindy Lagle, agent.

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Mary Norris joins RE/MAX office

Anna Lou Chapman, owner/broker of Real Estate Merchandisers is pleased to announce that Mary Norris has joined the real estate office as a sales associate.

A lifelong resident of the area, Mary Norris is familiar with what southern Indiana has to offer and is eager to share her knowledge with prospective buyers moving to the region. "Knowing the area will also help me suggest a competitive price for your home when you list with RE/MAX," Norris added. "Being able to show homes listed anywhere in Indiana, by any agency is so exciting!"



MARY NORRIS

Norris and her husband, Tim, a Loogootee native, have two grown sons and have been married 36 years. They recently moved back to Martin County and are restoring an historical home in Loogootee. Norris has worked in newspapers and most recently with the Healthy Families program in Daviess and Martin counties. "I've gotten to know so many people and have traveled all over the county in my former careers; I feel it has helped prepare me for real estate sales."

Located at 510 E. South Street, Real Estate Merchandisers has served Daviess, Martin and surrounding counties, and specializes in residential and commercial real estate.

"Norris plans to use her experience at a

new level, and is excited to join the team. She also has experience in property management," said Chapman who has been in the business for over 40 years.

RE/MAX Real Estate Merchandisers is affiliated with RE/MAX of Indiana and RE/MAX International which is number one in the world. Since its inception in 1987, RE/MAX of Indiana has grown to more than 95 offices with more than 1,200 sales associates throughout the Hoosier state, providing residential and commercial real estate, as well as relocation and referral services. RE/MAX of Indiana's web address is www.remax-indiana.com.

From South Bend to Evansville, local RE/MAX of Indiana associates give back to their communities. Statewide, RE/MAX of Indiana is the exclusive real estate sponsor of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. RE/MAX of Indiana has also raised millions of dollars for the deserving organization, Children's Miracle Network. Norris encourages sellers to allow their home to be a sponsor for either of these causes and Norris will donate a portion of her commission to either organization.

Real Estate Merchandisers is located at 501 E. South St., Washington. For more information, call (812)254-1973, remax.com or visit Mary's website at www.marynorris-realestate.com.



Parkview residents fill shoe boxes

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Parkview Village residents packed 23 shoe boxes for the Samaritan Purse. These boxes will be delivered to children all over the world. Residents enjoyed shopping for toys, baby dolls, hair ribbon, and toiletries for children that otherwise may not receive a gift this Christmas season.

Calendar of Events

Humane society meetings

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

Youth football meetings

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

Tourism meetings

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

Generations looking for volunteers to build and donate gift baskets

This holiday season, Generations' Angel-Worx program is sponsoring its third 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 720 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, deodorant 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 Managers, Meals on Wheels drivers, and volunteers will deliver the gift baskets to the clients. To register for the project and to receive a complete list of basket items, contact Alma Kramer by calling 800-742-9002 or 888-4527 or emailing akramer@vinu.edu

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

Low-cost spay, neuter certificates

Due to the overwhelming response to the Dubois County Humane Society low-cost spay/neuter certificate program, they find it necessary to adhere more strictly to their original policy of giving priority to individuals who need financial assistance in getting a pet spayed or neutered and for people who find stray animals.

Effective immediately, the certificates will be provided through the 20th of each month to the people meeting the criteria. Any remaining certificates after the 20th of each month will be made available to the general public.

Questions regarding this program can be directed to dchsmail@yahoo.com or call the Dubois County Humane Society at 812-482-7387 during adoption hours on Wednesdays 4:30-6:30 p.m. or Saturdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Pet Adoption Center address is 426 Wernsing Road in Jasper.



Visiting great grandma

-Photo by Lynn Smith

Rachel Robinson, age 9, (not pictured); Mattie Milligan age 8, shown above at left, and Nickolis Milligan, age 1, shown in the center, visited with their great grandmother Margaret (Strange) Smith, age 90, shown at right, in Jasper on Saturday, November 5. The photo was taken by their grandmother, Lynn Smith.



LANDRY DEANE LOUISE STRANGE

It's a girl . . .

Nick and Chelsey Strange are the proud parents of a baby girl, born on Friday, November 4, at Jasper Memorial Hospital. Landry Deane Louise is the granddaughter of Mark and Shirley Jeffers and Mark and Nancy Strange, of Loogootee. Great-grandparents are the late Bill Jeffers and Deane Jeffers of Jasper, Bob and Helen Louise McAtee, Jack and Rochelle Lents, Carl Gibson and the late Marilyn Gibson, all of Loogootee.

Classes and programs at the Martin County Community Learning Center

GED - Adult Basic Education - GED - Adult Basic Education classes started September 27 and will run until Christmas break. Classes are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For information contact Vincennes University at 812-888-5749 or call the learning center.

SAT Preparation Workshop - SAT preparation workshop for college-bound high school students will be offered at the center by Karen Whorrall. This class will assist preparing students in securing competitively high scores for placement. This workshop is scheduled on Wednesdays, January 4 through January 25 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost for the session is \$25. This workshop is sponsored by the Loogootee and Shoals Guidance Counselors' Offices. For registration or further information, contact Kris at 812-295-2674.

USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder) - USAJOBS is the federal government's official website. USAJOBS provides access to more than 30,000 job listings worldwide and job postings are updated daily. This is an online resume training session and will provide applicants with information and guidance on completing a government style resume for Crane and other federal agencies. The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). The next workshop will be held on Thursday, November 17 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Contact Kris by email or call the learning center to sign up.

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OPINION

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'Free markets – my take'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

It has become fashionable today to criticize free markets. My question is "Do we understand all of the benefits that free markets provide?" The opposite of the free market is socialism. What is the difference between a free market economic system and a socialist economic system? The big difference is the freedom to choose.

In a free market economic system, we the people are free to choose what we buy and what we are willing to pay for a given product or service. We are also free to decide whether or not we will be a producer (a businessman) or a consumer of products or services. As a consumer, we vote with our dollars. If a product or service does not meet our needs, or if it is priced too high, we pass. If enough of us decline to purchase a product or service, the producer may go out of business and lose the money and time that had been invested. If the producer provides a product or service that we choose to buy, the producer can become wealthy. Profit is NOT a bad word. It is the incentive that producers have to sell products that we need, at a price that we can afford. The bottom line is that we are free to choose from a vast multitude of products and services that meet our needs, at a price that we feel is fair. The private ownership of property is key to a free market economic system. The role of government, in a free market economic system, is to prevent us from harming each other. The federal government's powers are very limited and are enumerated (specified) in the constitution. ALL other

powers "are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people" (see Amendment 10 of the United States Constitution). When we follow the Constitution, we have the most freedom to choose, and it has been demonstrated time and again that we are the most prosperous people that have ever existed.

In a socialist command economy, the government owns the means of production. Government bureaucrats determine what gets produced and what price we must pay to obtain a given product or service. The people are NOT free to choose. The government chooses, not us. We can look at the old Soviet Union as an example of a socialist economic system. The Soviet people had to wait years, just to purchase a car. There was also a very limited choice as to the cars that were available. The government made those decisions. The government also chose the jobs for the people according to what the government thought was important to the STATE. Private ownership of property was not allowed. The government owned everything. European governments seem to be trending toward that same socialist economic system as does the present government here in the United States.

We need to keep these things in mind when we vote. Study and be familiar with the positions that political candidates have taken. Do they understand the Constitution and how it limits the power of the federal government? Remember that our basic freedoms are at stake. They will be almost impossible to get back if we vote them away.

God bless you and God bless America.

Dennis Jones
Shoals, Indiana



My Point of
VIEW
By Courtney Hughett
Owner/Publisher, MCJ

I had some business to conduct in the superintendent's office at Shoals High School this week. I happened to arrive at the school right as the bell was ringing for the students to change classes. Walking among those students made me think back to when I was their age and my own days in school as a teen. Then, when I went to the Loogootee School Board meeting last night, a group of boys was sitting in the high school parking lot chatting. This also took me back to my younger days when my crowd used to do the same thing.

It has been quite some time since I was a teenager, 16 years to be exact, so I am out of touch with the way things are now but I have a feeling they haven't changed too much. That's one thing I will say about Martin County - it hasn't changed much over the decades.

As a teen, I remember spending a good half hour after school cruising town - back and forth between the car wash and the high school parking lot. Of course back then gas was 99 cents a gallon and \$5 in the tank was a lot. Somehow I doubt many teens have the gas money for cruising these days. I have no idea why we did that "cruising", I guess we were teens and just wanted to drive.

On the weekends when Loogootee got boring, my friends and I would go cruising in Washington and then hang out in the bowling alley parking lot or in Eastside Park.

Weekends also included a lot of parties and I mean a lot of parties.

I was lucky enough to get all of my 'running around' out when I was a teenager. I was never home, my life revolved around being with my friends. I honestly don't think I ever spent a weekend at home alone. I rarely dated as a teenager either because I wasn't the type to want to be "tied down" at that young of an age - I wanted to be free to do whatever I wanted without answering to anyone. Marriage I knew would come eventually and I would have the rest of my life to be tied down. I ended up getting mar-

ried at 20 which was still a little earlier than I thought I would.

I don't know how many young people read my column so I won't be too specific on the teenage-like things we used to do. Looking back now I know I would beat my kids if they did some of those things. We were a little wild but luckily we came through it in one piece.

My teenage years are still stored in my memories and probably always will be. I tell my own children that those years were some of the best of my life. When I was walking the halls of Shoals High School or watching those boys in the Loogootee High School parking lot, I wondered if they will say the same thing when they are my age.

Maybe it's the adult in me but I always want to stop teenagers and tell them to enjoy these years. Sure, there are several negatives that go along with being a teenager, but ALL teenagers experience these things. Being young just doesn't last very long and then there is the rest of your life to be an adult - which is fun too but in a completely different way. Along with adulthood come responsibilities - children, bills, jobs, home ownership, marriage, health, etc. There are so few years when a kid can just be a kid, free, without a care in the world other than school. In my opinion teens need this time to focus completely on themselves and how they plan to make their mark in the world. Most of us only have one shot to make it happen before life starts to get in the way. I wish someone would have told me that at 16.

Trust me teens, don't rush to grow up. It's going to happen and a whole lot quicker than you think.

Make plans this weekend to be with your friends. Smile, laugh, act goofy and while doing so, stop and take a moment to store that memory inside your head - I promise that it will stay there for a very long time. Besides, what will your children do without you telling them the 'when I was a teen' stories? Go make some memories.

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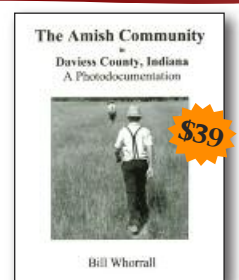
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