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Sheriff wants bonus structure to help with staffing

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Sheriff Travis Roush talked to the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, June 7 about implementing new policies in the sheriff's department to help with getting and retaining employees.

Roush said he would like to create policies centered around hiring, retaining and referral to give bonuses for each. The money, according to Roush, would come from the jail commissary fund.

The sheriff said he is looking for feedback, not just from the council, but from the public about this idea. He said he has had almost no response to advertisements for hiring in various departments and has trouble keeping employees once they are hired. Adding a bonus, he said, would help attract and keep employees. He noted that the money would not come out of the county's general fund but only contingent on how much is taken in in commissary profits.

Sheriff Roush said he believes potential applicants have a misconception about what working in the jail is all about. He said he's not sure if people watch too many police movies but said that working in the sheriff's department is not what people think.

The hiring bonus he suggested would give \$500 to a new employee after they reach 90 days of employment and then another \$500 after 90 more days.

The idea behind the referral bonus,

said Sheriff Roush, is to have officers essentially served as recruiters. When they refer someone to a position and that person is employed for at least 180 days, the referring employee would receive \$500.

The retention bonus has tiers based on how long the employee is with the department. After 2 years, the employee would receive a \$500 bonus; at six years, the employee would receive \$1,000; at 11 years, the employee would get \$1,500 and at 16 years, the bonus would be \$2,000.

Council Member Barb McFeaters said she thinks it's a great idea but asked if there would be a way to take back the bonus if the employee quits within one year.

Sheriff Roush replied that in his opinion, if someone stays working in the jail for 90 days, they are probably serious employees.

Council Member Randy Winger asked the sheriff if he has certain areas in the jail where it is harder to keep employees.

Roush replied that it shifts from area to area but right now it is jail employees. He noted they are hiring more younger employees and are currently training an employee who is 18 and just graduated. He said they used to shy away from younger applicants but added that if an 18-year-old can serve in the military, they can work for the sheriff's department.

Roush said he currently has a full

staff and is not lacking in any positions however he is looking for a long-term solution to the issues they have had for years. He said he should have brought the plan in six months ago based on the past trouble he has encountered keeping and retaining staff members.

The sheriff said that housing inmates from Vigo County helps give the department a better idea of average jail population. If the local population goes down, they can just bring in more out-of-county inmates to fill the beds. This generates more commissary funds. He said there are currently 32 Vigo County inmates in the jail, and they try to keep the number around 30.

Jail Matron Miranda Beaver, who accompanied the sheriff to the meeting, said the Vigo County inmates purchase a lot more from the commissary due to Martin County having a wider selection than in Vigo County. She said they brought in \$40,000 in commissary funds last year.

Sheriff Roush said the commissary funds can be used for this now, but they don't always have to be used. He said the bonuses would be contingent on how much commissary was available from year to year as well.

Council Member Buck Stiles asked if a policy was ever created regarding officers going to the academy and then quitting. Matron Beaver said the state police have a non-compete clause that they cannot use their police credentials at another department for four years after they leave without paying back the cost of sending them to the academy and the salary they received while they were in the academy. She said the academy lasts for 16 weeks.

Council Member Warren Albright said he is in favor of Martin County implementing a similar policy because he thinks that some officers get hired in Martin County with the intent to move on to another department.

Sheriff Roush said he would be in favor of having such a policy but thinks one year is sufficient – one year after completing academy training. He said he thinks any more than that would scare away potential officers.

As far as the policies on bonuses, Sheriff Roush said he wanted to present them to the council now for possible implementation next year. He wanted to give the council time to think them over.

Auditor Bobbie Abel told the sheriff that the commissioners are actually the ones who approve policy. The council would approve the financial aspect. Roush replied that he has spoken to two of the commissioners who are in favor of the policies, but he would take them to the commissioners next meeting.

The sheriff also talked to the council about increasing the salaries of some of his staff. He said after crunching num-

bers, his staff would have to have \$5,000 raises each to be competitive with other departments. He said he knows that is not feasible, but he wants to do something for his long-time deputies. He requested the council consider giving \$1,000 raises next year to Chief Deputy Josh Greene and Major Keith Keller. He said they have stayed on the force for many years and when raises are given each year to all the staff, Keller and Greene are only a few hundred dollars more than the new employees.

Roush also requested the council approve the creation of an assistant jail commander and assistant dispatch commander. He said the jobs of the jail commander and dispatch commander are very tasking and if they are sick or on vacation, there is no one to take on the job. He said he wouldn't be creating new positions, he would just be adding a title and requested each of those positions receive a \$1,000 increase in salary.

The sheriff noted that since he started accepting Vigo County inmates, that revenue recently reached \$1 million. He told the council that he is only asking for one percent of that money to invest back into the employees.

Council Member Albright said he thought the new positions should be created sooner than later.

Auditor Abel said again that any policy needs to be approved by the commissioners and then the money could be looked for in the budget or an additional appropriation would have to be advertised.

"We need this. I'll be able to serve the county better," said Sheriff Roush.

In other business, Public Health Nurse Julia Albright, reported that the county's (See 'SHERIFF' on page 2)

Indiana Farm Bureau partners with GEO Partners to form Indiana Broadband Strategic Partnership

Indiana Farm Bureau last week announced the formation of the Indiana Broadband Strategic Partnership (IBSP) to help bring reliable broadband to the most unserved and underserved communities across the state. To help with this initiative, the IBSP also includes Cook Medical Group, Duke Energy Foundation, Indiana Association of Realtors, Radius Indiana and the Regional Opportunity Initiative.

This partnership will promote the Indiana Speed Test, a crowd-sourced internet speed test created by GEO Partners, LLC, a Minnesota-based company that focuses on enabling cost effective planning and deployment of broadband. GEO Partners, LLC is working with other states including Minnesota, Washington, Maine, Kentucky, and Nebraska, as well as the nationally designated Delta Regional Authority that covers parts of eight states along the Mississippi River, to gather broadband data.

"Since access to reliable broadband is one of the most important challenges facing rural communities today, Indiana Farm Bureau sought organizations that advocate on behalf of rural Indiana to begin finding and developing solutions," said Randy Kron, INFB president. "Data is a critical piece to help local broadband groups and the state of Indiana invest where service is needed and to avoid overbuilding infrastructure. With their groundbreaking work in other states,

GEO Partners is a perfect fit."

Beginning last Thursday, the Indiana Speed Test was available on the INFB website –www.infb.org/speedtest, along with the websites of the initial partners and a growing list of collaborating organizations, including the Purdue Center for Regional Development, Association of Indiana Counties, Indiana Association of Regional Councils, Indiana Hospital Association and Indiana Broadband housed within the Office of Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch.

GEO Partners provides real-time internet speed data by collecting speed test information from residents. Displayed on geographic information system (GIS) layers, the data pinpoints areas that are most in need of reliable, affordable access to broadband service.

The goal for the Indiana Speed Test is to gather data in all areas of Indiana. The GEO Partners software platform and the data will be available to local governments and organized broadband groups to analyze potential solutions and aid their applications for Indiana's Next Level Connections Grants and a variety of federal grants. It is also hoped that the Indiana Speed Test data will jumpstart efforts to plan broadband infrastructure investments from the local portions of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, so that decision-makers make investments with the greatest impact.

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Semi-state runners up

The Loogootee High School Softball Team were runners up in the Class 1A semi-state this past Saturday at North Daviess. The Lady Lions defeated West Washington on Saturday morning 2-0 but were then defeated by Clay City that night, 5-7. The girls finished the season 15-8.



Shelter donation

-Photo by Courtney Hughett
Hawkins Health Center, in Loogootee, collected funds for the Martin County Humane Society in April. A total of \$150 was donated to the animal shelter. Shown above is Alysia Petty, Hawkins Health Chiropractic Assistant, presenting the check to Joshua Hughett, humane society volunteer.

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COVID cases have continued to decline. She said the county will have to stay under "yellow" status for another week and then go back to blue, which is the lowest for positive cases.

Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy requested a transfer of project income funds totaling \$51,498.44. The council approved. Council Member Stiles asked Murphy how many clients community corrections is currently servicing.

Murphy replied they have eleven clients with two of those being courtesy transfers from other counties. Murphy was asked how many staff members are in the community corrections department. She said there are six – three full-time and three part-time. She said he is working on building up relationships to increase their client base.

The council approved six CF-1 forms from companies who have tax abatements.

Auditor Abel asked the council if they still wanted to offer meetings virtually using Zoom for anyone who wants to join online. She said County Attorney Dave Lett will need to draw up another ordinance. The council went back and forth about the need to offer meetings virtually but in the end decided to let them continue.

Auditor Abel reported that the county has received the first installment of the American Recovery Act funds from the federal government totaling \$995,000. The second half of the money will come

at the same time next year. She said they are still in the process of creating an initial plan for how to spend the money which is due to be submitted by August 31.

The council approved appointing Betty Huelsman to serve a four-year term to the Loogootee Public Library Board. The term will end June 30, 2025.

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The speed test may be performed multiple times on any device that has an internet or cellular connection. The test takes less than one minute to complete, and no personal information will be collected.

"All Hoosiers are encouraged to participate in the Indiana Speed Test, the more locations, the more data points we'll be able to map to highlight what connections are available and speeds Hoosiers are getting at those locations," Kron added. "We are confident that GEO Partners will help all broadband stakeholders in Indiana by mapping actual internet speeds and identifying the most efficient methods to invest in broadband infrastructure."

The COVID pandemic put a spotlight on the lack of adequate broadband in Indiana, especially in rural areas. The IBSP's goal is to encourage data-driven investment decisions that substantially impact lives and our economic opportunity.

Take the test today: www.infb.org/speedtest.



Grand opening ceremony

-Photo by Mikki Bradley

A grand opening ceremony was held Friday, June 4 for Carquest/Loogootee Auto Parts on Broadway Street. Shown above, from left to right, are Bill Pickerell (Carquest Account Executive), Jayden Simpson (store clerk), Cory Pelfree (store manager), Carl Wiscaver (owner), Mayor Noel Harty, and Cory Lukomski (WRZR).

Nominations sought for 2021 Golden Hoosier Award

Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, in collaboration with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Aging, has announced that nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 Golden Hoosier Award.

"Every year, it amazes me how many thoughtful and selfless Hoosiers we have in our state," Crouch said. "Despite all the challenges we faced as a state over the past year, we still had numerous Hoosiers who were going above and beyond to better their communities. The best thing about Indiana are her people, men and women who often look to their neighbor and see how they can help them, especially during times of need, and I am

proud to honor the Golden Hoosiers every year."

Crouch said that the award began in 2008 and annually honors Hoosier senior citizens for their lifetime of service and commitment to their communities.

To be eligible for the Golden Hoosier Award, the nominee must currently be an Indiana resident, aged 65 or older and have been a volunteer in the community for the past three years.

The deadline for submitting applications is Saturday, June 19, 2021. Nomination forms can be accessed electronically at in.gov/lg/2732.htm. A ceremony honoring those selected will be held virtually later this year.

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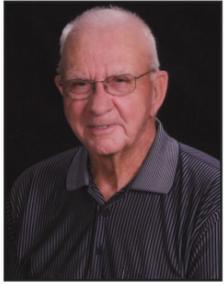
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OBITUARIES

MORRIS CORNELIUS

Morris R. Cornelius went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Monday morning, June 7, 2021. A resident of Odon, he was 91.



MORRIS CORNELIUS

Morris was born in Daviess County on September 15, 1929; son of Oscar and Gladys (Edwards) Cornelius. He married Alta Grace (Malone, Roark) Cornelius on December 6, 2011, and she survives.

He was a 1947 graduate of Epsom High School. He was a respected farmer in the area, as well as a Pioneer Seed Sales Representative for 47 years, retiring in 2005. Morris was a member of Loogootee Christian Church, NRA and ATA. He was also a member of Gideon's International and spent many years spreading the Gospel of Jesus by speaking in churches and delivering bibles to the Amish children, schools and prisons.

After retirement, Morris found love for the game of golf, as well as a passion for landscaping his beautiful flower gardens. Morris was an avid trap shooter, beginning his love for the sport at the Bogard Gun Club. He participated in competitions in several states, winning trophies in Michigan, the Grand American in Illinois, and the Indiana State Shoot. He was an active member at the Silver Dollar Gun Club in Odessa, Florida where he had many friends who became family to him.

Family left to cherish the memory of Morris includes his wife, Gracie Cornelius; his sons, Mike (Anna) Cornelius of Plainville, Mark (Ginny) Cornelius of Elnora, and Jeff (Cindy) Cornelius of Elberfeld. Surviving grandchildren include Amy (the late Jake) Miller, Alan (Beanie) Cornelius, Jason (Michele) Cornelius, Mandy (John) Britton, Matthew (Kasey) Cornelius, and Jessica Bowman. Also surviving are 16 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Morris leaves one surviving brother, Norman (Cheryl) Cornelius.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife of 63 years, Monna Dee (Woodruff) Cornelius; his sisters, Modene Fyffe, Marilyn Wade, and Shirley Moody; and his brothers, Lloyd Cornelius and Ray Cornelius.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 10 at First Christian Church in Odon with Pastor and loving friend, Greg Steere and Ed Frost officiating. Morris will be laid to rest in Elnora Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 9 and from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

The family has requested that memorial contributions for Morris to be made to Gideon's International or Via Quest Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the church.

The Cornelius family has entrusted all arrangements to the Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

MATTHEW TRUELOVE

Matthew Allen Truelove passed away May 26, 2021 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 33.

He was born February 12, 1988, in Jasper; son of Lori B. (Crowder) Plano and Marty A. (Dominia) Truelove.



MATTHEW TRUELOVE

Matthew attended Paoli Schools, attended the River Church in Shoals, and was a member of the Indiana National Guards. He enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding and was a beautiful artist.

He is survived by his mother, Lori (James Anthony) Plano; his father, Marty Allen Truelove; sisters, Megan Alaine Truelove, Morgan Aleece Truelove and Nikki Butler; maternal grandparents, Wilma and Clyde Crowder; nephews, Brydon Scott Beatty, Lucas Skyler and Gabriel Uriah Swallers; cousins, Andrea Qualkenbush, Chloe Qualkenbush and Darin Lewis; aunts, Ruth Ann Allbright, Alice (Dan-

iel) Lewis, Rhonda (Kevin) Cox and Lora Truelove.

He is preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Harold and Barbara Truelove; uncle, Randall Clyde Crowder and Dale Allbright.

Cremation was chosen, no services are planned.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

JOYCE MOFFATT

Joyce A. Moffatt passed away May 31, 2021, at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon. A resident of Odon, she was 64.



JOYCE MOFFATT

She was born August 19, 1956, in Linton; daughter of Merville and Lorene (Brock) Byrer. She married Charles Eugene Moffatt on September 29, 1984.

Joyce was a homemaker and mother.

Family left to cherish the memories of Joyce include daughter, Phyllis Moffatt of Crane; seven grandchildren; brothers, Jimmy Quick, Jerry Byrer, and Richard Byrer; and sisters, Edith Knight, Cheryl Holcomb and Janet Brock.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Moffatt; and brothers, Carl Sheetz, David Sheetz, Ronnie Quick and Billie Byrer.

She was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery in Elnora following graveside services on Friday, June 4. Adam Cissell officiated.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

CAROLYN RYAN

Carolyn Bruce Ryan passed away at 2:35 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at Brookside Village in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 78.

She was born October 28, 1942, in Huntsville, Alabama; daughter of the late Bruce Daye and Rose (Wilbanks) Tate.

Carolyn was an avid traveler and snowbird. She loved to decorate for Halloween and Christmas. She enjoyed the outdoors, botany, and horticulture. Carolyn was a member of the Women of the Moose. She previously worked for Planned Parenthood, Special Olympics and March of Dimes. Carolyn was saving the world, one good deed at a time.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jamie Kennah; brother, Phillip Daye; and sister-in-law, Karen Daye.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Patrick Ryan of Loogootee; daughters, Cindy (Dennis) Woblick of Show Low, Arizona; Sandy Kennah (Sherry Day) of Heltonville and Jammie Ryan of Martinsville; grandchildren, Scott (Greer) Dykes, Alicia Brown (Antonio David) and Kurtrina Woblick; great-grandchildren, Tristan, Graycin, Bentley and Paisley; siblings, Margie Yankko, Larry Daye, both of Alabama and Debbie Troutman of Washington.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Carolyn Ryan.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 31

12:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

7:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:16 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Wells, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police, Deputy Wells, Martin County Ambulance, Daviess County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. Two individuals were transported to area hospitals.

1:14 p.m. - Received a smoke complaint in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:18 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Shoals.

5:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

1:50 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:50 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in south of Loogootee. Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Gibson responded.

2:45 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

5:42 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

6:34 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

6:42 p.m. - Received several calls of an accident near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, and ISP Troopers Watson and Brummett responded.

Wednesday, June 2

9:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:08 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

4:35 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded, and all was okay.

9:22 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire

responded.

9:30 a.m. - Deputy Lents rescued two people from a car trapped in flood water south of Loogootee.

9:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of flood waters south of Loogootee. Martin County Highway responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Deputy Lents and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded and removed the tree.

11:31 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

4:30 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle from Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:35 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Major Keller, Deputy Seymour, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

10:31 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire, Major Keller, Deputy Shaw, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire removed the tree.

2:25 p.m. - Major Keller took two inmates to court.

4:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

5:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Deputy Flanagan responded. No one was transported.

6:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

12:28 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wells responded, and all was secure.

12:37 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Lents and Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

2:55 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:08 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd, Deputy Wells, and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded. All was secure.

11:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

10:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

1:31 p.m. - Received a request for a

welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill, Deputy Flanagan, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. All was okay.

9:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:45 p.m. - Received request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Daviess County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded and all was okay.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

4:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Lents and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:30 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire respond-

ed. No one was transported.

10:20 a.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

11:20 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check west of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver and Deputy Lents responded. All was okay.

11:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:33 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

12:52 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

5:32 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

7:54 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Sergeant Gibson responded.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

7:38 p.m. - Alias Keasling, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Watson and charged with auto theft, resisting law enforcement, operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, and leaving the scene of an accident. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were ISP Trooper Brummett, Chief Deputy Greene, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

7:10 p.m. - Ryan Mattingly, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

12:13 p.m. - Kelby Roberts, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with driving while habitual offender, operating while intoxicated refusal, and a Pike County warrant. He is being held without bond.

7:05 p.m. - Bradley Beasley, 56, of

Six-State Trooper project results, Jasper District

The Indiana State Police, along with Troopers from Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, conducted state-wide patrols with a primary focus on seat belts. This collective effort took place across Indiana from May 24 to May 31.

The results for the Jasper District of the Indiana State Police were: 159 traffic citations, 44 seatbelts, eight child restraints, 460 warnings, 43 police services, six crashes worked, two operating while intoxicated and eight criminal arrests.

"Although seat belt usage is on the rise in Indiana, there are still people out there who are choosing not to buckle up," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "Wearing a seat belt could mean the difference between life or death. Don't just do it to avoid getting a ticket. Instead, click it to live it—it's your life."

Children under eight must be properly restrained in a federally approved child or booster seat. Parents and caregivers can choose the safest car seat for their child by visiting TheRightSeat.com or to find a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician who can inspect and assist with the installation of a car seat, visit www.childseat.in.gov.

Help the Indiana State Police Jasper Post make a difference in your community. Motorists who observe high-risk driv-

ing behavior, suspect impaired driving, or suspect criminal activity on our roadways are always encouraged to call 911 or the Indiana State Police Jasper Post directly at 812-482-1441.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

12:27 a.m. - William Aishe, 64, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with driving while suspended misdemeanor and possession of marijuana. His bond has been set at \$15,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Officer Wells.

7:55 p.m. - Blaine Laughlin, 32, of Odon, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Dorsey on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

8:20 p.m. - Mark Parker, 58, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Lents on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

1:14 a.m. - Robert Beasley, 25, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

May 26

Gary B. Byrns, convicted of rape, a Level 3 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3,650 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 365 days suspended and credit for 398 actual days previously served plus 132 Class B credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

May 28

Kevin J. McGuinness, convicted of judgment of conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor amended from operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony and possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 349 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served plus 8 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Hannah Rae Flynn, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Charles W. Smith, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 26

Gary B. Byrns, rape, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed; incest, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed.

May 28

Hannah Rae Flynn, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Charles W. Smith, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 1

Amber N. Cissell, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

May 26

Capital One Bank vs. Mary Walton,

civil collection.

May 27

Ryan L. Daugherty vs. Sasha E. Daugherty, petition for dissolution of marriage. Shelby L. Lyon vs. Jeffrey C. Lyon, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Amber D. Horton vs. Adam M. Horton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

May 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crown Asset Management, LLC and against the defendant Ricky L. Heckard in the amount of \$7,681.49.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Phyllis Mullins in the amount of \$3,515.78.

May 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiffs James C. and Donna R. Stoughton and against the defendants Chad M. and Megan Dunham for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$19,158.72.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

May 28

Kimberly and William Combs vs. Brian Wagler, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

May 28

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Teresa L. Allbright, complaint, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Erika Fazzino of Shoals and Isaac Davis of Shoals.

Nicholas Sayles of Loogootee and Jessica Gingerich of Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

Peggy L. Walker and Carl R. Walker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael J. McAtee**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 23 and 26 in Summers, Cannon and Crane Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Rick D. Bauer, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael M. Alvarez**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Number 1 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Carolyn Hoopingartner, of Martin County, Indiana to **Terry D. Hoopingartner and Carolyn Hoopingartner**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 14 of Thompson Woods Subdivision.

Loogootee Police log

SUNDAY, MAY 30

4:12 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a possible domestic disturbance on Public Square Street.

4:21 p.m. - Assistant Chief Ryhill responded to a domestic disturbance on Southeast Third Street.

MONDAY, MAY 31

11:34 a.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for a medical call.

11:38 a.m. - First responders were requested at the intersection of JFK Avenue and Butcher Boulevard for a two-vehicle accident.

1:22 p.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for a medical call.

2:14 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

7:07 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

10:45 p.m. - Caller requested a traffic escort.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

11:53 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

12:57 p.m. - Caller reported a trash complaint.

1:16 p.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute.

8:34 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Hwy 50.

10:06 p.m. - Caller reported possible problems with the lights at the railroad tracks.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

2:23 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in the Ruler

parking lot.

6:01 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the department of child services.

7:10 p.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

8:30 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

11:20 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth removed debris from the road on US 231.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

11:00 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

4:39 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

5:25 p.m. - First responders were requested in the Ruler parking lot for a medical call.

7:15 p.m. - Caller reported a loud noise complaint.

9:30 p.m. - Female reported a civil dispute.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

8:05 a.m. - Caller reported a road closure on Lincoln Avenue.

8:15 a.m. - Male came on station with a lost wallet.

9:59 a.m. - Caller requested traffic control on JFK Avenue.

11:00 a.m. - Caller requested traffic escort for the baseball team.

5:40 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street for a medical call.

7:08 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a residential alarm.

7:54 p.m. - Caller requested an officer conduct a security check at a business.

10:32 p.m. - Received a report of two males fighting in the Chuckles parking lot.

11:55 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on JFK Avenue.

1:31 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

8:32 p.m. - First responders were requested on William Daily Drive for a medical call.

9:31 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Broadway Street.

9:50 p.m. - First responders were requested on Wood Street for a medical call.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

9:33 a.m. - First responders were requested on Lincoln Avenue for a medical call.

11:00 a.m. - Caller requested traffic control.

12:33 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

3:39 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

6:00 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Terrace Drive.

7:57 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Street.

SURPLUS & CONSIGNMENT

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



SIGNS

*Frog parking only – all others will be toad.

*If your car is running, I'm voting for it.

*I want to grow my own food, but I can't find bacon seeds.

*What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

*This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.

*My wife said I never listen to her, or something like that.

*I checked into the Hokey Pokey Clinic and turned myself around.

*Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

ESPECIALLY FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LOVERS

Can anyone tell the difference between "completed" and "finished?"

No dictionary has ever been able to define the difference between the two words.

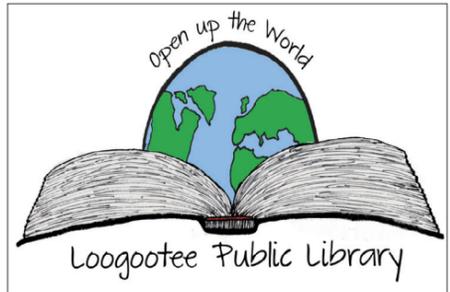
However, in a linguistic conference held in London, England, Sun Sherman, an Indian American, was the clever winner.

His final challenge was this: When you marry the right woman, you are "complete."

If you marry the wrong woman, you are "finished."

And when the right woman catches you with the wrong woman, you are "completely finished."

His answer received a five-minute



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The 2021 Tails and Tales summer reading program is underway with more than 90 kids enrolled. Some of the events require registration, please call or drop by to sign your child up today. The outdoor games consists of an obstacle course made completely of pool noodles. There may or may not be water involved so make sure to bring a towel for your kiddos. There is still time to register your kids in the summer reading program. Prizes will be drawn each week with the grand prize winner receiving a \$75 Visa gift card. Also, kids that read 20 books can pick something from the treasure chest.

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a huge book sale on Saturday, July 10, 2021, from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mark your calendars.

New Books

Mystery Fiction: "The President's Daughter" by Bill Clinton & James Paterson and "The Bullet" by Iris Johansen.

Library hours: Monday 10-7, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-7, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

standing ovation.

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Because they laugh at the same stupid things we do.

Because they give us honest advice.

Because they will be there for us, even if they're thousands of miles away.

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Which is hardest for you to say?

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2. I was wrong, I'm sorry.
3. I need help.
4. I appreciate you.
5. Worcestershire sauce.

IS THIS YOU?

I needed to do the laundry, but then I realized I was out of detergent, so I went to write a shopping list and realized how unorganized the junk drawer was and started checking pens for ink.

When I went to toss all the junk, I saw that the trash was full but before I took it out, I wanted to get rid of old food in the fridge.

That's when I realized a juice jug had leaked so I needed to clean it up but when I went to grab a rag, I saw that the pantry closet was a nightmare, so I started organizing it.

And that's how I ended up on the floor looking at my old photo albums from 1990s and not doing laundry.

Make someone smile today!

State initiative to help working families connect to childcare and education

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration *Build, Learn, Grow* initiative, has made 50,000 scholarships available to help get Hoosier children from families working in essential industries – regardless of income - enrolled in early care and education, summer learning or out-of-school care. Scholarships run from May through October 2021 and will cover up to 80 percent of the early care and education program's tuition for each child age 12 and younger. Information is available at www.BuildLearnGrow.org.

For families to qualify for *Build, Learn, Grow* scholarships, an adult in the household must work in an essential business (examples include health care, human services, retail, restaurant and food service, essential infrastructure, media, manufacturing and logistics, religious and charitable organizations and many others). Income guidelines are outlined at

Park looking for craft show vendors

Volunteers of Mustering Elm Park in Trinity Springs are looking for crafters, bakers, canners, woodworkers, etc. to join them in a craft show scheduled for September 25 at the park. Since this will be their first-ever craft show, the signup fee will be very reasonable for a 12-foot space. They are also looking for musicians, singers, dance groups, etc. to volunteer to entertain throughout the day. They may also consider food trucks, churches or other organizations to provide food. If you are interested, contact Rowena Tripp at 812-388-6649, 812-276-6838 or on Facebook messenger.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, June 10 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Gift of Life Banquet

First Choice Solutions, (FCS), formerly the Pregnancy Care Center, will hold a Gift of Life Banquet on Thursday, June 17, at 6 p.m. at the Simon J. Graber Community Building, located at 9164 E 875 N, Odon, IN 47562. Tickets are \$15 for a single person and \$25 per couple. Monica Kelsey, founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc., will be the keynote speaker. Please mail your payment to First Choice Solutions, PO Box 589, Washington, IN 47501. You can also purchase tickets at the care center or call 812-257-1041.

Veterans aid presentation

Parkview Village in Odon will host a veterans aid meeting Wednesday, June 23 at 6 p.m. Veterans Aid & Attendance is a special benefit to war-era veterans and their surviving spouses. This is a tax-free benefit to provide financial assistance to help cover the cost of long-term care in the home, in an assisted living facility or in a nursing home. Anyone interested in learning about these benefits is invited to attend. Parkview Village is located at 800 S. West Street, in Odon.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

<https://brighterfuturesindiana.org/scholarships/families>. Families will qualify for The *Build, Learn, Grow* scholarship to cover 80 percent of their cost with incomes of up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level. Families with incomes between 251 percent and 400 percent of FPL will qualify for 60 percent of costs covered and those with incomes at 401 percent of FPL and above will qualify for 20 percent of costs covered.

Families should complete the *Build, Learn, Grow* Scholarship Fund application

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



SAHARA is a female orange and white cat around 2 years old. She is very sweet and playful. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$45. The shelter is open by appointment only. For more info, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

tion at <https://d190qg16zubs76.cloudfront.net/resources/Build-Learn-Grow/Build-Learn-Grow-Scholarship-Application.pdf> and submit it to their early care and education provider. Families not currently connected to an early care and education program will be able to find a list of participating programs on the *Build, Learn, Grow* website also on the eligibility page. All providers who currently accept federal childcare assistance are encouraged to enroll.

The scholarships are funded by more than \$101 million provided to Indiana by the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, or CRRSA. To administer the *Build, Learn, Grow* scholarship program, the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning has partnered with Early Learning Indiana and Indiana Afterschool Network, the state's leading organizations supporting early care and education and out-of-school-time programs. Early care and education and out-of-school-time programs interested in receiving children with *Build, Learn, Grow* scholarships can learn more at www.BuildLearnGrow.org.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

The roses have been beautiful this year. It certainly has been a banner year so far for flowers and rose season has been no exception. I am not a big fan of tea roses, but I do love old-fashioned shrub roses, especially those roses my grandmother planted nearly a century ago. Several people have asked me recently about getting starts from some of the old antique roses. In some cases, there are runners that have produced some new plants, but some roses rarely produce such growth. To get a start, one must asexually reproduce that rose.

Rooting a rose cutting is not a difficult task. When attempting to do so, take multiple cuttings. Not everyone will produce roots and grow, but you should be able to get a start. One of my favorite ways to do this is using a potato. The major cause of failure to get a cutting to root is not keeping the soil moist enough to allow the roots to form. Potatoes contain a lot of moisture and will keep the moisture level constant during the rooting process. My grandmother used this technique often and produced a lot of rose bushes.

Select a firm potato and drill a hole about halfway through the potato. The hole should be slightly smaller than the diameter of the cutting stem. When taking cuttings, put them in water immediately. Natural rooting hormones tend to be concentrated at the leaf nodes, so make the cut near a node. When preparing to put the cutting into the potato, make a fresh cut at an angle. Dip the cutting in a rooting hormone powder or gel. If you do not have rooting hormone, you may have luck using honey. Insert the cutting into the potato and plant it in the ground or in a pot. Covering the cutting with a glass or clear plastic jar will help keep the humidity up around the cutting. Do not get in a hurry. It may take several weeks for the new roots to form. Also, do not fret about leaves that fall off. As long as the stem remains firm and green, there is a good possibility that the stem will form roots. Once you see some new growth, you may transplant the rose to its permanent home.

It is now time for the Chelsea Chop. Named for the famed Chelsea Flower Show in England, this garden ritual will ensure a better garden in the fall. Many fall-blooming perennials tend to flop just

about the time they bloom. To prevent that, cut them back now and allow them to grow thicker stems. This may delay the bloom time, but that is a small sacrifice to keep the plants standing. In many cases, those cuttings may be planted and will form roots. Plants that benefit from the Chelsea Chop include mums, tall sedums, garden phlox, iron weed, evening primrose, asters, black-eyed Susans and coneflowers. In the case of mums, you may wish to continue pinching back the growing tips until the end of July, keeping the mound compact.

Another technique to extend the blooming period is to cut back part of the stems in a clump by half, while leaving the remaining stems. The uncut stems will be supported by the thicker growth of the cut stems and will set flowers more quickly. Making successive cuttings until the middle of July will further extend the bloom period.

Do not fret if the rainy weather has kept you from planting your vegetable garden. There is still plenty of growing season left for most crops. Your harvest may be a little later, but you should get plenty of produce for your efforts. Actually, it is the perfect time for planting pumpkins and winter squash and sweet potatoes may be planted even later. Planting later may have an additional benefit, as you may disrupt the life cycle of harmful insects.

Patoka Lake to host invasive species roundup

Patoka Lake is hosting an invasive species roundup on Saturday, June 26 from 9 to 11 a.m. The event will focus on eliminating two invasive shrubs, autumn olive and multiflora rose, from around the Nature Center. Training in plant identification will take place at the beginning of the event. Volunteers should plan to bring thick gloves for protection from thorns and hand-held trimming tools if they have them. Property staff will have some trimming tools available while supplies last.

Advance registration is available for groups by calling the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

Open class exhibits needed at the Martin County Fair

It's time to start thinking about what you would like to exhibit in the home economics open class at this year's Martin County 4-H Fair, as check is Tuesday, July 6 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Below is a list of the sections for each department that you can exhibit. Refer to the open class booklet for the full rules and regulations for each department.

If you like to bake, open class has a wide range of sections that you can choose from to exhibit in the baking department: Cakes (exhibit a whole product), no mixes; cookies (exhibit six cookies); bread (exhibit a whole loaf) or rolls (six, yeast recipe only), no bread machine; quick loaf, four muffins or biscuits (non-yeast); pies (exhibit a whole pie); candy (exhibit six pieces); snack (i.e. puppy chow, trail mix, chex mix, etc., exhibit two cups; create-with-a mix, using a mix create your own cake. Use at least three other ingredients in addition to those called for in the mix. (exhibit the whole product).

If you garden and or grow flowers, you can show off your green thumb in the open class flower and horticulture departments: cut flowers, single bloom flowers from your garden, Zinnia, Marigold, Gladioli, Roses (any variety), Dahlia, Coxcorn, Sunflower, any cut flower

Potted Plants (any potted plant or house plant including hanging baskets), foliage, blooming, cactus, African Violet

Arrangements: fresh (no purchased flowers), wildflowers, kitchen arrangement (no artificial flowers)

Horticulture Department (please name the variety of your vegetable)

Vegetables: beans, exhibit 12, (bush, green or pole); cabbage, one head; corn, four ears sweet (shucks on); cucumbers, exhibit four (any type, slicing or pickling); onions, exhibit four (any type); peppers, exhibit four (any type); potatoes, exhibit four (any type); squash, exhibit one (any type); tomatoes, exhibit four (any type);

Preliminary 2021 spring turkey harvest results

Hunters harvested 12,320 wild turkeys during Indiana's 2021 spring season, with at least one turkey harvested in 91 of 92 counties. No birds were harvested in Tipton County. Martin County saw 207 harvested.

While the 2021 harvest was lower than last year's record harvest of 14,492 birds, this year's harvest was similar to the previous five years' spring harvest results – averaging 12,065 birds per season.

A total of 1,198 birds (10 percent of total harvest) were taken by youth hunters during the youth-only weekend, April 17-18. Hunters had an estimated success rate of 19 percent compared to 21 percent in 2020.

A complete analysis of Indiana's spring harvest data for 2021 will be available later this summer. To see county harvest numbers, check out our spring turkey harvest website at www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/hunting-and-trapping/wild-turkey-hunting-biology-and-management/wild-turkey-spring-harvest-data/.

other garden basket (variety of seven vegetables)

Fruits: apples, exhibit four; peaches, exhibit four; cherries, one cup; blackberries, one cup; blueberries, one cup

Canning Department: fruits, single jar; fruits, collection (three different varieties of fruit); vegetables, single jar; vegetables, collection (three different varieties of vegetables); pickled beets, pickled cucumber (any style), pickled relish, preserves, single jar, any type preserves; three varieties jellies, three varieties jellies, single jar (any type); salsa

If you like taking pictures of your family, pets, mother nature etc., then you can show off those talents by exhibiting those in the photography department: nature (scenery, wild animals, wildflowers, etc.) black & white, sepia or color; flowers black & white, sepia or color; portraits (picture must include people) black & white, sepia, or color; collage collection of pictures (at least three pictures on a central theme, displayed on one sheet) in black & white, sepia or color; animals (pets, zoo, domestic) in black & white, sepia or color; structures (building, bridges, etc.) in black & white, sepia or color; action shot in black & white, sepia or color.

If you are crafty and would like to show off your talents, you get that opportunity in the needlework, quilts, handicraft and fine arts departments.

Quilts Department: Hand quilted (pieced, appliqued, embroidered, over 25 years old); machine quilted (pieced, appliqued, embroidered); cooperative quilt (quilt pieced by one person and quilted by another, machine quilted); other quilted items; such as garments, pillows, wall hangings, baby quilts (hand quilted, machine quilted)

Needlework Department: Afghans (knitted or crocheted); crochet knitting embroidery and cross stitch sewing (garments, other pillows, handbags, stuffed animals, etc.); Other (macrame, needlepoint)

Handicraft Department: Any holiday (handmade decorations); needlepoint (plastic); woodcraft paint-by-number or other printed item; recycling for reuse, taking something that is not being used and making it into something useful again (i.e. rags into rugs, two liter bottles into bird feeders); miscellaneous (ceramics from molds, painting on saws, stone, wood, etc.)

Fine Arts Department: Painting (portrait, animal, sea/landscape, other); drawing (portrait, animal, sea/landscape, other); children's art (age 12 and under); miscellaneous (sculpture, hand build ceramics, maxed media, etc.)

So, whatever your hobby or interest is, open class organizers hope that you will join them in exhibiting your work at this year's open class department at the Martin County Fair.

Open class booklets can be picked up in Shoals at Velma's Diner, Jug Rox Cafe and Chastain's Flowers or in Loogootee at German American Bank, Old National Bank, Hometown IGA, Williams Bros. Pharmacy, Rosie's Shirts & Gift Shop, Hometown Flowers and Gifts and on Facebook.

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