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Shown above is a groundbreaking for RTC fiber broadband moving into Loogootee. From left to right are Loogootee City Council Member Ron Gilbert, Nate Willis, CFO, RTC Communications; Randy Preston, COO, RTC Communications; Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, Kirk Lehman, CEO, RTC Communications; Martin County Alliance Director Angie Risacher; and Loogootee City Superintendent Bo Wilson.

RTC fiber broadband expanding into Loogootee

RTC Communications is in rapid expansion mode to bring fiber broadband to rural and municipal communities throughout Southern Indiana with new, blazing speed tiers and pricing. Once again, they are announcing a multi-million-dollar fiber deployment investment that will impact roughly 2,200 residents and businesses in the City of Loogootee.

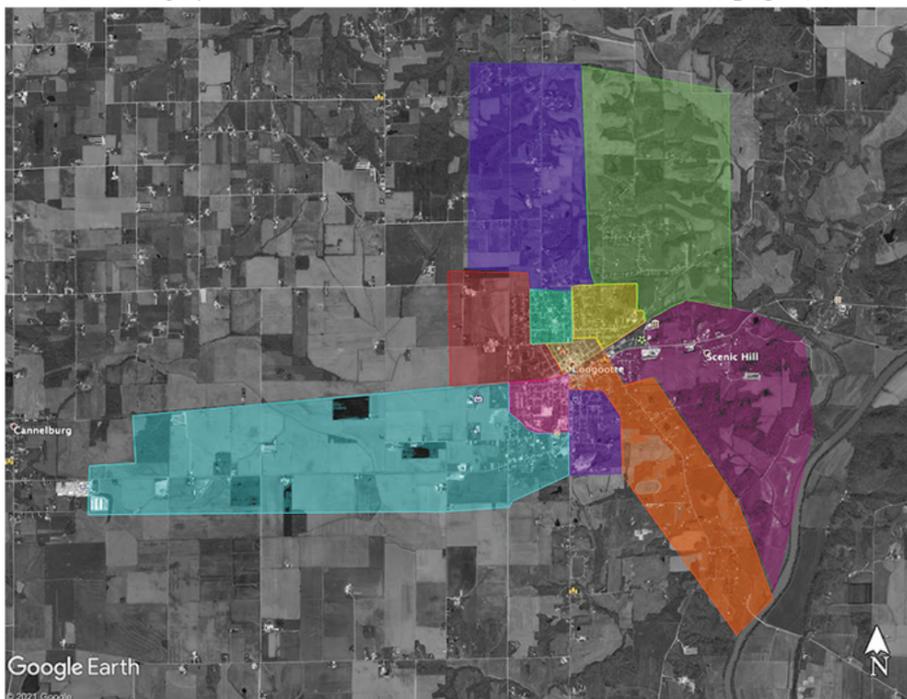
"The pandemic amplified the awareness and the need for high-speed, reliable internet across the globe to stay connected to what matters most, and we are here as your local provider to do just that," stated Kirk Lehman, RTC Communications' CEO. RTC's Fiber-to-the-Premise (FTTP) network expansion utilizes advanced technologies necessary to bring new community and communications-based initiatives to reality, such as support for economic development, business expansion, eLearning, telehealth, and teleworking. Once the network is deployed, community members will have access to 1 Gig synchronous broadband

speed, advanced communications, robust network management tools, redundancy, and impressive IT services.

The upcoming RTC build will deploy lightning-fast fiber to the city of Loogootee and portions of the surrounding rural markets. Lehman continued, "if you are a rural resident and not part of our current fiber builds, know we are aggressively identifying and developing grant applications and strategic community partnerships, and other initiatives to ensure all residents are served throughout Daviess, Martin and Lawrence Counties."

Early sign-up will determine where the network is built first and how quickly your neighborhood will get connected to the network. To make sure you get connected faster, call RTC's friendly associates at (812) 486-3211 to fill out the pre-sign-up form for your location, and make sure your neighbors do the same. You'll also be able to go out to fiber2myhome.com to fill out the pre-sign-up form start-

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Shown above is the RTC coverage map from Cannelburg and into the City of Loogootee.

Commissioners discuss OCRA grant, meeting streaming, dog issue

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met last Wednesday evening, July 14. Martin County Alliance Director Angie Risacher told the commissioners that there was a tremendous response to the recent COVID relief grant received from OCRA to help businesses impacted by the pandemic. There is \$250,000 available and Risacher said the requests far exceeded that amount, so some businesses won't receive any funds. She said OCRA decides who will receive money, it's not up to anyone in Martin County.

Risacher talked about the housing program currently being discussed. She said eSolve Solutions has a survey regarding housing in the county that they need the public to complete in order to apply for grants. The survey is listed on their Facebook page.

Risacher also reported that the Town of Crane is looking to source new laterals for their water system. She said she is working with SIDC and the Town of Crane to apply for grants however they may need the county's help with funding due to Crane's lack of money.

Auditor Abel presented a quote for \$1,689.48 from World Class PC, Inc. to put a camera in the commissioners' room to livestream commissioners' meeting through YouTube instead of offering them via Zoom. The commissioners expressed concern about using YouTube because audience members cannot interact with the commissioners during the meeting, they can only watch. Commissioner Aaron Summers said he would like to still offer

Zoom as well. Auditor Abel said YouTube live streaming is what other counties are using, not Zoom, and she doesn't think they can do both. Commissioner George said he wanted to think about it and Commissioner Summers again noted he likes the attendees to be able to interact. Commissioner Cody Roush ended up making a motion to go with YouTube live streaming with Commissioner George making the second. Commissioners Summers agreed to it as well.

Chief Deputy Josh Greene reported there are 78 inmates currently in the jail with 32 of them from Vigo County and one on hold to go to the department of corrections.

Jerry Erwin, of Shoals, went before the commissioners in response to a subpoena from animal control. Erwin's dog has been loose in Shoals numerous times and Animal Control Officer Josh Hughett has exhausted all the tickets allowed to be issued to Erwin. The final violation called for Erwin to report to the commissioners so they could decide what should be done with the dog. Commissioner Paul George asked Erwin why he hasn't installed an invisible fence to contain the dog. Erwin said he doesn't have the money.

County Attorney Dave Lett said that a trial must now be held. Although the outcome of a trial was not explained, Lett said that Erwin would be issued \$100 fines for each violation thereafter. The trial will be held Tuesday, July 27 at 6 p.m. with the commissioners, ACO Hughett, Erwin and any witnesses to the violations.

The commissioners discussed the ordinance being created to handle situations (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Martin County unemployment rate at 3.2 percent for June

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County's jobless rate ticked up slightly to 3.2 percent in June, up from 3 percent in May. The county had the ninth lowest jobless rate in the state for June.

In June, the county had 5,546 residents in the workforce and 176 of them were unemployed. In May, there were 5,425 residents able to work and 162 of them were without work. In June of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 5.8 percent with 5,510 residents in the workforce and 322 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's unemployment rate moved up one-tenth of a percent to 3 percent in June, up from 2.9 percent the month before. The county had the third lowest jobless rate in the state for June, tied with Dubois and Boone counties.

In June, the county had 17,254 residents in the workforce and 512 of them were unemployed. In May, there were 16,934 residents able to work and 487 of them were without work. In June of 2020, Daviess County's jobless rate was 5.1 percent with 16,759 residents in the workforce and 848 of them were unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate had the exact same result as Daviess County, moving from 2.9 percent in May to 3 percent in June. The county had the third lowest jobless rate in the state for June, tied with Daviess and Boone counties.

In June, the county had 23,927 residents in the workforce and 722 of them were unemployed. In May, there were 23,587 residents able to work and 680 of them were without jobs. In June of last year, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 6.4 percent with 22,940 residents in the workforce and 1,467 of them were unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate bumped from 4.2 percent in May to 4.6 percent in June. The county had the 26th highest jobless rate in the state for June, tied with Allen County.

The county had 13,500 residents in the workforce in June with 618 of them unemployed. In May, there were 13,465 residents able to work and 570 of them were without work. In June of 2020, Greene County's jobless rate was 8.4 percent with 13,016 residents in the workforce and (See 'RATE' on page 2)



Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



-- MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY --

The Martin County Community Foundation always likes to make someone's day. We had some opportunities recently to do just that with \$500 grants to the Martin County 4-H Council, the Shoals Public Library, and the Lost River Volunteer Fire Department (VFD).

-- MARTIN COUNTY 4-H --

The Martin County 4-H is one of those organizations in our county that serve and want to help their community. They are here throughout the year providing educational opportunities for our youth. The 4-H helps them acquire and improve skills involving positive values, honesty, integrity, respect, decision making, leadership, responsibility, conflict resolution, social competencies, and much more. Angie Risacher (MCCF Board member) was happy to award a \$500 grant to the 4-H to help what they do for our community.

-- SHOALS LIBRARY --

The public libraries in our county offer us some of the best access to read and to learn. Without books, writings and instruction, learning has a limited circle of influence. Books and libraries have forever been fundamental institutions for

people. Without these, we don't know our history, we can't learn as well about the present, and our dreams for the future are limited. Annette Taylor (MCCF Board member), knowing the impact of organizations like this, gladly presented a \$500 grant to the Shoals Public Library.

-- LOST RIVER VFD --

When they're not on a run helping to save homes and lives, you can likely find the Lost River VFD cleaning and fixing what they need to keep the station in operation. We know that \$500 will help them with those efforts to stay operational and to serve their community. We hope this grant makes their day, because we know it made Jenell Hoffman's (MCCF Board member) day to present the \$500 grant to the Lost River VFD.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For information about how the MCCF can help you help our community, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at mccf@cfpartner.org or 812-295-1022.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.



Shown above is Annette Taylor (MCCF Board member) presenting a \$500 grant check to Sylvia Albaugh (Shoals Public Library Director) and Mary Holt (Assistant Librarian).

RTC

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ing Monday, July 26. "RTC's investment in Loogootee is a milestone for enhancing the quality of life in the area while also adding to our county's competitive advantage for future growth and investments. With community ventures like this, we have opportunities for population, housing, school programs, and business growth," commented Angie Risacher, Executive Director of the Martin County Alliance for Economic Development.

"Their internet speeds are lightning-fast, and this city overbuild will be to, where they estimate the entire city being connected with their FTTP network by the end of November 2021.

Noel Harty, Mayor of Loogootee, stated, "high-speed, reliable, fiber internet is

the backbone of modern life in the 21st century and our future. We are grateful to have a partner like RTC Communications to bring fiber-optic broadband to the city of Loogootee rapidly."

"We are here to 'change lives one connection at a time by connecting you to what matters most' and committed to being the area's premier communications provider," stated Lehman. This new network leverages RTC's nearly 75-year heritage and experience and is a natural extension of their service in a contiguous trading area. "We (RTC Communications) promise that we will never stop seeking ways to improve and innovate products and services for the communities we serve with smiles on our faces," concluded Lehman.

COMMISSIONERS

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pertaining to unsafe structures in the county. Commissioner George said they don't want to "step on anyone's toes" however some situations warrant action. They will continue to review the ordinance and bring it back for approval at their next meeting.

The leader of the new clean-up initiative in the county talked to the commissioners about the extreme amount of work that needs to be done. He said since nothing has been done in the past to help clean up the county, they are drowning.

"It's a losing battle and we have been losing for the past 30 years," he said. He said his group is offering residents an option to help with their property clean-up but they need donors to help pay the cost. He also noted that they get a lot of verbal support for what they are doing but are getting very little physical help.

The commissioners approved the recorder's office and auditor's office to now accept credit cards. Auditor Bobbie Abel explained that there will be no cost to the county as the fees will be passed on to the consumer.

RATE

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1,096 of them jobless. The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for June were Howard County at 9.4 percent, Lake County at 7.9 percent, LaPorte County at 6.2 percent, Miami County at 6.1 percent, Fayette County at 5.8 percent, Vigo County at 5.7 percent, Marion County at 5.6 percent, Madison County at 5.4 percent, and Delaware and Scott counties at 5.3 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate in June were LaGrange and Adams counties at 2.8 percent, Dubois, Daviess and Boone counties at 3 percent; White, Union and Hamilton counties at 3.1 percent; Martin County at 3.2 percent, and Wells and Steuben counties at 3.3 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 4.1 percent for June, and the national rate is 5.9 percent. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force. Indiana's labor force had a net increase

of 4,148 over the previous month. This was a result of an increase of 3,014 unemployed residents and an increase of 1,134 employed residents.

Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.35 million, and the state's 63.2 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 61.6 percent.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

Employment by Sector Private sector employment has increased by 123,500 over the year and increased by 8,900 over the previous month. The monthly increase is primarily due to gains in the Leisure and Hospitality (8,300) and the Manufacturing (4,400) sectors. Gains were offset by losses in the Professional and Business Services (-2,900) and the Construction (-1,900) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,628,600, which is 111,900 below the December 2019 peak.



Shown above is Martin County Community Foundation Board member Jenell Hoffman presenting a \$500 grant check to Larry Sherfick, Lost River Fire Department Treasurer.



Shown above at the 4-H Fair, from left to right, are 4-H Council Members Dan Wagler, Jill Ziegler, Eileen Dawson, Angie Risacher (Martin County Community Foundation Board member) presenting the \$500 grant, Tom Kerr, and Josh Ausbrooks.

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OBITUARIES

MARY RENEE TEDROW

Mary Renee Tedrow passed away Saturday, July 17, 2021, at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 60.



She was born February 20, 1961, in Daviess County; the daughter of Harry Sr. and Mary (Stone) Freeman. She married Mark Tedrow on January 14, 1978, and he survives.

Mary was a homemaker, a full-time mom and grandma, and a part-time woodworker. She was a member of the Shoals Church of Christ.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her husband, Mark Tedrow; daughters, Rachel (Danny) Collins, and Bethany (Zach) Mosier; grandsons, Damon Roach and Rowan Mosier; brother, Harry Freeman Jr.; and sisters, Dianna Freeman and Shelly Dillon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two grandchildren in infancy; and one brother, David Brian Freeman.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes with Terry Kinser officiating.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the service hour on Thursday at the funeral chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Center at Memorial Hospital & Health Care Center or Heart to Heart Hospice in Jasper.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

DORIS WINKLE

Doris L. Winkle passed away July 13, 2021 at the Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 91.



She was born March 3, 1930, in Smithville, Indiana; daughter of Rex and Effie (Bledsoe) Hayes. She married Tommy Winkle and he preceded her in death in April of 1987.

Doris graduated Shoals High School Class of 1948, was a dental assistant for Dr. Cropp for over 30 years and retired from German American Bank in Loogootee.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews and all her wonderful friends.

Preceding her in death are her parents, late husband, Tommy; one sister, Barbara (Dewey) Harker; one brother, Donnie Hayes; and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 19 at the Shoals Christian Church with Pastor Matt Sullivan officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

DONALD MCCRARY

Donald E. McCrary passed away July 14, 2021, at 8:25 a.m. at his home. A resident of Washington, he was 78.

He was born March 15, 1943, in Washington; son of H. Louise (Rodgers) and Donald E. McCrary, Sr. He was married to Patty (Emmons) McCrary, and she survives.

Donald was retired from the Street Department for the City Of Washington. He loved fishing, hunting, and mushroom hunting. He was an avid gardener.

Those who now cherish Donald's memory include his wife, Patty; children, Donald McCrary III of Washington, Terry McCrary of Shoals, and Kim Gray of Odon. He was richly blessed with six grandchildren, Seth, Logan, Jeremy, Shyann, Brittney, and Donyell, along with several great-grandchildren. Donald also had three sisters, Linda Johnson of Odon, Donna McCrary of Florida, and Barbara McCrary of Brookville.

During his life, Donald mourned the loss of his parents, H. Louise McCrary Fields and Donald E. McCrary, Sr.; and his stepfather, Leroy Fields.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, July 20 at Ed Lee Mortuary, North Chapel, in Washington. Interment followed in the St. John Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

BETH ANN GRAFTON

Elizabeth "Beth Ann" Grafton passed away peacefully at her home on July 18, 2021 surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 69.

Beth Ann was born July 27, 1951 in Vincennes; daughter of Elizabeth "Betty" Hart Johnson. Beth Ann married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Roy Dale Grafton, on October 5, 1973. Together, they raised two sons on the farm they worked together and enjoyed sharing with their family.

Beth Ann was a 1969 graduate of Shoals High School. She obtained her business degree from Vincennes University and spent her career working in businesses in the community. Beth Ann enjoyed traveling and camping where she made some of her favorite memories with her family and friends. Beth Ann will be remembered for her zucchini bread which was something she loved to make and share with others. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shoals where she attended

with her family.

Surviving to cherish Beth Ann's memory are her husband of 47 years, Roy Dale Grafton; her two sons, Andrew and Amy Grafton of Loogootee and Adam and Stephanie Grafton of Deer Creek, Illinois; sister, Henrietta Day of Loogootee; grandchildren, Eli, Allie, and Annabelle Grafton and Abigail Moody. Beth Ann claimed many others as her extended family and those included her "extra children" Tim Jones and Tony Holt and too many others to mention.

Beth Ann was greeted in Heaven by her mother, Betty Johnson; her aunt, Dorothy Hart; and her special "squirrely girl," granddaughter, Amanda Grafton.

Funeral service will be held today, Wednesday, July 21, at 3 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Cecil officiating. Visitation will be from Noon until the time of service on Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date at the Grafton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Beth Ann's honor to the Jasper Cancer Center or Heart to Heart Hospice.

VIOLA SUMMERS

Viola Summers passed away at 10:40 p.m. Monday, July 19, 2021, at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon. A resident of Loogootee, she was 94.

She was born February 7, 1927, in Washington; daughter of the late Jacob and Lydia (Stoll) Swartz.

Viola was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church and was a faithful prayer warrior. She loved flowers and was the former owner of Viola's Flower Shop for many years.

She was preceded in death by her hus-

band, Charles F. Summers; daughter, Dianna Gregory; son-in-law, Lee Strange; grandson, Gib Strange; great-grandson, Emerson Strange; and 10 brothers and sisters.

Viola is survived by her children, Becky Strange and Richard (Nancy) Summers, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Matt (Liz) Strange, Jake (Shannon) Strange, Amy (Kristian) Stevens, Aaron Summers, Ali Summers and Jason (Heidi) Gregory; great-grandchildren, Emery and Easton Strange, Desimber Stevens, Hannah Osmon (Griffin Major), Ava Summers and Seth Gregory; great-great-grandchildren, Makynleigh and Adalynn Major.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 24 at Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. at Loogootee United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

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

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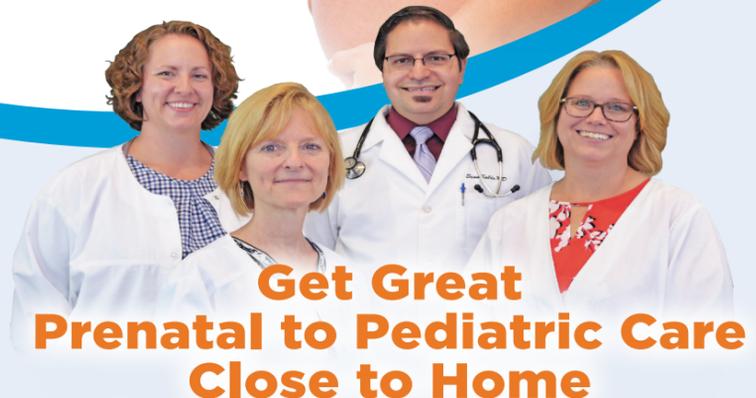
A memorial service for Ed Hamilton, former LHS Band Director, will be held Sunday, August 1 at 2 p.m. at the Loogootee High School.

ROGER WILLIS

A Celebration of Life Service for Roger Willis, former LHS Art Teacher, will be held Sunday, September 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Garrett McConnell will be the speaker.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JULY 12

3:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:49 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:56 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour, Deputy Wells, Deputy Flanagan, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, ISP Trooper Beaver, Sergeant Gibson, and Major Keller responded.

5:35 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

6:42 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:09 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:02 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

5:58 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

6:35 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Loogootee. Captain Reed, Loogootee Captain Hennessee, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded.

10:21 a.m. - Received a report of a semi with a leaky load near Loogootee. Deputy Wells, Loogootee Chief Floyd, and Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

11:41 a.m. - Received a report of an accident and truck fire east of Loogootee. Major Keller, Deputy Seymour, Deputy Wells, Loogootee Chief Floyd, Loogootee Captain Hennessee, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of an

accident in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Chief Deputy Greene, Sergeant Gibson, Deputy Wells, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Air Evac responded. The subject was transported to Norton's Children's Hospital in Louisville.

7:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:49 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:49 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

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6:26 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of the state forest. Captain Reed, Reserve Deputy Gammon, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Orange County Ambulance responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:33 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

11:46 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded and all was secure.

12:39 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle west of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Deputy Flanagan, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:31 p.m. - Received a report of a possible assault in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Flanagan responded.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

7:36 a.m. - Received an alarm call

near Shoals. Major Keller responded and all was okay.

9:17 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded and all was okay.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

10:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:12 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

3:50 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Chief Floyd, and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

4:44 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

5:06 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Major Keller, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

12:40 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

3:56 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on SR 150, headed into Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:11 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Shaw responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of trees down and an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Loogootee Officer Means, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:pm - Received a report of an accident on SR 450, north of Shoals. ISP, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. ISP, ICO, Shoals Fire, and Huron Fire responded.

8:34 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Huron Fire, and Lawrence County Ambulance responded. Three patients were transported to IU Health in Bedford.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. ISP Trooper Ewing and Shoals Fire responded.

9:35 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means and Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:53 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Shoals Fire responded.

10:58 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 550, near Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

12:14 a.m. - Received a request for

a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Officer Means responded. All was okay.

12:46 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Indian Creek Fire, and Lawrence County Ambulance responded.

4:27 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50 in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

11:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Orange County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Crane. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

8:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Deputy Wells, Reserve Deputy Harmon, Loogootee Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Daviess County Ambulance, and Cannelburg Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:59 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

10:12 a.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

3:22 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

6:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

ARRESTS

FRIDAY, JULY 16

9:08 p.m. - Danny Rose, 57, of French Lick, was arrested by ISP Trooper Ewing and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

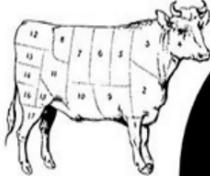
1:05 p.m. - Michael Hert, 46, of Huntington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Wilson on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

9:13 p.m. - Jose Garcia, 24, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with driving while suspended prior. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

Real estate transfers

Tony Sargent Page, of King County, Washington; **Jo Dee Haskins**, of Lancaster County, Nebraska; and **Steven S. Page**, of Sarasota County, Florida to **Phillip M. Graber and Amy S. Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana, the north half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing one acre, more or less.

Brandon G. Grimes, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ruth E. Tow**, of Martin County, Indiana, fifty feet of even width off of the west side in Keck's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.



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CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

July 9

Charles T. Kline, convicted of criminal confinement, a Level 6 Felony and domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1 year with 180 days suspended and credit for 90 actual days previously served plus 90 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

July 12

Sara J. Rinehart vs. Thomas A. Rinehart, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

July 8

Old National Bank vs. the unknown heirs of Noreen Trambaugh, deceased, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

July 9

Zach M. Taylor vs. Mark Taylor, Larita Taylor, 20th Century Farms, Inc.; Old National Bank, City of Loogootee, and Martin County Treasurer, civil plenary, dismissed.

July 13

Rent to Own Rentals, LLC vs. Kathleen Croddy, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

July 9

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Rodney L. Hedrick, complaint, dismissed.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JULY 12

8:36 a.m. - Caller reported a bike that had been left at local apartments for over a week and has not been picked up.

10:59 a.m. - Chief Floyd and first responders were dispatched to a personal injury accident on US 231 South.

6:20 p.m. - A caller reported a family member of a former employee threatening the other employees at a local business.

7:00 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a property damage accident in a local church parking lot.

8:30 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Church Street.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

6:35 a.m. - Captain Hennette and the Loogootee Fire Department assisted with a personal injury accident on US 30 East.

11:43 a.m. - Chief Floyd, Captain Hennette and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a vehicle fire with a person in the vehicle on Hart Road.

2:12 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residence with an audible alarm on Queen Street.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

9:10 a.m. - Caller reported a minor property damage accident on Public Square Street.

9:41 a.m. - First responders were dis-

patched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

3:20 p.m. - A caller reported a utility pole smoking on State Road 550.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

10:00 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of stranded motorists on motorcycles on US 231 North.

11:08 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walnut Street.

12:27 p.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant regarding possible vandalism.

2:18 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walnut Street.

3:50 p.m. - Chief Floyd and first responders assisted with a medical call on J. Strange Avenue.

11:00 p.m. - Officer Wells responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

12:22 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Church Street.

7:08 p.m. - Officer Means assisted with a stranded semi on US 231 North.

7:45 p.m. - Caller reported a trespassing complaint.

8:10 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a personal injury accident.

9:35 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a domestic disturbance and possible theft.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

9:44 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the Indiana State Police with a vehicle stop.

11:30 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department removed debris from CR 100 South.

3:21 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check.

8:54 p.m. - First responders and Officer Seymour were dispatched to a medical call on SE First Street.

9:52 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a deer accident on US 231 North.

10:28 p.m. - First responders and Officer Seymour responded to a four-wheeler accident on 1200 East, just north of St. Mary's Church.

Six-State Trooper Project targets move over/slow down violations

The Indiana State Police are joining forces this week with Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia State Police agencies, for what is known as the Six-State Trooper Project. During this collective effort, troopers across Indiana will be taking to the highways July 18th-24th with a primary focus on targeting drivers violating Indiana's Move Over / Slow Down law.

During this period, motorists can expect to see an increased presence of our troopers on the roadsides conducting traffic stops. Drivers are encouraged to not drive distracted, to be increasingly aware of the need to move over or slow down as required by state law, and to give your troopers room to work safely.

In 1999, Indiana was the first state in the nation to pass such a law requiring motorists to move to an adjacent traffic lane or reduce speed by 10 mph below the posted speed limit if unable to change lanes safely, when driving by a stationary police, fire or ambulance emergency vehicle stopped along the side of the road.

Over the years since, Indiana's law has expanded to include stationary recovery, utility service, solid waste haulers, road and street highway maintenance vehicles, as well as stationary survey or construction vehicles when displaying alternately flashing amber lights.

It is the goal of the Indiana State Police to provide safer roadways for all of our motoring public. You can help us to accomplish this goal simply by operating in voluntary compliance with all traffic laws and ensuring safe working conditions for our law enforcement and other Hoosier professionals working along our roadways!

Motorists that observe reckless driving behavior, suspected impaired driving, or suspected criminal activity are always encouraged to call 911 to report such activity, or call directly to the Indiana State Police Jasper Post at (812) 482-1441, when safe to do so.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with very limited memory. Just 1 byte and everything crashed.

*It helps if you imagine auto correct as a tiny little elf in your phone who's trying so hard to be helpful but is in fact quite drunk.

*I wouldn't say I'm a coffee addict. I prefer the term "exceptionally caffeine absorbent."

*A Spanish magician told everyone he would disappear. He said Uno, Dos, then disappeared without a Tres.

*You are what you eat -when did I eat anxiety and back problems?

*If anyone sees me in a bathing suit this summer, mind your own business. I like to eat.

*500 shopping carts in the grocery store and I keep picking the one with the weird front wheel that sounds like a dying pig.

*How to cook crack and clean a crab. Step one: Use commas.

My friend Jeramey Osborn posted the following on Facebook. It made a lot of sense so I thought you might want to think about the story:

LIFE IS REALLY SIMPLE, BUT WE INSIST ON MAKING IT COMPLICATED -Confucius

The rich industrialist was horrified to find the fisherman lying beside his boat, smoking a pipe.

"Why aren't you out fishing?" asked the industrialist.

"Because I have caught enough fish for the day."

"Why don't you catch some more?"

"What would I do with them?"

The industrialist said, "You could earn more money. Then you could have a motor fitted to your boat and go into deeper waters and catch more fish. Then you would have enough money to buy nylon nets. These would bring you more fish and more money. Soon you would have enough money to own two boats...maybe even a fleet of boats. Then you would be a rich man like me."

"What would I do then?"

"Then you would sit back and enjoy life."

"What do you think I'm doing right now?"

now?"

POSITIVE THOUGHTS

*A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking because her trust is not on the branch but on its own wings. Always believe in yourself.

*Reading can seriously damage your ignorance.

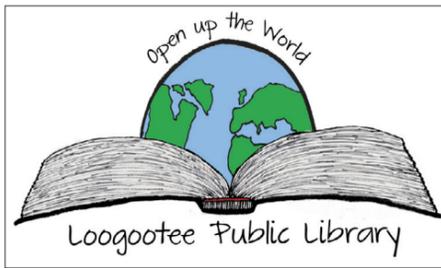
*Life is like a mirror. Smile at it and it smiles back to you.

*Only people who are not happy with themselves are mean to others. Remember that.

*One kind word can change someone's entire day.

*Do one act of kindness every day and change 365 lives.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The regular monthly of the Board of Trustees is rescheduled to Monday, August 16, at 4 p.m.

Just a reminder to the parents that have their child signed up for the 50 Books Before Kindergarten program that I will need their book sheet soon. When you return it, please pick up a survey to fill out.

Teresa Crim Haag will be at the library for a book signing on Monday, August 23 at 6 p.m.

New Books

Inspirational Fiction: "100 Proof Murder" by Mary Ellis, "A Man with a Past" by Mary Connealy, "Make You Feel My Love" by Robin Lee Hatcher, and "Forever My Own" by Tracie Peterson.

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.

Jones Reunion

The 48th Annual Jones Family Reunion for descendants of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones will be held Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight time) at "The Church" at Powell Valley, located at 11502 Anderson Road, Shoals, Indiana 47581. The building will be open at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon (Eastern Daylight time). Masks may be worn but are not required. Please bring a covered dish. Plates, tableware, napkins, tea, lemonade, coffee, and hand sanitizer will be furnished. Please feel free to bring any family heirlooms, genealogy records, pictures, etc. for display as well as an item to be included in the silent auction. A driving tour to Anderson Cemetery and the Rusk area will follow.

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.

LUMC Food Pantry

The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 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

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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.



Animal building grant

-Photo provided

Hoosier Uplands granted the Shoals School Corporation \$10,000 to help build a new animal handling building for the agricultural students.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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The VFW Post 9395 in Loogootee is in need of a cook. The position is part-time.

If you are interested, stop by the VFW and fill out an application or call 812-486-8394 for more information.

Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park & the Route 50 Cruisers



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Saturday, July 31st
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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

It is time to think about the spring garden. That may seem odd when you look out and see the blooms of summer dominating the landscape, but if you have specific desires for flowers for the spring, now is the time to order the bulbs.

Over the past month or so, I have received dozens of bulb catalogues and flyers. I have tried to limit myself to looking at only a couple to see the new offerings, but they beckon me from the shelf under the television where I stash them.

While I usually encourage readers to purchase perennials and annuals from local garden centers and nurseries, when it comes to bulbs, mail-ordering is the way to go. Certainly, before long, bulbs will start appearing in stores, but the stores do not tend to have a great selection. At most, they will offer a dozen or so varieties of any species, and they will not have the new introductions.

The center of the bulb flower world is Holland, and the best bulbs come from that tiny country. Look for a catalogue indicating that the bulbs are imported from Holland. The Dutch know how to produce premium bulbs.

Take your time looking through the bulb catalogue. You may want to compare more than one company to find the best prices. Often, you will find similar bulbs with different names. That is because a company will name the bulbs produced in its gardens and the competitor may select a different name for a very similar flower. You may also notice a great difference in price but pay attention to the size of the bulb being offered. The larger the bulb, the more stems it will produce and the more flower you will get. Small bulbs may not bloom at all the first year. My advice is to buy the largest bulb you can afford. If you must buy small bulbs, be prepared to wait a couple of years for the bulb to grow into a premium size to really see flowers like the ones pictured in the catalogue.

That being said, bulbs can get pricey. It is not unusual for a premium daffodil bulb to cost over two dollars. Most companies sell only in multiple packs of six to ten bulbs, so establishing a large area in daffodils can get expensive. In general, the newer hybrids will be more costly than the older varieties. Be aware that just because something is new, it is not necessarily better. Some of the new varieties have not been tested for performance over a decade. Some bulbs will multiply quickly and establish a swath of flowers in your yard, while others may remain as just a single specimen for several years. Do your homework and find out as much as you can about the variety that has caught your eye in the catalogue. If it says the bulbs are good for naturalizing, it means that they will reproduce and spread over an area in just a few years.

I also recommend that you find out what growing conditions are needed for the plants you want to grow. In general, most spring bulb flowers are sun-loving plants. However, the ones that come up in late winter and early springs are often growing and blooming before deciduous trees leaf out for the summer, so it is possible to plant them within the tree canopy. Most bulbs tend to rot if there is standing water, so it is best to avoid low places.

Another consideration is what you expect after the bulbs have put on their spring show. The bulb needs for the foliage to remain as long as possible, so that photosynthesis can continue to feed the bulb. Therefore, it is best to plant bulbs among other perennials whose emerging summer foliage will hide the dying bulb foliage and keep you garden looking nice.

In most cases, once you have planted spring bulbs, you will be rewarded with beautiful flowers for many years. They are certainly worth the effort. Get your catalogue out or go to a website and get to ordering.

Submissions being accepted for "Hoosier Homestead Farm" legacy book

A few weeks after the launch of the new "Hoosier Homestead Farms" book that celebrates historic farming in Indiana, submissions are coming in rapidly from across Indiana.

Over 5,800 farms have been awarded the Hoosier Homestead Award which is given to any farm in the Hoosier State who are still owned and operated by the same family for 100, 150, or 200 years. All of them are eligible to submit their free farm history of up to 300 words and photo to be included in this new book. There's no purchase needed, and anyone who submits their farm history is guaranteed to be included in this once-in-a-generation book. Even if your own farm isn't a Hoosier Homestead farm, you likely know someone who does own such a farm, so let them know about this book.

"Indiana has a rich history in agriculture," said Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "The pros-

pect of this book is very exciting and will further preserve our state's heritage and the Hoosier farm family's longstanding commitment to Indiana, agriculture and community."

Any farm that's been awarded the Hoosier Homestead Award will absolutely not want to miss out on submitting their farm history, which can include when it began, family legacy, crops grown, size of the farm, notable memories, etc. You can submit your farm history either by going to www.acclaimpress.com and clicking the Hoosier Homestead Farms book cover on the homepage, or by emailing your 300 word farm history and photo to IndianaFarmsBook@AcclaimPress.com. You should also reserve your copy of the book on the website or by calling the publisher, Acclaim Press, at 573-472-9800 and requesting that you would like to reserve a copy of the Hoosier Homestead book. Deadline for farm history submission is August 31, 2021.

Secure trash to protect roaming black bear and your property

The black bear that has been seen in Pike County has gotten into garbage there and is likely still roaming around southern Indiana.

If trash or recycling containers are easily accessible, the bear could start to associate people's homes with a place to find food. To protect the bear and personal property, residents of Pike and surrounding counties should secure those and other potential human-generated outdoor food sources.

"Seeking out easily accessible food is normal behavior for many wild animals," said Brad Westrich, DNR mammologist. "Unfortunately, bears can become sick or even die when they eat items from our garbage."

Westrich says that when bears discover food around people's homes, they can damage personal property trying to get at it and begin to lose their natural fear of humans, which can put both in danger. In these situations, DNR must then implement a technique called aversive conditioning to correct this behavior. Aversive conditioning methods, such as spotlights and airhorns, are stressful for the bear. Once a bear regularly seeks food sources near humans, these techniques can become necessary for the safety of the bear and people. Residents can help DNR avoid needing to use these methods by removing potential food sources.

DNR's last confirmed report of the bear was in Pike County on July 8; however, bears can travel up to 20 miles a day. For that reason, residents in Pike and its surrounding counties should:

- Store garbage cans and recycling containers inside a garage or shed.
- Put garbage cans and recycling containers on the curb the morning of pick-up rather than on the night before.
- Avoid putting meats, sweets, bones, or grease in compost piles.
- Remove or secure other potential food sources for bears, such as livestock feed or pet food.

Other potential food sources such as beehives, grills, and vegetable gardens can also attract bears. Securing them is quick and easy. Tips are at wildlife.IN.gov/wildlife-resources/animals/black-bear.

If you see a bear, report it to the DNR at on.IN.gov/largemammal. Biologists use these reports to monitor bear activity and provide recommendations to local residents.

Indiana was once home to black bears. Bear populations in neighboring states are expanding, and southern Indiana's forests and hills are excellent habitat for black bears, so more are likely coming. Hoosiers need to work together now and into the future to protect bears. For tips on coexisting with bears, visit bearwise.org/six-bearwise-basics/food-garbage/.

Indiana DNR begins brown trout rearing program

The Indiana DNR is expanding its inland trout program to include rearing brown trout in-house at state hatcheries.

In June, Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife officials received nearly 2,500 brown trout from the Ohio DNR. Most of those trout were stocked into streams in northern Indiana, including Pigeon River, Little Elkhart River, and Solomon Creek, but 400 were held back at Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station to develop as broodstock. These are adult trout used for egg production. Once mature, the adult trout will produce enough fertile eggs to meet the demands of the new rearing program.

"There has been a great deal of angler demand for brown trout here in northern Indiana," said Matt Horsley, Indiana DNR fisheries biologist. "Hopefully now we can meet those demands with our own source."

Indiana has not had its own brown trout program since 1985. All recent brown trout stockings have either been through



privately funded stockings, fish acquired from federal hatcheries or partnerships with hydroelectric companies.

"Hatchery staff were instrumental in making this happen," Horsley said. "An opportunity arose, and the hatcheries were able to step up and quickly adjust their current programs to accommodate new fish."

Indiana DNR anticipates the first lot of brown trout raised solely within Indiana hatcheries to hit streams by April 2024.

Patoka Lake hosts birthday party for Smokey Bear

Patoka Lake will celebrate Smokey Bear's birthday with a party on Saturday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Patoka Lake Nature Center.

The party will include a chance to get a picture with Smokey, fire safety games, and a special craft to make and take home. The Orange County Southeast Township Volunteer Fire Department will give a special presentation on fire safety, including a jaws of life demonstration, at 11 a.m.

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents and \$9 for out-of-state vehicles is required for the Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area at Patoka Lake, which is located north of Wickliffe Indiana on State Road 164.

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

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4-H Open Class results *Beef and Dairy Show results*

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Baking
Grand-Champion-Barb Gregory
Reserve Grand-Champion-Mimi Hawkins
Cake: Blue-Barb Gregory
Cookies: Blue-Lorna Troutman;
Red-Karen Mann

Quick Loaf: Blue-Karen Mann
Candy: Blue- MiMi Hawkins
Gardening
Grand-Champion-Duane Mann
Reserve Grand-Champion-Duane Mann
Peppers: Blue-Karen Mann; Red-Duane Mann; White-David Gregory
Potatoes: Blue-David Gregory
Squash: Blue-Duane Mann; Red-Karen Mann; White-Lorna Troutman
Tomatoes: Blue-Duane Mann

Canning
Grand-Champion- Linda Sherfick
Reserve Grand-Champion-Eric Greene
Vegetable: Blue-Karen Mann; Red-Eric Greene; White-Linda Sherfick; Participating-Duane Mann

Pickled Cucumber: Blue-Linda Sherfick

Pickled Relish: Blue-Linda Sherfick;
Red-Lynette Bauer

Jellies: Blue-Linda Sherfick; Red-Lorna Troutman

Salsa: Blue: Eric Greene; Red: Linda Sherfick; White: Donna Haulk

Flowers
Grand-Champion-Lynette Bauer
Reserve Grand-Champion-Barb Gregory

Cut Flower/Marigold: Blue-Jolene Sitzman

Cut Flower/Sunflower: Blue-Karen Mann

Cut Flower/Any Cut Flower: Blue-Karen Mann; Red-Kathy Lingenfelter

Potted Plants/Blooming: Blue-Reva Troutman; Red: Barb Gregory

Potted Plants/Cactus: Blue-Reva Troutman; Red-Karen Mann; White-Rachel Bauer; Participating-Lynette Bauer

Potted Plants/African Violet: Blue Reva Troutman

Potted Plants/Foilage: Blue-Barb Gregory; Red-Duane Mann; White-Lynette Bauer; Participating-Karen Mann and Lorna Troutman

Arrangements/Wildflowers: Blue-Lynette Bauer; Red-Donna Haulk

Photography
Grand-champion-Pat Daugherty

Reserve Grand-champion-Pat Daugherty

Nature: B & W: Blue-Pat Daugherty

Color: Blue-Pat Daugherty; Red-Reva Troutman; White-Judy Treffinger; Participating-Melanie Hawkins

Flowers: B& W: Blue-Pat Daugherty
Color: Blue-Judy Treffinger; Red-Megan Hawkins; White-Pat Daugherty; Participating- Karen Mann and Dave Treffinger

Portraits: B&W: Blue-Pat Daugherty
Color: Blue-Reva Troutman; Red-Karen Mann; White-Judy Treffinger; Participating- Pat Daugherty

Collage: B&W: Blue-Pat Daugherty
Color: Blue-Karen Mann; Red-Pat Daugherty; White: Judy Treffinger; Participating- Dave Treffinger

Animals: B&W: Blue-Karen Mann; Red-Reva Troutman; White-Pat Daugh-

erty
Color: Blue-Judy Treffinger; Red-Karen Mann; White-Pat Daugherty; Participating- Reva Troutman

Structures: B&W: Blue-Pat Daugherty
Color: Blue-Pat Daugherty; Red-Reva Troutman; White-Judy Treffinger

Action Shot: B&W: Blue-Pat Daugherty

Color: Blue-Pat Daugherty; Red-Reva Troutman; White-Karen Mann; Participating-Judy Treffinger

Handicraft
Grand-champion-Pat Daugherty

Reserve Grand-champion-Bob Dages

Any Holiday: Blue-Pat Daugherty; Red-Rachel Doyle; White-Karen Mann

Woodcrafts: Blue-Bob Dages

Paint-by-number: Blue-Lynette Bauer

Recycling for Reuse: Blue-Ron Gilbert; Red-Laura Jean Gilbert

Die Cutting Machine (using paper): Blue-Karen Mann

Die Cutting Machine (using vinyl): Blue- Karen Mann

Wreath: Blue-Georgette Sutton; Red-Pat Daugherty

Misc: Blue-Pat Daugherty; Red-Tom Sciscoe; White-Reva Troutman

Fine Arts
Grand-champion-Laura Jean Gilbert

Reserve-Grand Champion-Kayden Sutton

Painting (Sea/Landscape): Blue-Tyler Walton

Painting (watercolor, oil, acrylic): Blue-Laura Jean Gilbert; Red-Jolene Sitzman; White-Kayden Sutton

Drawing: Blue-Kayden Sutton

Misc.: Blue-Reva Troutman

Needlework
Grand-champion-Jenny Dearwester

Reserve Grand-champion-Laura Jean Gilbert

Crochet: Blue-Laura Jean Gilbert; Red-Ron Gilbert

Embroidery & Cross stitch: Blue-Jenny Dearwester

Quilts
Grand-champion-Kay Kalb

Reserve-Grand-champion-Kay Kalb

Machine Quilted-Pieced: Blue-Kay Kalb

Machine Quilted-Embroidered: Blue-Kay Kalb

Out-Standing Exhibitor (person with the most exhibits entered) Karen Mann with 18 entries

Organizer Karen Mann wanted to say thank you to everyone that took the time to enter their items in this year's open class at the Martin Co 4-H Fair. She had stated in previous articles that, with help, they could be bigger and better than before and residents responded with the most entries in three years and Karen said they were some of the best items she's seen exhibited.

She also offered a thank you to the open class sponsors: Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc sponsored the cash prizes given for ribbon placings; grand champion sponsors were Chastain's Flowers, Velma's Diner, Jug Rox Cafe and Jones Oil, in Shoals and Home Town IGA, Rosie's, Hometown Flowers & Gifts and Williams Bros Health Care Pharmacy, in Loogootee.

She also says thank you to Judy Treffinger, Barb Gregory and Kay Kalb for helping with the Tuesday night check-in.

Dairy Cattle/Dairy/Holstein Fall Calf
Champion: Abigail Lindsey
Grand Champion Dairy Heifer: Abigail Lindsey

Dairy Beef Steer
Champion: Abigail Lindsey
Grand Champion Dairy Steer: Abigail Lindsey

Angus Winter Heifer Calves
Champion: Brooklyn Knepp
Blue Ribbon: McKenzie Craney (virtual)

Charolais Senior Yearling Heifers
Champion: Hadley Haulk
Chianina Heifer Calves

Champion: Daxton Haulk
Sim-Solution Spring Yearling Heifers
Champion: Cora Ausbrooks

Commercial Heifers
Champion: Emma Lingenfelter
Reserve Champion: Cameron Crays
Grand Champion Heifer: Emma Lingenfelter

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer: Cora Ausbrooks
County Born and Raised Heifer
Grand Champion: Abigail Lindsey

Prospect Heifer
Grand Champion: Jax VanMeter

Gilts
Berkshire Gilt
Champion: Abigail Lindsey

Duroc Gilt
Champion: Emma Lingenfelter
Reserve Champion: Karter Burris

3rd Place: Brooklyn Knepp
Hampshire Gilt
Champion: Karter Burris

Hereford Gilt
Champion: Abigail Lindsey
Reserve Champion: Daxton Haulk

Landrace Gilt
Champion: Jaxon Smith
Yorkshire Gilt
Champion: Hadley Haulk

Crossbred Gilts- Medium Weight
1st Place: Holden Lingenfelter
2nd Place: Jackson Lengacher

3rd Place: Hadley Haulk
4th Place: Daxton Haulk
Crossbred Gilts- Heavy Weight

1st Place: John Hart
2nd Place: Charlie Brett
3rd Place: Jax VanMeter
Champion Crossbred Gilt: Holden Lingenfelter

Reserve Champion Gilt: Jackson Lengacher
Grand Champion Gilt: Emma Lingenfelter

Reserve Grand Champion Gilt: Jackson Smith
Barrows
Crossbred Barrows- Extra Light Weight

1st Place: Hadley Haulk
2nd Place: John Hart
3rd Place: Keaton Brett
Crossbred Barrows- Light Weight

1st Place: Karter Burris
2nd Place: John Hart
3rd Place: Seth Blackwell
Crossbred Barrows- Medium Weight

1st Place: Tucker Walton
2nd Place: Austin Kerr
3rd Place: Jax VanMeter

Aberdeen Angus Steer
Champion: Karter Burris
Maine-Anjou Steer

Champion: Karter Burris
Simmental Steer
Blue ribbon: Tucker Walton (virtual)

Crossbred Steer
Blue ribbon: Jocelyn Craney (virtual)
Grand Champion Market Beef: Karter Burris (Aberdeen Angus Steer)

Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef: Karter Burris (Maine-Anjou)

Junior Beef Showmanship
Champion: Daxton Haulk
Intermediate Beef Showmanship

Champion: Emma Lingenfelter
Reserve Champion: Hadley Haulk
3rd Place: Brooklyn Knepp

Other participant: Cameron Crays
Master Beef Showmanship
Champion: Emma Lingenfelter

Reserve Champion: Karter Burris
3rd Place: Cora Ausbrooks
Other Participants: Abigail Lindsey, Jax VanMeter, Daxton Haulk

Mini 4-H Beef
Blue Ribbon: Hunter Hilderbrand, Ava Knepp, Wesley Troutman

Martin County 4-H Fair Swine Show results

Crossbred Barrows- Heavy Weight
1st Place: Mason Kerr
Champion Crossbred Barrow: Tucker Walton

Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow: Karter Burris
Duroc Barrow
Champion: Abigail Lindsey

Poland Barrow
Champion: Brooklyn Knepp
Spots Barrow
Champion: Karter Burris

Reserve Champion: Carter Walton
Yorkshire Barrow
Champion: Tucker Walton

Grand Champion Barrow: Tucker Walton

Reserve Grand Champion Barrow: Tucker Walton
Showmanship
Junior Swine Showmanship

Champion: Holden Lingenfelter
Reserve Champion: Jackson Lengacher

3rd Place: Jax VanMeter
Other participants: Daxton Haulk, Charlie Brett, Austin Kerr

Intermediate Swine Showmanship
Champion: Hadley Haulk
Reserve Champion: Carter Walton

3rd Place: Brooklyn Knepp
Other Participants: Mason Kerr
Senior Swine Showmanship

Champion: John Hart
Reserve Champion: Keaton Brett
3rd Place: Seth Blackwell

Master Swine Showmanship
Champion: Tucker Walton
Reserve Champion: Emma Lingenfelter

3rd Place: Karter Burris
Other Participants: Abigail Lindsey, Jaxon Smith, John Hart, Hadley Haulk, Holden Lingenfelter

Mini 4-H
Blue Ribbons: Hunter Hilderbrand, Ava Knepp, Wesley Troutman, Emersyn Smith, Louis Hart



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