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## NSWC Crane employee inspired through mentorship to pursue a STEM career

What started as an unpaid internship, has inspired a growing career supporting the warfighter. One Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) employee has expanded from his initial experiences to lead a team of technical subject matter experts.

Nicholas Schuetz, a Branch Manager at NSWC Crane, started working at Crane when he was in high school. He was unfamiliar with what it was like working at Crane but sought someone to job shadow on base to apply for a high school internship. During the internship, he was uncertain about his future career path. His Crane sponsor, who became his mentor, noticed his skillset in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects.

"I wasn't sure I wanted to go to college at the time," says Schuetz. "I had always liked math, but I wasn't sure how my passion for STEM could transition to my professional life. My mentor realized my potential and encouraged me to consider opportunities in engineering."

Schuetz went on to graduate from Purdue University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Throughout his college career, he continued gaining diverse technical experience at his internship. He credits his mentor for inspiring him to pursue a STEM career at NSWC  
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## Commissioners hear from West Boggs, Community Corrections Director

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Jameson Hibbs, Superintendent of West Boggs Park, talked to the commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night, January 15, about the progress at the park over the past few years along with issues the park still faces.

Hibbs said the park's biggest obstacle right now is how to fix the roads in the park. There are an estimated 4.7

## Loogootee Election current filings

The following are candidates who have filed, so far, in the City of Loogootee 2019 Election. The deadline to register for candidacy is Friday, February 8, at noon. For more information, contact the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

Loogootee Mayor  
Roger S. Downey (D)  
Noel Harty (D)  
Loogootee City Council District 1  
Teresa M. Nolley (D)  
Loogootee City Council District 2  
Tim "Biggins" Lawrence (D)  
Loogootee City Council District 3  
Carroll Rayhill (D)  
Loogootee City Council District 4  
Donald Rick Norris (D)  
Loogootee City Council At-Large  
Ronald (Ron) Gilbert (D)  
James Richard Taylor (D)

miles of roadway going through West Boggs, about half on Daviess County's side and half on Martin County's side. Roughly half of the roadways are paved with the other half being chip and seal. Hibbs said that there are currently 28 culverts that need replaced. He has purchased most of the culverts and the commissioners provided him with the company they use for purchases for the highway department.

Hibbs told the commissioners that he is not sure what help Martin County can provide but he would be appreciative of any of it. He said that Daviess County plans to do the labor on their portion of the roads if West Boggs buys the materials. He said the estimated cost to fix all the roads is \$282,000. The commissioners made no decision regarding Martin County helping with the roads.

Hibbs also talked about the park's increased revenue over the past few years. In 2014, the park made \$865,000 and last year, in 2018, they made \$1.2 million. Providing accommodations to campers accounted for \$570,000 in 2014 and \$811,000 in 2018. Hibbs would like to get more visitors to the park for events and entertainment as opposed to only for fishing and using the lake.

Hibbs said he has also increased the marketing budget of the park from \$2,500 a few years ago to \$15,000 last  
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## City council debates need for new water ordinance

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, January 14. The main item discussed was the creation of a cross connection ordinance for Loogootee Water customers. Kristine Hawkins, with Water Solutions Unlimited, explained to the council what cross connection means. She said that a cross connection is when the clean water source, that enters a home or business, can be contaminated, due to pressure, by an outgoing water source. According to Hawkins, IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) put a policy in place a few years ago requiring certain commercial establishments install special equipment to make sure there would not be contamination of the city's water supply. There are 17 different types of commercial properties that are included in the list however only car washes, mortuaries, schools, and fertilizer suppliers were mentioned at the meeting.

David Harvey, also with Water Solutions Unlimited, told the council

that he has worked with the city for a while and is willing to help the city establish the ordinance and the public education on cross connections for a fraction of what he would charge a non-customer. He said that the city needs to be in compliance for whenever IDEM starts fining public entities for not being in compliance. He said that fine could be as much as \$25,000 a day. If a contaminant did make it into the water supply, due to the city not enforcing an ordinance, the city would be liable for damages incurred. Harvey said that the rule from IDEM stems from an incident in Fort Wayne where a contaminant got into the water supply and a person died from drinking the water.

Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson explained that the cost of getting the ordinance in place and holding meetings to educate the public would cost no more than \$10,000 by hiring Water Solutions Unlimited, but he expected the cost to be closer to \$8,000.

Council Member Teresa Nolley asked what would happen to a busi-  
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## Shoals School Board holds first meeting of 2019

The Shoals School Board met Thursday, January 10.

Vice President Eva George, Secretary Jenell Hoffman, Member Bill Bauer, Member Drexel Turpin and Member Samantha Boyd were present. Staff in attendance included Dr. Candace Roush, Corporation Secretary Miranda Beaver, Teaching Aide Ann Stewart, Elementary Principal Shannon Wagoner and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher Janie Johnson. Patrons in attendance included Norma Baker and Lorna Troutman.

The board re-organized and Bill Bauer was named president and Eva George vice president. Jenell Hoffman was voted as board secretary.

The board voted to continue holding meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. through 2019. Board members' pay will remain at \$109 per regular meeting and \$60 for executive and special meetings.

The board voted to reappoint the following treasurers: Lisa Elliott, Corporation Treasurer; Miranda Beaver, Corporation Deputy Treasurer; Deborah Howell, Jr/Sr. High ECA Treasurer; Pamela Doane, Elementary ECA Treasurer; and Michelle Roush, Cafeteria Treasurer.

The board discussed and approved the appointment of Dr. Roush to the Vocational and Special Education Board.

President Bauer temporarily closed the regular meeting and convened the board of finance at 6:05 p.m. There was a review of the school's investments. The board then elected a president, Bill Bauer, and secretary, Jenell Hoffman,

to the board of finance. President Bauer then closed the board of finance meeting and reopened the regular meeting at 6:07 p.m.

During patron input, Ann Stewart opened by thanking the board and the school system for the support given to the Angel Tree Program. Stewart and her mother, Norma Baker, were able to give Christmas to 135 students. She went on later to thank the boys' basketball teams for all of the help in wrapping, carrying and handing out all of the packages. As a representative of the Shoals Parent Association, Stewart thanked the board for allowing the craft show fundraiser and all of the support that the board shows SPA. Lorna Troutman said that the craft show sold 325 tickets and had more than 30 vendors. The vendors remarked to the organizers what great participation they had from the community. The board thanked Stewart for all of the work that she put in to Grandparents' Day and remarked on how successful it was. They are looking forward to next year. Stewart also thanked the IMPACCT club for the love offering that they took at their Night of Worship. They donated the \$165 to the Angel Tree Program.

The Superintendent brought the 2019-2020 proposed school calendar to the board. After the discussion on the removal of early release days and possibility of e-learning days in the future, a vote was taken. Samantha Boyd motioned to accept the calendar as presented and Eva George seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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# CITY

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ness if they refused to install the new equipment. Harvey replied that the city would have to shut off their water. Nolley also asked what the cost would be for the businesses to have the equipment installed to protect the backflow. Harvey said it would be around \$4,500. The property owner would be responsible for paying for and installing the equipment, not the city.

Nolley said she remembers a company coming to the school when she worked there to sell that backflow equipment and the school turned it down. She said they may already be aware that it is needed.

The council, in the end, decided to think over the ordinance and discuss it at their next meeting. Harvey, with Water Solutions Unlimited, said he would not return to the council to offer his services to them again and noted he was trying to do the city a favor by offering the discounted rate.

Rick Roll, with eSolve Solutions, spoke to the council about the ROI grant that his firm has been working on. He explained that the work has been ongoing on the grant however, at this time, they need focus groups to talk to, from all walks of life, to see what they expect from their community. Anyone interested in speaking with Roll can email him at rick@esolvesolutions.org. They will also be setting up a facebook page to provide information about the grant and doing ad buys on facebook to get information out to the public.

The council voted 3-2 to appoint Roger Downey as the council's president for this year. Downey was the only nominee. Ruth Smith and Carroll Rayhill voted against Downey while Teresa Nolley (who made the motion for Downey), Colin Padgett, and Downey all voted in favor.

The council approved a recommendation from Bo Wilson to promote one of his water/sewer employees, Jeff Sanders, to foreman with a \$1.50 per hour wage increase effective January

17, 2019.

The council discussed whether they still wanted to approve a stop sign to be installed at the intersection of Walker and Vine streets. Council Member Roger Downey said he is looking into the cost of purchasing a flashing light to signify when someone is speeding as opposed to a stop sign that he feels will confuse drivers at that particular intersection. Mayor Harty said he has seen those signs and he believes they cost around \$1,200.

Superintendent Wilson also spoke to the council about using 39 Degrees North to digitize mapping to help better serve the water department. There would be a one-time set up cost of \$1,500, an equipment purchase of \$3,000 and an annual fee of \$3,479.

The council approved Water Solutions Unlimited to clean the filter media at the wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$11,960.

Jim Todd spoke to the board of public works and safety board, prior to the council meeting, about his basement flooding due to the water department giving the okay for a construction crew building a new home to cap a water line they dug up. The capping of the line caused water to back up into Todd's basement causing substantial damage. The board of works agreed that if the city was at fault, they should have to pay for the damages. Mayor Harty told Todd to turn over the damages to Strawn Insurance, the city's insurance agent.

Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, presented the council with the animal shelter's annual report for 2018. Council Member Teresa Nolley asked why the council was not given financial information regarding how much the shelter paid out in salaries last year. Hughett replied that they had very nominal expenses pertaining to any part-time staff last year because the shelter was waiting to receive the requested money from the city prior to having employees. The shelter, however, has not received the contracted payment for 2018 nor 2019

yet which was going to be used to pay for a part-time staff member. Nolley, looking at the other council members, said she thought the council had already approved giving the shelter money a while back. Hughett said that may have been the case however no money has been received to date. Council Member Roger Downey said he saw a payment to the shelter in this month's claims, approved that night.

Mayor Harty made the following appointments for 2019:

- Isha Wright-Ryan as city attorney
- Ron Gilbert and Jason Greene to serve on the board of public works and safety
- Kelly Rayhill as chief of police
- J.D. Flynn as Loogootee Fire Department Chief
- James E. "Bo" Wilson as public works superintendent
- Nancy Spaulding as utilities clerk
- Phyllis Panko as mayor's secretary
- Mary Davis as city hall custodian

-Mayor Harty and Teresa Nolley to serve on the Martin County Solid Waste Board

-Karen Slaven, Don Greene, Justin Wilcoxon and Ron Gilbert to serve on the Loogootee Park & Recreation Board

-Lonnie Hawkins to serve on the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Board

-Tim Hudson as the city building commissioner

-Dennie Green, Jim Floyd and Chris Bledsoe to serve on the land use planning council

-Mike Engleman, Judy Blackwell, Elaine Renoire, and Ruth Smith to serve on the zoning appeals board

-Jolene McAtee, Don Greene, Van McAtee, Teresa Nolley, Mitch Green, Brad Wade, Carolyn Parsons-Downey, and Roger Downey to serve on the Summerfest Committee

-James "Bo" Wilson, Marty Tarrh and Gianna Armstrong to serve on the stormwater utility board

# CRANE

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Crane.

"He showed me what Crane is and what we do for servicemen and women all over the world," says Schuetz. "He showed me the team of talented people creating innovative solutions for the warfighter and the significant impact of this work."

Schuetz is passionate about giving back to current engineers and nurturing STEM skills in area youth. He says mentorship opened the door to the opportunities available at Crane, and it's important to spend time nurturing the next generation's talent.

"Now in my role as a Branch Manager, my goal is to position the highly skilled workforce here for the challenges of tomorrow," says Schuetz. "I am truly passionate about the technical development of the engineers I mentor. I hope to better position future generations of the workforce."

Schuetz says contributing to the work-

force, the community, and the country is important to him.

"What we do is imperative to national security. Knowing we provide critical capability to the men and women in uniform and their mission is rewarding. There are many ways to support the fleet through a career at Crane. Through mentorship, I was able to envision possibilities and achieve my goals. I learn something every day, and love helping nurture current and future talent."

Schuetz enjoys spending time with his wife and child, being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and running.

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with mission areas in Expeditionary Warfare, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. The warfare center is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability to today's Warfighter.

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# Obituaries

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## MARTHA TINCHER

Martha Sue Tinchler passed away Thursday, January 10, 2019, at her home. A resident of Mitchell, she was 82.



MARTHA TINCHER

She was born June 26, 1936, in Odon; the daughter of Reid Andrew and Alma (Queen) Armstrong. She married Roy Donald Tinchler on February 20, 1959, and he preceded her in death on August 7, 2014.

Martha retired from RCA. She graduated from Shoals High School in 1954 and was a member and Sunday school teacher at the Bryantsville Church of Christ. She belonged to the Independent Order of Foresters.

Survivors include brother, James Reid (Olive) Armstrong of Plainfield; sister-in-law, Sue Armstrong of Nuevo, California and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents; husband; brothers, Jack L. Armstrong and Kenneth L. Armstrong; and niece, Cathy Armstrong preceded her in death.

The funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday, January 16, in the Memorial Chapel of Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center with Brother Allen Burris officiating. Burial followed in Bryantsville Church of Christ Cemetery.

## BRANDON BAKER

Brandon Lee Baker passed away Friday, January 11, 2019 in Huron. A resident of Shoals, he was 33.

Brandon was the son of Gary Baker (Rachel Baker) of Shoals and Kay Allbright (Steven Sheetz) of Loogootee.

Brandon was a kind soul who had a heart of gold; he loved his children and

## Commissioners hold special meeting to hire highway employee

The Martin County Commissioners held a special meeting Thursday January 10.

The commissioners met to make a decision on who to hire as the new employee at the highway department. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to hire Steven Ryan Thomas, seconded by President George. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett submitted INDOT's policy following an accident which involved no property damage nor injuries reported. Auditor Bobbie Abel read Martin County's policy which coincided with INDOT's. The policy will continue as written.

Auditor Abel advised the commissioners that the payment for Bunkum Valley Roofing was processed as previously approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

his family and always made sure they had everything they needed. He was truly an outdoorsman; he enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, mushroom hunting, and simply put, anything he could be doing outside. Many times, Brandon could be found lending a helping hand to someone in need as he enjoyed helping others.

Survivors include two sons, Axel Baker and Avery Hinterscher; one daughter, Baylee Hinterscher; father, Gary Baker (Rachel), mother, Kay Allbright (Steve Sheetz); sister, Brittany Westfall of Shoals; brothers, Damon Baker (Amber Gilbertson) of Loogootee, Joel Boyd of Shoals, and Logan Joseph Knies of Loogootee; significant other, Misty Jones of Huron and her children, Brittany and James Thomson of Huron; uncles, Daniel Allbright of Loogootee, Bobby Allbright of Loogootee, Sam Allbright (Tammy) of Loogootee, Cecil Baker (Linda) of Shoals, Ronnie Baker (Sandy) of Shoals, and Junior Baker (Carol) of Shoals; aunts, Mary Tharp (Tony), and Missy Kneip, both of Loogootee; nephews, Isaac Westfall of Shoals, Wyatt and Skylar Boyd of Shoals, Brody Gilbertson of Loogootee,

## COMMISSIONERS

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year. He plans to double that further in the future through the internet.

The park also plans to work out a safety concern at the entrance to the park by putting in a third lane for incoming traffic. They also are getting quotes to rebuild the gatehouse at the entrance to coincide with the increased lanes.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins provided the commissioners with information pertaining to the county's use of the Samaritan Center, on JFK Avenue, in Loogootee. According to Collins, after some unrelenting lobbying, she was able to get the counselors at the Samaritan Center to increase their hours from two days a week in Loogootee to three. She said it's still not enough, however. The Samaritan Center, based in Knox County, serves the counties of Knox, Daviess, Pike and Martin. Despite Martin County having the most attendance at the regular advisory board meetings, the county has received the least amount of attention from the Samaritan Center. Collins said she will continue to work tirelessly to change that.

Collins showed the commissioners that the Samaritan Center served 320 adult and 88 youth in Loogootee during the 2018 fiscal year. Of the 320 adults, 208 sought help with mental health treatment, 44 for addiction treatment and 68 for both mental health and addiction issues. Of the 88 youth served, 84 were dealing with mental health issues and four for mental health and addiction.

Collins said that alcohol, by far, was the main addiction treated followed by marijuana and stimulants at about half the rate of alcohol followed closely by

and Josiah Watson of Oklahoma; nieces, Raegan Baker, Aubri Gilbertson of Loogootee, and Sofia Boyd of Shoals; and many cousin and friends.

Brandon is preceded in death by grandparents, George and Maxine (Sims) Baker of Shoals; grandparents, Gerald Ray and Alberta (Beaty) Allbright of Loogootee and step-grandfather, Charlie Beaty; uncles, Raymond Baker of Shoals, Loren Baker of Shoals, Kenny Baker of Shoals, Ivan Baker of Shoals, Jamie Allbright of Loogootee, Mike Kneip of Loogootee; aunts, Georgie Dale Baker of Shoals and Linda Baker.

A celebration of life was held Tuesday, January 15 at The River Church in Shoals. Arrangements entrusted to Gill Funeral Service.

## KENT SMITH

Kent B. Smith passed away Sunday January 13, 2019 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 60.

He was born June 25, 1958 in Daviess County; son of Bert and Lela (Divine) Smith.

Kent was an independent, self-employed, lifetime truck driver. He was

a member of the Catholic Faith, and a graduate of Loogootee High School.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Lela (Divine) Smith, and brothers-in-law, Tom Hill and Elmer Spears.

He is survived by his children, Tyler (Shelby) Smith of Pensacola, Florida; Kyle Smith of Washington, Justin Smith of Loogootee, and John Albrecht of Evansville; one grandchild, Jaxon Smith; his siblings, Donna Hill, Marlene (Dan Brown) Spears, Karen (Mike) Hopkins, Sheila (Danny) Denison, Tammy (Luke Carrico) Mattingly, Bruce (Kim) Smith, Trudy (Ron) Riley, several nieces, nephews, cousins, many special friends, and "Man's Best Friend" – his dog Sarge.

A funeral service will be conducted Thursday, January 17 at 11 a.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Family and friends may visit from 9 a.m. until the time of service at Blake Funeral Home. Burial will follow at South Martin Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home.

opioids and psychoactive substances coming in fifth. Collins wanted it noted that these numbers represent only those who chose to seek treatment and that there are hundreds more who do not.

Youth are treated overwhelmingly for ADHD and adults for depression. Collins said this is misleading, however, because a lot of disorders are lumped into those categories.

Serving Martin County on the Regional Mental Health Advisory Board are currently Barb McFeaters, Kathy Collins, and Sheriff Travis Roush. Myrna Greene represents the Shoals School Corporation. Collins is currently looking to fill the vacant board seat, someone in the mental health field.

The commissioners approved the Martin County Alliance paying for the development of a website for the county with the first year of web hosting free through Triple R Marketing. Auditor Bobbie Abel agreed to be the point person on providing information to the website developers. The county will have to pick up the tab on hosting after this year which is estimated to be about \$340 per year. Alliance Director Tim Kinder said there will also be fees after this year if any updates need to be done on the site. Abel noted that the cost of making the website is roughly \$5,000 and wanted it noted that the Alliance will be paying for that. When asked what the domain name will be on the new site, Auditor Abel said they are still working on that.

Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, gave the commissioners the animal shelter's annual report. She said that she and her husband are currently trapping feral cats in the county again during the shelter's "slow" months. They have trapped 12 so far this year. The purpose is to get as many spayed and neutered as possible. Hughett said that they have some funds available from a grant received from the Martin County Community Foundation to pay to spay and neuter 25 feral cats. The Hughetts typically find free time to trap around 26 feral cats a year. Hughett said they hope to double that this year. She said

that feral cats not only pose a health concern because many they trap are ill, but they also can cause issues with property owners.

The humane society is now also offering a food pantry on the porch of shelter to provide food and other items to Martin County residents who need help feeding their dog or cat, at no charge. They are also offering free straw and feral cat houses to those who need them.

Commissioner Dan Gregory was not in attendance at the meeting.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

12:23 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Reed, Deputy Shinn, ISP Trooper Johnson, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

4:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Crane Fire, and Deputy Reed responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:21 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

6:31 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

7:43 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle in Shoals.

9:51 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the department of child services with a welfare check in Shoals.

12:03 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Captain Dant responded.

12:06 p.m. - Jailer Gordon took one inmate to the doctor.

2:54 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:36 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

3:40 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was okay.

4:58 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals on US 50. Deputy Shinn, Deputy Lents, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. One subject was transported to the Daviess Community Hospital.

7:59 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

12:11 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:25 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Captain Dant, and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

1:16 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

1:32 p.m. - Deputy Lents took three inmates to court.

1:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Captain Dant, Haysville Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:44 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

2:44 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire removed the tree.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:32 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

4:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received an animal complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

5:16 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

6:01 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:51 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:18 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

10:48 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle break-in, in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:19 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:04 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist near the fairgrounds on US 50.

2:55 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Seymour, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to St Vincent's Hospital in Bedford.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

3:37 a.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted Martin County Ambulance with a lift assist in Shoals.

7:37 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50, west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:00 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:50 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

1:59 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took four inmates to court.

2:06 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

3:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:44 p.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of a cow out near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

12:36 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious individuals in the Crane Village area. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:37 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:50 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Indiana University Health-Bedford.

11:52 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:15 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

4:10 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

4:17 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of possible intoxicated driver east of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

10:24 p.m. - Received a report of accident on State Road 450. Deputy Seymour responded.

10:26 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

10:34 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:43 p.m. - Shoals Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist in Shoals.

11:04 p.m. - Received a report of accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

6:03 a.m. - Received a report of accident near Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

7:28 a.m. - Received a report of accident east of Shoals. Deputy Seymour and Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for vehicle identification check south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:09 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of vehicles blocking driveway in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

6:08 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:47 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

12:11 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Lents assisted with a property exchange in Crane.

10:10 a.m. - Received a report of

accident in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

11:12 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Deputy Lents and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious individuals in Shoals. Deputy Lents and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

3:01 p.m. - Received a request for vehicle identification check north of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a report of disabled vehicle on US 50 near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Coroner responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in, in Shoals. Deputy Reed, Deputy Shinn, ISP Trooper Nolan and ISP Trooper Ford responded. Everything checked out okay.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

10:34 a.m. - Joseph Bowen, 47, of Crane, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

12:17 p.m. - Ryan Sipes, 23, of Bedford, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with invasion of privacy, possession of marijuana, and neglect of a dependent. He is being held without bond. Captain Dant assisted with the arrest.

12:17 p.m. - Kailey Meadows, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with invasion of privacy, possession of marijuana, and neglect of a dependent. She is being held without bond. Captain Dant assisted with the arrest.

1:10 p.m. - Kevin Abel, 49, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was ISP Trooper Lents.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

7:21 p.m. - Angelique Gerkin, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, dealing marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and neglect of a dependent. She is being held without bond. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert assisted with the arrest.

7:33 p.m. - James Hert, 56, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, dealing marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and neglect of a dependent. He is being held without bond. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert assisted with the arrest.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

12:29 p.m. - Thomas Ehrman, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with driving while suspended with a prior. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Deputy Lents assisted with the arrest.

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS December 18

Angella M. Jarnigan, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 114 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 57 actual days previously served plus 57 Class A credit days.

## December 19

Dane S. Barber, convicted of reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 5 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED December 19

Dane S. Barber, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## December 21

Rita D. Qualkenbush, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed January 2

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company vs. Josh L. Roach, Erica N. Palmer Kress, Mark O. Roach, Asset Acceptance, LLC; Treasurer of Martin County and Indiana Department of Revenue, mortgage foreclosure.

## January 4

Crane Credit Union vs. Andrew Aiman, civil collection.

## January 7

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Debra Parsons, civil collection.

## January 8

Dwight Schultheis vs. Edward N. Jackson and Westfield Insurance Company, civil tort.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS January 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Cinnamon Canary in the amount of \$799.16.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant David Fultz Jr. in the amount of \$19,973.93.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Wesley C. Stevens in the amount of \$21,456.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Kimberly L. Stroud in the amount of \$9,170.10.

## January 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company and against the defendant Christopher C. Bledsoe in the amount of \$6,124.77.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed January 4

Crane Credit Union vs. William Bowman, complaint.

## January 7

Monty Gregory vs. Daniel Watts and Ginger Watts, complaint.

Monty Gregory vs. Jason B. Campbell, complaint.

## January 8

Monty Gregory vs. William F. Campbell, complaint.

Bedford Transitions, LLC vs. Tammy Ziegler, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS January 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Richard N. Gulley in the amount of \$2,017.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Diana S. Lewis in the amount of \$1,044.39.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Alan Nonte and against the defendant Jacob Shaw in the amount of \$1,325.

## January 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Scott D. Smoot in the amount of \$4,259.16.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Martha R. Weaver in the amount of \$417.25.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Robert Weigle in the amount of \$445.94.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES January 4

Waylon Shane Winger of Shoals and Melissa Dawn Gibson of Shoals.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, JANUARY 7

12:03 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Mulberry Street.

12:43 p.m. - Male came on station to request a transient voucher.

2:54 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

4:50 p.m. - Female reported a possible theft of a credit card.

8:17 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious female on Bridgewater Street.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

12:11 a.m. - Female reported loud music in Redwing Trailer Court.

7:44 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

1:50 p.m. - Female reported credit card fraud.

4:24 p.m. - Male reported a property damage accident on John C. Strange Street.

5:00 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Walker Street.

6:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:50 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

12:17 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on US 231.

6:01 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:35 a.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

11:19 a.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle at Ruler.

12:04 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

2:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

8:55 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

7:43 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Family Dollar.

10:35 a.m. - Female reported a lost license plate.

12:30 p.m. - First responders were requested on John Street for lifting assistance.

2:43 p.m. - Male reported a complaint of illegal dumping of trash at Chuckles.

5:39 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident at Dairy Queen.

7:55 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a juvenile.

10:34 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mulberry Street for a medical call.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

9:46 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

1:00 p.m. - Female reported a theft of a cell phone.

4:10 p.m. - Caller advised to be on the lookout for a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run accident in Daviess County.

7:06 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

10:47 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

7:29 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a vehicle accident.

9:08 a.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on Sheridan Street.

5:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

8:47 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.

10:43 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the Wendy's parking lot.

10:48 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Broadway Street.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

11:12 a.m. - Caller reported a break-in at Greenwell's.

4:30 p.m. - Male reported a suspicious male on US 231. Male checked out okay.

8:12 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 50 for a medical call.

11:08 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

## Real estate transfers

**Keith Holt and Marlin Holt**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Keith Holt, Marlin Holt, Rose Holt and Debra Nolan**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 35 acres, more or less.

**Renewing Properties 3, LLC** to **Mercy Road Church Incorporated**, Lot Numbered 78 in the original Town of Crane, Martin County, Indiana.

**Samuel Stoll and Marilyn F. Stoll**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Jeffrey Wittmer, a/k/a Jeffrey Wittmer and Mary Alice Wittmer; Steven Wittmer; and John Henry Wittmer and Marietta Wittmer, a/k/a Marietta Wittmer**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 14.460 acres, more or less.



## K9 donation

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The Martin County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce a new edition to its team, K9 "Spike." He is a 13-month-old German Shepherd. He was purchased from Von der has Kennels from Ohio; he was originally imported from Germany. On January 15, he and his partner, Deputy Cody Shinn, will start six weeks of training in Bedford for narcotics detection, apprehension, and tracking. The sheriff's office was very appreciative of the \$2,500 grant from the Martin County Community Foundation that contributed to the purchase and training for the K9. Pictured above left to right are Deputy Cody Shinn, K9 "Spike," Jenell Hoffman (MCCF Grants Chairperson), Sheriff Travis Roush, Dan Gregory (MCCF President), and Chief Deputy Joshua Greene.

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## Search warrant leads to large amount of methamphetamine and two arrests

On Saturday, January 12, at 4:46 p.m., Martin County Sheriff Deputy Tyler Reed was assisting Martin County Department of Children Services at a residence in Shoals, which was occupied by Angelique Gerkin and James Hert, both of Shoals. While assisting, Deputy Reed identified drugs and paraphernalia.

Hert and Gerkin were arrested on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine and neglect of a dependent and transported to the Martin County Security Center. During the book in process at the jail, staff located a clear plastic bag in Hert's pocket; residue in the bag field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Deputy Reed requested the assistance of Martin County Prosecutor Aureola Wright to apply for a search warrant, for the residence, which was granted by Martin County Circuit Court Judge Lynne E. Ellis. Deputy Reed, Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert, Reserve Deputy Commander Gerald Gammon, Reserve Deputy Jason Greene, and Reserve Deputy Larry Gibson executed the search warrant at the residence. During the search, officers located a large amount of methamphetamine and marijuana. Paraphernalia was also located. The total weight of the methamphetamine seized was around 20 grams. The total weight of marijuana seized was around 35 grams.

Hert was charged with dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 5 Felony; dealing in marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.



ANGELIQUE GERKIN



JAMES HERT

Gerkin was charged with dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 5 Felony; dealing in marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## Radius Indiana to host third regional economic development conference

Radius Indiana has announced that registration is now open for its third annual regional economic development conference for community leaders coming to the French Lick Resort March 26-28, 2019.

Attendees at the two-and-a-half day Radius Indiana Economic Development for Community Leadership Program will participate in educational sessions on relevant topics such as real estate development, strategic planning, business retention and attraction, workforce, marketing, business finance and incentives, and community development.

"With the development of our new strategic plan, we now have an even larger focus on regional economic leadership and education," said Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle. "This leadership program allows us to bring together a very diverse group of people who are able to share and learn so much from each other. I am very glad we are able to host this for the third consecutive year."

Speakers from state agencies, site selection companies, secondary education institutions, and financial firms will share best practices and offer perspectives on local and regional economic strategies. Topics are focused on the day-to-day functions of economic development and are designed to help leaders keep the needs of economic development at the forefront of their efforts as they return to their daily responsibilities.

"I found the speakers to be highly knowledgeable in the topics they

discussed. I appreciated the casual atmosphere to allow interaction with all involved," said Justin Green, Salem City Council. "I would recommend the course to any elected official as a window into how others are engaging in the economic development field."

Radius also plans to make several scholarships available from its own office as well as area utilities and banks. Local Economic Development Organizations and those interested in attending are encouraged to contact the Radius Indiana office to learn more about scholarship opportunities in their area.

Registration for the Radius Indiana Economic Development for Community Leadership Program is now available at [events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=e7cr5elab&oeidk=a07efy5k7cv37d13933](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=e7cr5elab&oeidk=a07efy5k7cv37d13933), or by calling 812-277-9778. Registration for leaders in the Radius eight-county region is \$450, and \$475 for those who live outside the region. The registration page has a link to book a hotel room at the French Lick Resort for the conference days.

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## SHOALS

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A donation was given to the Shoals Community Schools from the Christian Church of Jasper (Redemption) in the amount of \$4,740 was given. Student needs received \$3,000, the school lunch program received \$1,090 and IM-PACCT received \$650.

The superintendent recommended the addition of Ron Gilbert to the approved list of ECA drivers. The board approved.

The superintendent recommended the renewal of Shannon Wagoner's contract for 2018-2020. The board approved.

The elementary principal recommended Diana French be hired on as the Intermediate Special Education Aide. The board approved.

The high school principal recommended Xavier Williams to help with the elementary boys' basketball and Jason Riggins to help with the elementary girls' basketball. The board approved.

The boys' basketball team requested to stay overnight in Knightstown on December 21. This gave them the opportunity to tour the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. This was covered by the funds raised by the varsity boys' team. The boys' basketball team requested to stay overnight in French Lick at the resort for the two-day Springs Valley Holiday Tournament. This was paid for by some generous community members. The board approved.

A correction was needed to the October 2018 board minutes. Left out of the minutes was the approval of authorization to Miranda Beaver and Dr. Candace Roush for conducting business at First Federal Bank of Washington in the October 2018 board minutes. This was voted on, but did not get added into the minutes. The board approved the amendment.

The Lions Club requested to use the cafeteria for the boys' basketball banquet (date to be determined after sectional draw, end of February or early March.) The Lions Club also requested to use the yard in front of school on April 20, 2019 for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The board approved.

A request to change the prom date from April 20, 2019 to May 4, 2019 was made by the high school principal. The board approved.

A request was put in from the athletic directors to host the Coaches vs. Cancer game on January 19. The board approved.

There were no outstanding checks for 2018.

### Reports

Superintendent Dr. Candace Roush opened her report by welcoming new Board Member Samantha Boyd. She extended a thank you to Bill Bauer, Jenell Hoffman, Kyle Turpin and Evan Wagoner for their help with data collection for the Impact Aid Grant Application. It has been a long process of digging through old courthouse documents. She also extended a thank you to Bill Whorrall for the three paintings that he donated that are now displayed around the school. He has been doing a wonderful job in the elementary volunteering to teach the students about art.

The next school year will see the requirement of a dyslexia specialist. Jennifer Mauntel, Special Education Teacher, has agreed to attend training and serve in this position. The position of eLearning Coach that has been approved will be provided by an outside company. The superintendent is researching the best company to proceed forward with. The school is also looking at using a new formative testing company called Renaissance Learning. This company will provide the service of local assess-

ments and individualized remediation. This program will be K-12 so that they will be able to track students' growth on one program. Dawn Puckett, from Curriculum Associates, has been working with the building principals over the last few weeks. She will now begin working with the teachers and coaching them on how to use their data that their current programs provide.

The school is looking into turning Bus Route 9 into a corporation-owned route. More information on this route will be presented at the February board meeting. They have already had four companies purchase ad space on the new screen in the gymnasium. All funds raised from the advertising are going into the athletic department.

The school is still checking into a new financial software program that meets the needs of the office staff. This will be brought back to the board at a later date. Mr. Jeff Gee has found an exciting new program called Write to Learn. It is really helping the high school students learn to write essays by providing them with live feedback as they type. The Indiana Department of Education sent out an email today stating that they have found more inaccuracies with last year's ELA ISTEP exam, so the student's scores could possibly change again.

The elementary principal, Shannon Wagoner, presented the following: She opened with her upcoming events. The elementary librarian, Julia Sanders, has been busy with the Book Club that she started this year. There will be a reward for those members that read and participated, that will even include an ice cream party. Mr. Bill Whorrall painted a chair and it will be rewarded to the top reader. The Vex Robotics competition will take place on January 12. Mrs. Lindsey Douglas has been hard at work coaching the 3-4 grade team that has built a robot for the competition. It will be held at WestGate. Dr. Michael Gordman will be in on January 24 for a convocation entitled "Auggie Talk". Dr. Gordman suffers from Treacher Collins Syndrome, the same disease as the main character in the popular film "Wonder". It will be held from 1:30-2:50 p.m. on January 24. The Smart Choices Program will be coming to completion in fifth grade. Trooper Gavin Wilson will be handing out the certificates and shirts soon. The closing of this program will start the ILEAD program through the court house. The mock trial has been moved up this year so as not to interfere with testing. The ILEARN practice tests will start to be administered soon. Mrs. Wagoner is nearing completion on the school specialist training in school safety in February. The elementary staff will be doing professional development in computer science and working with the curriculum specialist, Dawn. The staff will also be attending seminars on new textbooks for the reading textbook adoption this year. There are already students calling to get on the list for the 2019-2020 Pre-school Waiting List. The teachers are working on ILEARN preparation to be ready for the upcoming testing season. The Curriculum Associates partner, Dawn, is working with the elementary teachers on how to analyze and use their data that has been collected.

Before adjournments, Lorna Troutman commented that the high school robotics team has been invited to participate in the state competition in Louisville, Kentucky. This competition will gain the team more points and prepare them for the state championship in Lafayette in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



## Community Corrections Director initiates clean-up below Brickyard Road bridge

Martin County Community Corrections Road Crew is tasked with often being the first “responders” to illegal dump sites. Last Saturday, January 5, the road crew initiated the cleanup of an illegal dump site area off Bridge 58, on Brickyard Road. This area has been a long-standing problem, and continues to be. At a recent Martin County Commissioners’ meeting, Director Collins with Community Corrections, requested assistance and recommendations with the site.

Thanks to the immediate response from the commissioners, sheriff’s office, recycling center, and county highway, a coordinated effort was made on Wednesday, January 9. Future illegal dumping will be addressed with the pending repair to bridge 58 and a fine up to \$2,500 will be assessed to anyone found illegally dumping. If you find individuals illegally dumping here

or in other areas of the county, please call and report the make, model, and/or license plate number to help curb this plague in the county.

The larger items (wet couches and mattresses, household items, bundled tires, etc.) could not have been pulled up the nearly 30-foot incline without the equipment and staff of the Martin County Highway Department. Those individuals below wading in the water, strapping and chaining the items to be lifted to the roadway, were inmates from the Martin County Jail, supervised by Chief Deputy Josh Greene. Some of the most concerning items found were a still-born calf and full deer carcasses and 28 tires.

With the cooperation of the Martin County Recycling Center, all items collected were delivered and willingly accepted, as part of their mission to make Martin County better.

## Noel Harty announces bid for re-election as Loogootee Mayor

One of the most rewarding opportunities I have had in my life is to serve the city and the citizens of Loogootee as your mayor for the past eight years. In doing so, I have been blessed to work with the support of a very strong team of city workers and staff who are equally dedicated to serving you.

Serving our city is not just a job to us. Loogootee is a special place in all of our hearts and we, along with you, take great pride in who we are as a community - quick to give a helping hand when needed, a community strong with volunteers who work together for the benefit of all, and a community of many faiths giving us strength and inspiration. The number one goal we start every work day with is to continue to improve and better serve our community.

I look forward to this campaign and the chance to speak to everyone about the next four years. My door is always open to you and I also hope you will seek me out at any community event to discuss your concerns, ideas, and dreams for our city’s future.

It is with great appreciation of the honor that you have so graciously given me for the past eight years, that I ask you once again to put your faith and trust in me for the next four years. I ask you to vote for me as your candidate for mayor in the May 7, 2019 primary.

**Sincerely, Noel Harty, Loogootee Mayor**

*-Paid for by Noel Harty for Loogootee Mayor*



# Tri Kappa looking for scholarship applicants

The state organization of Tri Kappa will award a variety of scholarships to college students throughout Indiana in the spring. Each State scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000. Tri Kappa has provided scholarship awards since 1914 acknowledging students on the local, province and state levels.

Chapters, provinces and the state organization combined, currently give nearly \$500,000 annually honoring academic achievement.

The state scholarship chair is currently seeking applicants for the following:

Twelve \$1,000 academic scholarships will be awarded, and additional at-large scholarships could be awarded dependent upon the funds available. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate program, having completed at least one academic year. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee are academic achievement, strong goals, extracurricular activities, work experience and volunteer service. (One scholarship per province, Loogootee-Shoals is Province III)

Two \$1,000 key scholarships are available to students throughout the state. These are directed to those students who have no previous degree beyond high school and have had a lapse in their education for at least five years. Any student enrolled in an accredited school offering an associate or baccalaureate degree, who has completed at

## Hospital foundation offering health careers scholarships

The Daviess Community Hospital Foundation has announced that they will be awarding Health Career Scholarships to residents of Daviess, Martin, and Pike counties or dependents of DCH employees from any area. Students attending an accredited educational institution of higher learning who are pursuing a degree in the field of health care are eligible to apply for the scholarships. Applications are available now on the Foundation’s web page at [www.dchosp.org](http://www.dchosp.org). The application deadline is Monday, February 25, 2019 at midnight.

The Foundation annually awards scholarships to aspiring health care professionals in an effort to support and encourage those individuals to return to our community to fulfill our communities’ need for dedicated, trained health care providers. Full and part-time students are eligible and both traditional and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

The DCH Foundation makes scholarship awards through two scholarship programs. Up to \$1,500 may be awarded for each scholarship recipient selected for the Health Careers Scholarships. One \$500 scholarship award will be made to a student pursuing nursing from The Helen Arthur Memorial Scholarship.

The Daviess Community Hospital Foundation is a nonprofit organization that exists to enhance the mission of Daviess Community Hospital by providing a means for philanthropic support of the hospital and by strengthening relationships between the hospital and the community. For further information, contact the DCH Foundation office at 812-254-8858 or email [asteiner@dchosp.org](mailto:asteiner@dchosp.org).

least one semester, may apply. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee are strong goals, work experience and volunteer service since high school.

Two \$1,000 Fine Arts scholarships will be awarded statewide to students majoring in art, dance, drama, or music. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate degree program, having completed at least one academic year.

The \$1,000 Twanette Nutter Fleming Music Award stipulates that the applicant must be enrolled in a fully accredited course of study leading to a degree to teach music in a private, public, or parochial school, having completed at least one academic year.

Students wishing to apply for any of these scholarships are encouraged to contact Katie Milligan at 812-296-0066 or [kmilligan15@yahoo.com](mailto:kmilligan15@yahoo.com).

Local deadline to submit scholarship applications to Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa is Friday, February 22, 2019.

In addition to the state scholarships, the Loogootee-Shoals, Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa also provides two local scholarships in the amount of \$500 each; one to a graduating Loogootee High School student and one to a graduating Shoals High School student with proof of college enrollment for the 2019-20 Fall Semester.

Applications for those high school scholarships can be obtained from your high school counselor or by contacting Katie Milligan at 812-296-0066 or [kmilligan15@yahoo.com](mailto:kmilligan15@yahoo.com).

## Retired Teachers hold meeting

BY LINDA STOSNIDER  
*Retired Teachers Association*

The Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers Association met January 11, at the Gasthof Amish Restaurant. President, Janice Riley, called the meeting to order and led the members in the Pledge to the Flag.

The November minutes and treasurer’s report were reviewed, edited, and approved.

Lawana Hand accepted volunteer hour forms for the 2018 year. Linda Strosnider announced that the local Junior Achievement will have the job shadow program this semester at Purdue. Members who wished to server as chaperones were asked to sign up.

Riley reminded membership that nonperishable food items for the Feed My Sheep program will be collected at the March 8 meeting.

A program was presented by Lynn Goodwin from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). She explained the mission of the program and how to sign on as a volunteer.

Dave Lennen, Area Director, gave a summary of the latest directors meeting. It included information about political action and changes in the fall meeting scheduling.

Attendees were: Vicky Bauernfiend, Rosie Winger, Lawana Hand, Nancy Adams, Dave Lennen, Rita Divine, Linda Britton, Janice Riley, Linda Strosnider, Aggie Cooper, and Marilyn Read, and guest – Lynn Goodwin. Door prize winners were Aggie Cooper, Rita Divine and Vicky Baurnfiend.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2019.

## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing," she asked

"Hunting flies," he replied

"Oh, kill any?" she said.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 females," came the answer.

Intrigued, the wife asked, "How can you tell them apart?"

Husband replied, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

Me behave? Seriously?

As a child I saw Tarzan almost naked,

Cinderella arrived home after midnight,

Pinocchio told lies,

Aladdin was a thief,

Batman drove over 200 miles an hour,

Snow White lived in a house with 7 men,

Popeye smoked a pipe and had tattoos,

Pac Man ran around to digital music while eating pills that enhanced his performance,

and Shaggy and Scooby were mystery solving hippies that always had the munchies.

The fault is not mine! If you had this childhood and loved it, send it someone to bring a smile to others as it did mine.

### THOUGHTS

\*I read a statistic that the average person eats 46 slices of pizza a year. This is the first time in my life I've been above average at anything.

## Martin County Toy Store gives to hospital children

Left over stuffed animals and small toys from the recent "Martin County Toy Store" were donated to Daviess Community Hospital for use in providing comfort to children admitted to the hospital.

"We are happy that the leftover toys can be put to good use," said Curt Johnson, Director of ACCTS, which is a group of churches in Martin County who assist with needs for kids throughout Martin County.

Since 2014, the marketing department at Daviess Community Hospital has provided a special bag of items to each pediatric patient who is admitted to DCH.

Each bag contains several items that are specifically chosen for the child based on age and gender. Many items have been donated and others are purchased by the hospital.

Items such as a water bottle, pen, notepad, and Kleenex for the parents of small children are also included in each bag.

All kids receive a fleece blanket or pillow along with age-appropriate toys, games and other miscellaneous items to occupy their time while in the hospital.

To learn more about this program, please contact Angie Steiner at 812-254-8858.

\*Yesterday I did nothing and today I'm finishing what I did yesterday.

\*Used to be rock around the clock, now it's limp around the block.

\*When I'm an old lady, (which is now), I'm going to leave snacks in little bags on the floor all over the house in case I fall down.

\*You never know what I have up my sleeve. Today it was a dryer sheet.

I was a teacher for many years and I just can't help sharing unusual information that I am learning in my old age. Hope you find these interesting.

### AMERICAN MYTHS

\*The Myth: Scalping was a brutal tactic invented by the Indians to terrorize the settlers.

The Truth: Scalping was actually an old European tradition dating back hundreds of years. Dutch and English colonists were paid a "scalp bounty" by their leaders as a means of keeping the Indians scared and out of the way. Finally, the Indians caught on and adopted the practice themselves. The settlers apparently forgot its origins and another falsehood about Indian cruelty was born.

\*The Myth: The Pilgrims ate a Thanksgiving feast of turkey and pumpkin pie after their first year in the New World, and we've been doing it ever since.

The Truth: Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until Abraham Lincoln declared it in 1863, and the Pilgrims ate neither the bird we call turkey, nor pumpkin pie.

Make someone smile today!



-Photo provided

From left to right are DCH employees Jen Houchins and Alisha McDaniel with ACCTS Secretary/Treasurer and Christmas Toy Store Chairperson Curt Johnson.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Merit board meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will meet Wednesday, January 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the jail.

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, January 17 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Clothing giveaway

New Beginnings Community Church will hold a free clothing giveaway Saturday, January 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, located on the square in Loogootee.

### Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, January 23 at noon at Pizza Junction in Loogootee. Pre-order lunch at 812-295-3333. Programs will be presented by PACE and David Rowell, with the U.S. Department of Labor.

### Girls' basketball camp

The Loogootee Girls' Basketball Program will be hosting a mini camp on Saturday mornings beginning January 26 through March 2. If interested, contact Brain Smith at 812-381-1026 or Lonnie Hawkins at 812-947-8413.

### Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

### 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!

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste

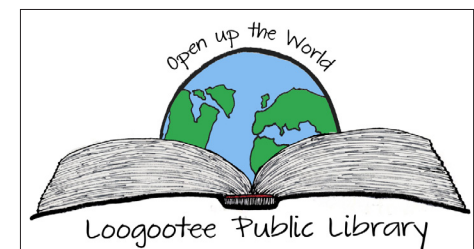
Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

### Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be hosting a meeting on Friday, January, 18 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and will be closed to the public during that time.

Library Attorney Dave Lett attended the public construction bid meeting on Monday, January 14, at 5. Brett Schipp, Universal Design President, opened and read off the bids. Unfortunately, since the government shutdown is ongoing Rural Development Director Craig McGowan wasn't able to attend. The next step is to award the bid at the special meeting on Tuesday, February 5 at 5; if the government shutdown is resolved.

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

## NEW LISTING!



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## Ag Producers' sentiment drifts lower; trade disputes continue to concern farmers

BY KAMI GOODWIN

*Purdue University News Service*

There was a modest drop in agricultural producer sentiment in December as farmers' perception of both current and future economic conditions weakened, according to results from the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer. The December barometer reading of 127 was 7 points lower than November. The barometer is based on 400 survey responses from agricultural producers across the country.

Both of the barometer's two sub-indices declined in December: the Index of Current Conditions fell 6 points to 109, and the Index of Future Expectations fell 8 points to 135. When comparing these readings to December 2017, the Index of Current Conditions is substantially lower, registering a decline of 30 points, while the Index of Future Expectations actually improved from year-to-year with an uptick of 15 points.

"Over the course of the last year, producers' impression of current economic conditions on their farms has declined markedly" said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "But at the same time their expectations for future economic conditions have held steady. As a result of this mixed view, farmers appear to be cautious about making large investments in their farming operations."

For example, in December 2018 the Large Farm Investment Index, which measures whether producers feel this is a good time to make large farm investments, fell 5 points to a reading of

51. This marked a 29-point drop from one year ago when it reached a reading of 70. Those same concerns were also apparent when producers were asked whether now is a "good time" or "not a good time" to bring a new generation of family into the business. Just 42 percent said now was a "good time" compared to approximately half during the previous two years. However, when looking ahead 5 years, 65 percent of producers expect conditions to be more favorable to onboarding a new generation.

International agricultural trade issues continue to cause concern and could be causing producers' reduced confidence in current economic conditions. When producers were asked whether they expect exports to increase or decrease in the next five years, 59 percent indicated that they expect ag exports to increase, down 7 points from November's survey response, whereas 26 percent expect ag exports to decrease, up from 10 percent on the November survey.

Read the full December Ag Economy Barometer report at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>. This month's report includes additional information about farmers usage of and perceived value of incorporating drone technology into their farm's operation as well as their production expectations for the pork, beef, and dairy industries. Each month Dr. Mintert also provides an in-depth analysis of the barometer. That video is available at [purdue.edu/agbarometer](http://purdue.edu/agbarometer).

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCBARO, AGECCURC and AGECCFTEX.

## Workshops teach how to secure family farms for generations

BY CHAD CAMPBELL

*Purdue University News Service*

Purdue Extension will offer 10 regional workshops on succession planning this winter. These meetings will teach family farm businesses how to plan for a transfer to the next generation.

Subjects explored in the workshop include valuing assets, attorney tools, farm safety while aging in place, and building an advisory team. Additional topics focus on wills, LLCs, trusts and transfer on death basics.

"The Succession Planning Team is continuing our efforts to offer timely information to help farm families navigate the maze to develop a succession plan for their farm operation and families. The topics offered are determined by input from past program participants," said Kelly Heckaman, Extension Educator and County Extension Director. "We are also including local attorneys to help answer questions and to navigate the legal aspects of the process. We hope these three hour sessions help to answer some of the most common questions the team receives to get succession planning started."

Dates, times and locations are as follows:

January 24, 1 p.m., Hancock County Extension Office, 802 Apple Street,

Greenfield

January 24, 6 p.m., Knox County Extension Office, 4259 N Purdue Road, Vincennes

January 29, 6 p.m., Harrison County Extension Office, 247 Atwood Street, Corydon

January 30, 9 a.m., Benton County Extension Office, 410 S Adeway, Suite A, Fowler

February 5, 1 p.m., Decatur County Extension Office, 545 S Co Road 200 W, Greensburg

February 6, 9 a.m., Whitley County 4-H Center, 680 W. Squawbuck Road, Columbia City

February 13, 6 p.m., Vermillion County Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Road, Cayuga

February 26, 6 p.m., Madison County Fairgrounds, 512 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Alexandria

March 5, 6 p.m., Monroe County Extension Office, 3400 Walnut Street, Bloomington

To attend a workshop, registration must be completed one week prior at [www.event.com/d/1bq36s](http://www.event.com/d/1bq36s). The cost to attend is \$50 for the first four members of a family and \$10 per each additional family member.

For more information, contact Heckaman at 574-372-2340, [kheckaman@purdue.edu](mailto:kheckaman@purdue.edu) or visit [www.purdue.edu/succession](http://www.purdue.edu/succession).



Time magazine names a "person of the year" each year. Various horticultural groups name plants of the year. The person of the year usually has done something, good or bad, that has captured the attention of the news media. The plants are those that have performed well in gardens and have attributes that make them good choices for your garden.

The best known of these plant-of-the-year selections is the perennial plant of the year, chosen by the members of the Perennial Plant Association. This year's selection is *Stachys moniere* "Hummelo". This is a cousin of the common groundcover lamb's ear. However, it lacks the fuzzy texture of its cousin. The leaves of Hummelo are deep green. They are somewhat stiff and deep-veined. In time, the foliage will form a mound. Hummelo likes the sun and requires good drainage. It does not need fertilizer. Once established, it will be quite drought-resistant and, in general, is not favored by deer and rabbits. In late spring to early summer, it will send up spires of deep purple flowers, which look great in the landscape and make excellent cut flowers. Hummelo has been around for several years, so it is readily available, and with this award, it should be front and center in garden shops this spring. It looks best when planted in drifts, so buy as many as you can afford to fill a spot in the front of a border. Shearing the bloom stems off after flowers fade will keep the foliage mound looking good all summer and may give you another, but smaller, flush of blooms in a few weeks.

The American Hosta Association has named "Lakeside Paisley Print" as the Hosta of the Year for 2019. It has rather large heart-shaped leaves with variegation in several colors ranging from deep green to chartreuse to cream. The leaves also have a puckered texture, which

### Petersburg invasive plant right-of-way training

Do you manage or work within road or utility right-of-ways? Attend this free half day training to learn how invasive plants impact these areas and the best ways to manage them. Hosted by the nonprofit Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasive Management (SICIM), and the new Pike-Gibson CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area), this training will include identification of common roadside invasives, best management practices to prevent and control their spread, and noxious weeds and other right-of-way vegetation management restrictions. Speakers will include Hans Schmitz (Purdue Extension), Emily Finch (SICIM Regional Specialist), and Matt Kraushar (INDOT Roadside Maintenance Specialist). Some of the problematic invasive plants that will be covered by this training are Johnson Grass, Poison Hemlock, Callery (Bradford) Pear, and Phragmites.

The training is free, but pre-registration is recommended by contacting Tabitha Anthis at 812-385-5033 x3 or [tabitha.anthis@in.nacdn.net](mailto:tabitha.anthis@in.nacdn.net). Pesticide applicator CCH credits are available (3 credits, Cat 2, 3a, 6, and RT). It will be held at the Pike County 4H building in Hornady Park, Petersburg, on February 7. Registration starts at 8:45 a.m. (EST), with the training from 9 a.m. to noon.

makes them less attractive to deer and slugs than other hostas. This hosta bears lavender flowers and will take some morning sun, as long as it is protected from the harsh afternoon rays. It was introduced in 2011 by Mary Chastain, so it has been around long enough that it should be readily available this spring.

The Flowering Shrub of the Year for 2019 is weigela "Sonic Bloom". There are five varieties of this shrub: Sonic Bloom Red, Sonic Bloom Pearl, Sonic Bloom Pink, Sonic Bloom Ghost and Sonic Bloom Pure Pink. Any of them would make a good specimen planting or combine them for a colorful hedge. As with all weigelas, they need plenty of room, as pruning ruins the natural shape of this shrub.

The landscape shrub of the year is Low Scape Mound Aronia. This aronia is small for the species, so it can be put into a border without overpowering the perennials and annuals with which it shares the space.

The hydrangea of the year is "Fire Light", which bears bright pink blooms. It is touted as a reliable re-bloomer, setting blooms on both old and new wood. The 2019 Rose of the Year is "At Last", a peach-colored mid-size bloom on a sturdy shrub.

The annual plant of the year is Lemon Coral sedum. This is a groundcover type sedum, with foliage ranging from yellow to chartreuse. It is a perennial in zones 7-11, but is treated as an annual in our area, though some may survive the winters in sheltered locations. You may also over-winter plants in pots inside or in an attached garage. It makes a great spiller plant in containers.

If you wish to plant the vegetable of the year for 2019, get a packet of mixed-colored carrots. The herb of the year is anise hyssop, one of my favorite herbs, with great licorice flavor and beautiful purple flowers that attract bees and butterflies.

Now, you are probably ready to grab a shovel and get ready for the 2019 garden. I would hold off for a bit, but you can start looking for these selections in mail-order catalogues. These awards are not given lightly, so expect to be successful when planting these selections this spring.

### State parks take seven of 10 spots in InstaIndiana contest

If you're looking for great photos as well as shares and likes on your social media feed, Indiana's state park properties are the place to be.

That was the overall result of the Indiana Office of Tourism's Insta-Indiana online voting contest. State park properties took the top four spots, five of the top six, and seven of the top 10. The contest polled voters on which places in Indiana are most instagrammable.

Brown County State Park finished No. 1, with Indiana Dunes, Turkey Run and Clifty Falls state parks finishing second through fourth, respectively. McCormick's Creek State Park finished in the sixth spot, Patoka Lake in ninth and Pokagon State Park in 10th. The full list is at [visitIndiana.com](http://visitIndiana.com).

To decide which park is your favorite, you'll need to visit them all. Learn more at [stateparks.IN.gov](http://stateparks.IN.gov).