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NSWC Crane employee engages workforce to prepare Warfighter for evolving threats

"If you think of a Warfighter out in the field, he or she may not see what threat exists beyond an adjacent hill," says Dr. Carol Hunter, a Human Capital Lead at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane). "They need to be equipped with tools to prepare them for any encounter...because once they are faced with that threat, it's too late."

Each day, Dr. Hunter strives to ensure the workforce at Crane is positioned to anticipate and eliminate the rapidly evolving threats soldiers and sailors face. Dr. Hunter says the workforce at NSWC Crane is critical to providing those necessary tools that keep the Warfighter prepared, safe, and effective.

"As a Human Capital Lead for a division, I strengthen the architecture connecting our prominent workforce to our vast, state-of-the-art resources. I look for ways to bolster these internal relationships and to efficiently use the existing infrastructure, such as material, equipment, and technology. When we work together efficiently, the Warfighter is prepared for every threat." (Photo by NSWC Crane Corporate Communications)

In the early 2000s, Dr. Hunter spent three years establishing the National Thought Leadership (NTL) capability for NSWC Crane. This model provided structure supporting NSWC Crane's leading subject matter experts (SME), and has since grown to enable innovative learning and opportunities



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to collaborate across NAVSEA and other service branches.

"Originally, our SMEs and other resources were seen as separate entities," says Dr. Hunter. "With the NTL in place, we've leveraged our expertise to provide affordable and innovative solutions for the Navy and military." (See 'CRANE' on page two)



Bell tower renovation

Helming Bros., of Jasper, has worked the past several months restoring the bell tower of the former Martin County Courthouse in Shoals, now the museum. The bell tower is now completed.

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee Christmas Parade, Stroll to be held this Sunday

The Annual City of Loogootee Festival of Lights Christmas Parade will be held Sunday, December 2 at 6 p.m. The Christmas Stroll will also be held downtown from 4-8 p.m.

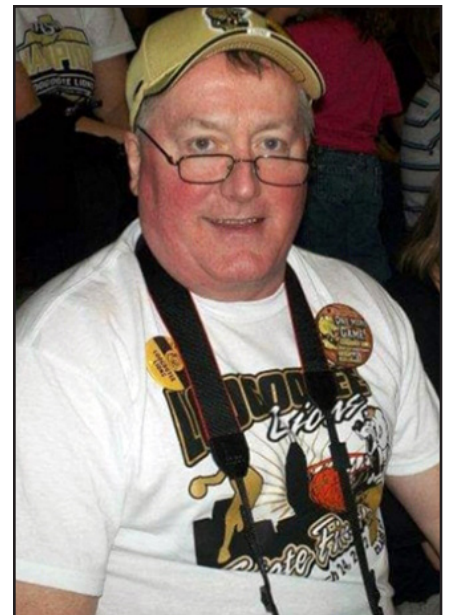
The theme for this year's parade is "A Farmhouse Christmas". 60 floats have been signed up to date. Line-up will begin at 5 p.m. behind Loogootee High School.

This year's Grand Marshal for the parade is Scott Waggner, of Loogootee, chosen by Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty. Harty said of Waggner, "Scott is the epitome of what small towns are all about. A person who is proud to call where he grew up home. He really is our biggest cheerleader." Waggner is a Loogootee High School Graduate and is known for being a huge fan of the Loogootee Lions.

During the Christmas Stroll Sunday evening, photos with Santa Claus will be in the New Beginnings Church on the square after the parade. New Beginnings will also be providing free hot chocolate and giving away wrapping paper.

Carriage rides will be offered at Emilee Summers Massage throughout the Stroll.

In case of inclement weather, the parade will be postponed until Sunday, December 9. If interested in having a float in the parade, contact the Loogootee Mayor's office at 812-295-4770. Awards will be given for best theme, best float, mayor's choice, grand marshal's choice and judge's choice.



SCOTT WAGGNER



Mickey & Minnie Mouse will be hosted at The Loogootee Revival Center Church, located on Wood Street, for the Christmas Stroll, Sunday, December 2, 4-8 p.m. Bring your camera and your children to take their picture with Mickey & Minnie. Little ones will also receive a candy cane!

Local food services inspected

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections, unless otherwise noted. Violations that were seen again from one inspection to the next are noted with "(Repeat violation)" after the entry.

SEPTEMBER 28

JayC #52, 201 S High Street, Shoals

One non-critical violation:

-Unshielded light bulbs in meat and dairy cooler

Jones Oil, 314 4th Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

Lark Ranch, 3145 Killion Mill Road, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-No hot water available at the snack shack.

OCTOBER 4

Circle K #2433, 109 N. Broadway Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Gasoline Alley, 101 E. Broadway Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Loogootee Elementary, 101 Costello Drive, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of food on salad bar out of range: ham 48.8 degrees, chicken salad 47 degrees. Boxed lunches and salads on cart in kitchen had items out of temperature range: yogurt 66.4 degrees; salad 72 degrees (Toni Craney, cook, provided the following response to the inspection on October 4: "All cold foods and items will be returned to the cooler immediately after preparation and held at a temperature of 40 degrees or cooler. As they are served, in between each round, they will be kept refrigerated in the walk in cooler.")

Loogootee High School, 201 Brooks Avenue, Loogootee

No violations noted.

OCTOBER 30

Chuckles Food Mart #3, 509 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Build-up of mold on upper interior surface of ice machine.

Jones Oil Company, 113 East Broadway Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Ruler #215, 600 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Items in recent delivery waiting to be stocked in cooler units less than 41 degrees, ground beef 51 degrees, yogurt 49.2 degrees.

CRANE

(Continued from page one)
tary.”

Dr. Hunter spent one year working for the Chief of Staff at NSWC Crane. During this time, she studied workforce development improvement processes in focus groups. Several current initiatives came from these focus

groups, enabling the a more successful workforce.

“One example was how we initiated more opportunities for our workforce to build a strong internal network,” says Dr. Hunter. “If your team or division is working on a project, there may be someone else in a different building

with easy access to the equipment or technology you need. We intentionally provided more opportunities for our employees to engage across departments. Then, resources, best practices, and knowledge are shared. The better we know ourselves, the more effective we are for the Warfighter.”

Strengthening the workforce capability and connectivity, saves time and money.

“I love what I do every day; it matters. I help make sure our workforce prepares Warfighters for what’s be-

yond the hill. I help make sure sailors accomplish their mission and come home to their families.”

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.

Single vehicle crash, east of Shoals, kills one

The Martin County Sheriff’s Office, Indiana State Police, and an Indiana Conservation Officer responded to a single vehicle crash that killed the driver on US 50 west of Deep Cut Lake Road on Tuesday afternoon.

On Tuesday, November 13, at approximately 2:49 p.m., the Martin County Sheriff’s Office received several 911 calls reporting a vehicle crash with unknown injuries. Martin County Sheriff’s Office Sergeant Keith Keller, Captain Tony Dant, and Sheriff Travis Roush, Indiana State Police Trooper Andrew Beaver, Indiana Conservation Officer Eric Doane, the Martin County Coroner’s Office, Martin County EMS,

the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department, and KRB Towing responded to the crash.

The driver, Leonard D. Bex, 78, of Mitchell, was eastbound on US 50 at the time of the crash. For unknown reasons, Bex’s 2004 Chevrolet S-10 left the south side of the roadway. Bex’s Chevrolet continued off of the roadway and struck a tree head-on. Bex was pronounced deceased by Martin County Coroner Tina Franklin.

US 50 was closed or limited to one lane of traffic for approximately two hours while the crash scene was processed. The investigating deputy is Sergeant Keith Keller.

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JIM EDWARDS

James L. "Jim" Edwards passed away at 3:19 p.m. Saturday, November 24, 2018, at his home. A resident of Russiaville, he was 66.



JIM EDWARDS

He was born February 17, 1952, in Kokomo; son of Eirmal and Margarette (Daughty) Edwards.

Jim graduated from Shoals High School and went on to work for Delco Electronics from 1982 until his retirement in 2007. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, especially Dale Earnhardt, Sr., Dale Earnhardt, Jr., and Jeff Gordon.

He is survived by his daughter, Kassie L. Stone; son, James N. Edwards; grandchildren, Austin Edwards and Allison Edwards; great-grandson, Tristin Watson; brother, Roy "Chuck" Edwards; and sister, Jackie Plank.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, George William "Bill"

Edwards; and sister, Mildred "Susie" Brumley.

In keeping with Jim's wishes, there will be no services. Cremation has been entrusted to Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.stoutandson.com.

DON ELLIS

Donald "Don" L. Ellis passed away Monday, November 19, 2018 in Washington. A resident of Washington, he was 85.

He was born May 23, 1933 in Burn City; son of Orliel F. and Julia (Tittle) Ellis. He graduated from Odon High School in 1951. He was a retired U.S. Army Veteran serving in the Vietnam War and later had worked at Greenwood Hardware for over twenty years. He was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

He is survived by wife, Carol (Sweeney) Ellis, whom he married May 29, 1960; son, Terry (Teresa) Ellis of Washington; daughter Martha (Keith) Wampler of Bicknell; four grandchil-

dren, J.D. Ellis, Kacey Ellis, Dylan Ellis and D.J. Wampler; three great-grandchildren, Hadley Ellis, Madeline Ellis and Amelia Ellis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Barbara Kester, Leota Ellis, Martha Sue Ellis and brother, John Ellis.

A graveside service was held Saturday, November 24 at Sugarland Memory Garden. Military Graveside rites were conducted by the Washington American Legion and VFW.

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

JANE ROACH

Carol "Jane" Roach passed away Monday, November 19, 2018 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Washington, she was 64.



JANE ROACH

She was born in Washington on July 5, 1954; daughter of Royce R. and Lillian (Fitzgerald) Gray. She had worked as a beautician for several years and loved going to watch her children and grandchildren's sporting events and loved her little dog, Gussie. She was an amazing, loving and caring wife and mother, who did everything for her family. She was so full of life and positive energy. She could light up the room with her smile. There was never a dull moment with her around. She will be loved and missed by so many.

She is survived by her husband, John Roach who she married on November 3, 1973; daughter, Justina Walls of Washington; three sons, Jason (Amanda) Roach of Evansville and Jarod (Lindsey) Roach of Washington; sister, Sue Taylor of Washington; two brothers, Joe Gray of Loogootee and Steve Gray of Washington; six grandchildren, Kerstin Burks, Jadalynn Winingier, Ethan Roach, Jena Roach,

Jaddison Walls and Blakely Roach.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Pauline Fisher; brother, Paul "Sonny" Gray.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Saturday, November 24 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church with Fr Paul Ferguson officiating. Burial followed at St John Cemetery.

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

ROANNA REYNOLDS

Roanna J. Reynolds passed away Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at Mitchell Manor. A resident of Mitchell, she was 92.

She was born March 20, 1926, in Rabbitsville; the daughter of Dearl Edward and Thelma Lucille (Edwards) Cooper. She married Elgan Reynolds December 16, 1943, and he preceded her in death July 24, 2006.

Roanna was a homemaker and loved farming. She was of the Christian faith and was a Red Cross Gray Lady. Everyone knew her as a feisty, spunky lady who was always willing to help a neighbor.

She is survived by her children, Connie Ruth Stoll of Loogootee, Dearl C. Reynolds of Mitchell, Elana Reynolds of Mitchell, and Michelle Porter of Orleans; grandchildren raised in the home, Jill (Reynolds) Saman of Moorpark, California and Brian Reynolds of Bedford; 10 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, a great-great granddaughter, and sisters, Lavon Reynolds of Mitchell and Joyce Traf-ton of Lakeland, Florida.

Her parents; husband; son, Ronald Wayne Reynolds; grandson, Dearl Reynolds II; and siblings, Thelma Connerley, Wayne Cooper, and Archie Cooper, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 25, in the Memorial Chapel of Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center with Brother Allen Burris officiating. Burial followed in Talbott Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Talbott Cemetery Association.

Chamber holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met October 17 at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: City of Loogootee - Noel Harty, Hollie's Eats & Treats - Theresa Abney, The Candy Mill - Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Daviess Community Hospital - Angie Steiner, American Tree Experts & Overlook Rental - Rodney Wright and Marie Hawkins, Loogootee Public Library - Darla Wagler, Jen Haushins, Martin County Community Foundation - Curt Johnson, SERVPRO Fire & Water Restoration & Cleaning - Tammy May, Westgate - Kayla Bryant, Hoosier Uplands Head Start - Deb Terry, Purdue MC Extension Office - Dena Held, WRZR Radio - Ken Waggoner, Bowling Manufacturing - Keith Peacock, SBDC - Terri Brown, Martin County Alliance - Tim Kinder and West Boggs Park - Jamison Hibbs.

Carolyn Parsons-Downey gave the treasurer's report noting that Susan Arthur has the updated information on the golf scramble and The Shop & Taste. The final on the golf scramble income was \$447.63, the Alliance had decided prior to the scramble to donate their portion to the Loogootee Public Library. The Chamber will decide following the Shop & Taste where their money will go. Marie Hawkins made the motion to accept the report and was seconded by Theresa Abney. All approved.

Secretary's Report - Carolyn Parsons-Downey, no discussion was made on the report, it was sent out prior to the meeting with no changes. Marie Hawkins the motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Theresa Abney. All approved.

The Shop & Taste will be October 18 at the Martin County Community Building. They will set up in the morning and the booths can set up from noon until the time of the event.

The program was given by Terri Brown with South Central Indiana Small Business Development Center. There are 10 centers in the state of Indiana. Terri's office is out of Bloomington and they cover 10 counties. Clients can come to their office or they will come to the clients. They help with business plans and marketing. They

can help with a location if it is a busy area. Their counseling services are free.

Shop Small Saturday is November 24 and the Chamber will promote shopping at local businesses.

The Chamber will be looking for a replacement for the treasurer and one board member.

Curt Johnson, with the Martin County Community Foundation reported that the Annual Dinner is November 5 the cost is \$20 and held at the MC Community Building they will also have a silent auction. Guest speakers are Dan Gregory and Kenny Frye.

West Boggs will have Halloween Trick & Treating starts at 6:30 the next two weekends, and other activities. There is no haunted house this year.

Marie Hawkins, with the Shoals Business Association, donated \$200 to Shoals Library for their Ag Program. They gave Shoals School \$200 for the concrete for their bison and then \$200 for the school's Ag Program.

Daviess Community Hospital has a Health Fair November 10 at the Simon Graber Complex, they offer free screening and also have reduced screens offered.

Westgate - 1st Tuesday November 6th, their event will be focused about investing or how to get investors to for you

Deb Terry, with Hoosier Uplands, are looking again for a bus driver and Mitchell is looking for two. They do need a CDL which they will sponsor and help someone to get their license.

Dena Held, Purdue Extension Director, said this Sunday is their 4-H achievement program and awards. You do not have to be in 4-H to attend they will have light refreshments. It is enrolment time for the upcoming year as well. There is a small fee to join 4-H, but they do have scholarships also.

Darla Wagler, Loogootee Library Director, reported that they made their \$20,000 match as of last week. They had their chair auction on Saturday night and was given another \$5,000 match from the Community Foundation and that was made that night. So far, they have raised \$73,000 for their goal of \$200,000.

Marie Hawkins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Theresa Abney.

In Memory

Of

Ann (Jones) Burch

June 30, 1960 - December 9, 2016

God saw you were getting tired,
 And a cure was not to be.
 So He put His arms around you
 And whispered, "Come To Me."
 With tearful eyes we watched you,
 And saw you pass away.
 Although we loved you dearly,
 We could not make you stay.
 A golden heart stopped beating,
 Hard working hands at rest.
 God broke our hearts to prove to us,
 He only takes the best.

Dearly missed and forever in our hearts,
 Richard and Clint
 Allyson, Aaron, Annalise
 and baby Mudd
 Emma, Dustin, Lathen,
 Hudson and
 baby Letterman

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:40 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire Department responded.

8:21 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received a request for hunting information in Loogootee. ICO Mann responded.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on U.S. Highway 50, east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

1:58 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check, south of Shoals. Captain Dant and ISP Trooper Qualkenbush responded. Everything checked out okay.

5:15 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of intoxicated individuals on the roadway, south of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Reed responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of attempted residential entry in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded. Everything checked out okay.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

1:48 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check, south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded. Everything checked out okay.

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in the roadway and traffic hazard on Highway 450. Deputy Reed responded.

6:10 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

9:53 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of a loose horse in Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

12:53 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

1:01 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

1:44 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:58 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

2:20 p.m. - Received a request for an officer to assist in a civil matter in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:36 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of a semi with the trailer stuck on Deep Cut Lake Road. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of goats in the roadway on U.S. Highway 231, north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of scam phone calls in the area.

4:23 p.m. - Deputy Shinn completed a vehicle identification check, north of Shoals.

5:27 p.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:47 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Shinn and ISP Trooper Brummett responded.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

12:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Reed and Deputy Shinn responded. Deputy Reed transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance, east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:15 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything checked okay.

4:21 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

8:59 a.m. - Received a request for officer assistance with a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Dant responded. Everything checked out okay.

9:09 a.m. - Received a report of a landlord-tenant dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:38 a.m. - Received a request for an officer to assist with a property dispute in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:02 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on U.S. Highway 231, north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:48 p.m. - Jailer Lents took one inmate to the doctor.

11:01 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

5:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231. Deputy Wright responded.

10:44 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:08 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded, and all was okay.

1:56 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Officer Hennette responded.

5:56 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

3:29 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Wright, Williams Fire, and IU Health responded. No one was transported.

9:04 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was okay.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Major Burkhardt, ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Loogootee Fire responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a horse out east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:01 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Wright responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

2:32 a.m. - Received report of a hit and run accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Wright, Loogootee Officer Floyd, Dubois County Sheriff's Office, and Daviess County Sheriff's Office responded.

4:13 a.m. - Received a request for a notification attempt in Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

7:40 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded and all was okay.

8:04 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper Wilson responded and made contact with the driver.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

6:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

7:09 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel transported one inmate to the hospital.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

9:57 p.m. - Received a report of an incident in Loogootee. Deputy Wright and Deputy Seymour responded.

10:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire

ARRESTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:15 a.m. - James Gregory, 49, of Shoals, was arrested by ICO Mann and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of marijuana. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

1:55 p.m. - Andrew Lyon, 27, homeless, was arrested on a Martin County Warrant for failure to appear and held without bond.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:08 p.m. - Zechariah Stoll, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Brummett and charged with operating while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1:23 a.m. - Charity Alford, 45, of Daviess County, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating while intoxicated endangerment and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

2:43 p.m. - Richard Ayers, 25, of Bedford, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with battery and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Captain Hennette.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

11:59 p.m. - Jordan L. Burch, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth for a Martin County warrant for failure to appear.

and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

2:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

5:59 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

Real estate transfers

George L. Street and Rheadawn J. Street, of Martin County, Indiana to **George L. Street and Rheadawn J. Street**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, lying north and west of the Vincent Dawson Public Road, containing 22 acres, more or less, except a section containing 3 acres, more or less.

Charles E. Pruett, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bridgette L. Pruett and April C. Wilz**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Number 6, 7, and 8 of Pruett's Subdivision.

Gregory and Sons Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Black Crown Farms, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 8 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Charles E. Pruett, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kaylee R. Diamond**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Number 4 of Pruett Subdivision. Tract II: Lot Number 5 of Pruett Subdivision.

Roy L. Bergman and Dinah E. Bergman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Caleb A. Sanders and Cameron Dee Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 80 acres, more or less, except sections containing 16.92 acres, more or less.

Tyson Hilderbrand and Rebecca Hilderbrand, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jacob Tyler Wallisa**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 19 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth Extension to the Town of Shoals, formerly West Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 20 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth Extension to the Town of Shoals, formerly West Shoals, Indiana.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

November 13

Andrew J. Wheeler, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 347 days suspended and credit for 9 actual days previously served plus 9 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

November 8

Buddy R. Rather, conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from theft, a Class D Felony, dismissed; criminal recklessness with a vehicle, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 13

Luke C. Reed, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Andrew J. Wheeler, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 19

Joshua W. Brawdy, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

November 14

Crane Credit Union vs. Eric Perez, civil collection.

Anthony Arvin vs. Teneka Arvin, petition for dissolution of marriage.

November 15

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. David L. Hoar, civil collection.

November 19

Citibank vs. Dorothy Bough, civil collection.

Citibank vs. Dale E. Abel, Darcus J. Abel and unknown tenants, mortgage foreclosure.

November 20

Crane Credit Union vs. William Hawthorn, civil collection.

Synchrony Bank vs. Viola Embree, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

November 20

Crane Credit Union vs. Scott D. Smoot, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Kennon L. Douglas, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Carla F. Guise and Terrance E. Guise, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Bobby S. Lowe, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Dana R. Stoll, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Brock E. Mercer, complaint.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 a.m. - Male came on station to report property damage.

1:30 p.m. - Female came on station to request an officer serve a no trespassing order.

5:21 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 3rd Street for lifting assistance.

5:57 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male behind the Ruler Store.

7:05 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

7:28 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from McDonalds.

7:30 p.m. - First responders were requested at Country Place Apartments for a medical call.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:45 a.m. - Female came on station to report a child custody matter.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated male.

2:20 p.m. - Male caller reported a child custody matter.

5:30 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cooper Street for a medical call.

8:00 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male at Circle K.

9:58 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out for a carbon monoxide alarm going off.

11:00 p.m. - Caller reported a barking dog complaint on Riley Street.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

1:15 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

4:21 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Washington Street.

9:09 a.m. - Male caller reported a civil complaint.

1:02 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

6:01 p.m. - Caller reported a person burning leaves on SW 3rd Street.

7:32 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle on NW 1st Street.

11:01 p.m. - Caller reported a barking dog in Redwing Trailer Court.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1:56 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with two males fighting.

6:18 p.m. - Female reported a reckless driver on US 231.

8:00 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Queen Street.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:04 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

2:20 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a multiple-vehicle accident.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported a stray dog on Crane Street.

3:50 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

6:44 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

7:50 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on US 231.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the Chuckles parking lot.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

2:32 a.m. - Caller reported a hit-and-run accident on US 231.

7:40 a.m. - Officer Dant responded to a business alarm.

11:34 a.m. - Male reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

7:30 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

9:25 p.m. - Caller reported harassing phone calls.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

12:47 a.m. - Male requested transient assistance.

11:33 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

1:42 p.m. - Caller reported a dog running loose on Queen Street.

7:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

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- On the job training provided, no experience necessary. Preference may be given to candidate with a CDL and/or heavy equipment skills.

Applications available at the Loogootee Municipal Building or Utility Office, 401 JFK Avenue, or by calling (812) 295-2497.

Deadline for job application is Monday, December 3, 2018 at 4 p.m.



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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



A lady had a problem with a skunk in her cellar. She called the local conservation officer.

He said, "All you have to do is to spread a trail of bread crumbs from the basement on out and the skunk will follow it."

Two days later the lady called back and said, "I did what you told me, but now I have two skunks in my basement."

RIDDLES:

1. What do you call a person who is happy on Monday?
2. What happened when the butcher backed in to his meat grinder?
3. What's a cat's favorite dessert?
4. What do you get when you cross a tiger and a canary?

RANDOM THOUGHTS:

- *It's OK to be chubby because skinny girls freeze faster.
- *Laughing at your own mistakes lengthens your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes shortens it.
- *Love is in the air, but so is the flu. Wash your hands.
- *Dear Santa, I've been good all year. Most of the time. Once in a while. Never mind. I'll buy my own stuff.
- *Don't worry about getting older. You're still going to do dumb stuff -

only slower.

*I'm just one step away from being rich. All I need now is money.

*Everyone is posting pictures of their Christmas trees and I'm over here like, "I probably ought to do something about those rotting pumpkins on the front porch."

*There's a strange voice in my head saying, "Vacuum the floor, clean the house!" Luckily my mom always told me not to talk to strangers.

*My co-worker said to me, "Could you be any more annoying?" So, the next day I wore tap shoes to work.

*One thing my dog and I have in common is that we never want me to go to work.

*When I was little, my mom used to feed me alphabet soup claiming I loved it. I didn't really, she was just putting words in my mouth.

*Right now, chocolate is good for you and Romaine lettuce can kill you. I've been training for this moment all my life.

*I hope that you didn't forget to turn your bathroom scales back 15 pounds the night before Thanksgiving.

*Eat salad they say. It's healthy. You know what never gets recalled? Cake. I am sticking to cake.

1. Retired.
2. He got a little behind in his work.
3. Chocolate mousse
4. I don't know, but when it sings, you'd better listen

Make someone smile today!

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

For my nutritionist notes this month, I wanted to pass on an important Safety Recall Notice. The educational plates that have been distributed by all Indiana WIC agencies can cause a safety risk if put in the microwave. The Brush Art Corporation that WIC purchased the plates from labeled them as microwave safe and they are not safe to put in the microwave. Please do not use these plates. You can bring them to your local WIC clinic or discard them. There has not been any information yet on if we will have replacement plates available even if you bring them to the WIC clinic. Therefore, we cannot guarantee a replacement for your plate when you bring to the clinic.

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment. To contact the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, text or call 812-675-1083.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

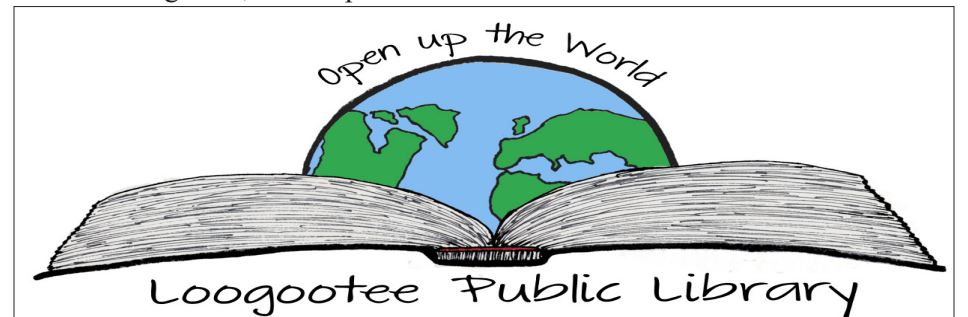
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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 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

It is approaching the end of the year and if you are trying to decide what charity to support with your contributions, let me suggest you give to the Friends of the Library's (FOLL) New Building Fund. FOLL is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and your donation would be tax deductible. FOLL consists of a few dedicated local individuals that volunteer their time to support the library thru fundraising, book sales, book signings, and much more. In the past, they did fundraisers to earn money to go toward the current library building. In the last eight months, they have been able to raise \$75,000 toward the new library building. Why are they working so hard to fundraise? They love the library and value what it brings to the community. They see more people using the library now than ever before but the need for more space isn't meeting the community's needs. It is time to join together to invest in our little community by supporting the FOLL's fundraising efforts. You can go to the library website www.loogootee.lib.in.us to donate thru PayPal or send a check to 106. N. Line St, Loogootee, IN. All donations, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated.

During the upcoming Christmas Stroll on December 2, the library will have a soup supper from 4-8 at the Loogootee Methodist Church. Please stop by and enjoy some hot homemade soup (broccoli cheddar, chicken noodle, chicken corn, chili, taco, or vegetable). Hot dogs and Brats will be

available as well as yummy homemade desserts. Donations accepted for the food. All proceeds benefit the library. Also, Kelli Mathies will be set up for an Usborne Book Fair from 4-7:30 and the library will receive free books. On Monday, December 3 from 12-6 Kelci Swartzentruber will continue the Usborne Book Fair at the library.

New Books

Mystery: "Silent Scream" by Karen Scott.

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 or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



HOPE is a female dilute tortoiseshell cat, around 2 years old. Very sweet, a little shy, fine with other cats. Adoption fee is \$40. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

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Dear Santa,
It has been a tough year, and I may not be on the right list, but I thought I would write a letter to let you know what I would like for Christmas. If I do not get anything, at least you may get some ideas for other gardeners who make the "nice" list.

My big wish is for a job with good pay and benefits. A job at a botanical garden would be perfect, or perhaps working for a gardening publication where I would actually get paid for writing about gardens. I have visited some great butterfly houses where someone is needed to take care of the plants which the butterflies need. Perhaps you could build such a place in southern Indiana and I would be happy to manage it.

As always, I need rocks. This year, I hope to work on several pathways at Sandhill Gardens and some nice flat stones would be wonderful for the paths. I could also use more rocks for wall building and edging beds.

After more than two decades of service here at Sandhill Gardens, two obelisks crumbled this summer. One is nearly four feet in diameter at the base and has a domed top. The other was a narrow, four-sided tuteur. Both are needed to support perennial vines, so I need something in place by early spring. I would love for you to bring me replacements or at least send me a craftsman who can build them.

Garden seats have always been a big hit with me. I have seen some wonderful concrete seats shaped like hands. A pair of them would look nice sitting at the top of the cliff.

I have had to discontinue my subscriptions to several gardening publications that I enjoy. Many of these magazines offer good discounts if you give more than one gift subscription,

so this would be a way to reach a lot of gardeners on your list.

I love the sounds of a garden. I am especially fond of the large bass wind-chimes. I would also like to have a wind harp. Garden instruments would also be nice.

Garden décor is another of my passions. Some statuary or kinetic sculptures would be fun. I have garden gnomes hidden in several spots, but there are more places where I could set one. I also enjoy real-looking animals to hide among the plants in the garden. Solar lights really add to the garden at night and do not cost anything to operate. I could use some solar lights for the gazebo and along some of the pathways.

Books always make good gifts to help pass the winter hours when one cannot be in the garden. I have a good collection of garden books, but I could use a Dirr's tree book.

Of course, I would appreciate any antique garden tools or accessories. I would like to be able to make a display of my collection for visitors to see. I have received a couple of old seed catalogues and would like to receive a seed bin with the old seed packets on the front.

Santa, even if you have nothing for me, take a few minutes to stop by Sandhill Gardens on your flight. Enjoy the contorted shrubs, the evergreens and the beautiful red berries of the winter-berry trees. Even in winter, the gardens offer something of interest.

I pray that in the coming year, we will all be a little kinder to each other, that we will be more understanding and that we will work together to make this a better world. Maybe I will even be able to get on the right list next year.

Peace on Earth,
Ralph

Spring Mill SP hosts 'Holiday in the Village,' Dec. 7-8

Celebrate a late 1800s-style Christmas with Spring Mill State Park at the annual Holiday in the Village on Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8.

The event runs from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

Visitors are invited to stroll through the Pioneer Village as heritage interpreters craft decorations, bake cookies and prepare for the holidays. Warm up at the village concession stand near one of two fireplaces while enjoying a bowl of ham and beans, or a cup of hot cocoa or coffee.

Wassail and cookies will be served in the village tavern both evenings, and children can follow the luminaries

from the tavern for a visit with Father Christmas.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday at the gristmill, an interpreter portraying Mrs. Robert E. Lee will deliver a presentation on Civil War life and Christmas at Arlington. Live music will also be offered at 6:30 p.m. both evenings evening at the gristmill.

Park admission during the event is \$5 per in-state vehicle and \$7 per out-of-state vehicle.

For more information, call (812) 849-3534 or email springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov.

Spring Mill State Park (on.IN.gov/springmillsp) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

2019 DNR state park permits available

Annual entrance permits, horse tags, off-road cycling permits and lake permits for 2019 are on sale now at DNR Division of State Parks property offices.

These passes and permits make great holiday gifts for outdoor lovers and are a wise self-gift, too.

With a daily entrance fee of \$7 per car at DNR properties, in-state visitors who buy a pass can make their money back on their eighth visit.

Annual entrance and Golden Hoosier permits can also be purchased at any of the seven state park inns. All of the permits are also available online at stores.innsgifts.com/permits.

All permits are good from January 1 to December 31 of year issued. The types of permits that can be purchased are:

-\$50 Annual Entrance Permit: Admits noncommercial vehicles, driver and passengers to DNR properties that charge a gate fee. More at stateparks.IN.gov/5062.htm

-\$70 Non-resident Annual Entrance Permit: Admits non-Indiana resident noncommercial vehicles, driver and passengers to DNR properties that charge a gate fee. More at stateparks.IN.gov/5062.htm

-\$25 Golden Hoosier Passport: For

Indiana residents who are at least age 65 years or are a resident eligible for Social Security disability payments under 42 U.S.C. 401 (proof of eligibility must be presented at time of purchase and disabled individual must be present in the vehicle at time of use); admits noncommercial vehicle, driver and passengers.

-\$20 Annual Horse Tag: Entitles one horse access and the use of DNR properties where horse use is allowed. Vehicle admission is not included.

-\$20 Off-Road Cycling Permit: Required for cyclists wishing to access and use mountain bike trails on state park, reservoir and state forest properties with trail ratings above beginner. It is not required for property roadways and paved biking trails. More about off-road cycling permits at stateparks.IN.gov/8623.htm

-Lake Permits (\$25 annual motorized; \$5 annual non-motorized): Required for all private watercraft using a state park lake, state-managed lake, state forest lake or Division of Outdoor Recreation lake. This includes personal watercraft, motorboats, canoes, paddleboats, rowboats and all watercraft moored at marinas, private docks, group docks or bank ties. More at stateparks.IN.gov/8521.htm.

Purdue Extension offering 2019 Master Gardener Course

If you enjoy gardening and like "helping others grow", make plans to be a part of the upcoming Purdue Master Gardener course.

The Purdue Master Gardener Program is a volunteer training program which offers an extensive course in horticulture in exchange for a donation of volunteer hours to teach others what you have learned. The program is hosted by Purdue Extension in Dubois, Perry, and Spencer Counties, and is open to anyone wanting to learn more about horticultural topics.

The multi-week course will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2-5 p.m. EST/1-4 p.m. CST, beginning January 10 and running through April 11. The course will be held at the Spencer County Youth & Community Center, located at 1101 E. CR 800 N. in Christney, and is open to anyone with an interest in gardening and related fields.

Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant

Invasive species information meeting

Join representatives from Daviess and Martin County Soil and Water Conservation (SWCD) and Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasive Management (SICIM) to discuss forming a grassroots organization to address invasive species in the area. Invasive species like autumn olive and ornamental pear trees are degrading our forests and natural areas. The meeting will be held Monday, December 3 from 9-10 a.m. at the West Boggs Park Activity Center, 16117 US Hwy. 231, Loogootee. You will learn what invasive species are, how they threaten Hoosier land, and discuss forming a Cooperative Invasive Management Area (CISMA).

If you have any questions regarding invasive species in the area please contact Megan Ritterskamp, Invasive Species Specialist, at 812-482-1171 or megan.ritterskamp@in.nacdn.net

problems, pesticide safety, composting, and the culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, lawn, and fruit plants.

An early-bird registration fee of \$125 per person is available through December 14, when the fee increases to \$135 per person, with the registration fee covering items such as speakers, materials, badges, and refreshments. Couples or family members who wish to take the course together and share reference materials can register for \$200 per couple through December 14, or \$210 per couple after.

If you would like to join our 2019 class of gardeners, please contact Purdue Extension-Spencer County at (812) 362-8066 or nheld@purdue.edu to request an application. If you have any additional questions, you can locally contact the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at (812)482-1782 or kjcek@purdue.edu.

Vote for Indiana state parks as most 'instagrammable'

Fifteen Indiana State Park properties are in the running in the Indiana Office of Tourism Development's Best of Indiana Top 10 Instagrammable Places campaign.

Participants can vote for their favorites at visitindiana.com/best-of-indiana/instaindiana-vote through January 1, 2019.

Earlier in the week, four state parks were in the top 10. Indiana Dunes, Brown County, Turkey Run and Pokagon state parks ranked second, third, fourth and fifth, respectively, in the voting. Voters can choose their picks once per day.

Other state park properties in the running include McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Prophetstown, Chain O' Lakes, Spring Mill, Clifty Falls, Summit Lake and Shades state parks, as well as Cataract Falls (part of the Cagles Mill Lake property), Monroe Lake and Patoka Lake.

To learn more about all Indiana State Parks, see stateparks.IN.gov.

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