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Commissioners approve contracts, officially purchase property

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, December 28.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals presented a quote from CLR for railing work on bridge 44. The commissioners are still on board with getting the bridge removed from the historically select list. Seals said that INDOT would like to see the bridge fixed. Commissioner Paul George said they don't want to give the price of the quote until they find out what they are doing with the bridge. It was noted that there is still outstanding insurance money from a truck damaging the approach. County Attorney Dave Lett said he will approach the insurance company once the commissioners are decided on what they want to do. The commissioners asked the county attorney to get started with getting the bridge removed from the historically select list.

Seals said he's received several calls from residents about leaves in their culverts. He said that is the county's respon-

sibility to remove those leaves. He just wanted the commissioners to be aware. Seals also asked that drivers be on the lookout for county highway workers and slow down.

Seals told the commissioners that they are currently working on the Community Crossings grant application which is due in January.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported he currently has 56 inmates in the jail with 21 of them from Vigo County.

The commissioners approved three contracts with Core Facilities to serve as the general contractor on various projects. The first contract was to create a room in the downstairs of the jail to house servers for \$48,720. The second was for the replacement of servers for \$42,730. The third was for work on the doors in the courthouse for \$36,640. Sheriff Roush noted that Core Facilities already has bids for the actual work to be done and did so on good faith that the commissioners would approve their contracts.

The sheriff also reported that he has the

biggest hiring pool for deputies than he has had in the last several years. He currently has seven applications.

Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy reported they currently have 15 clients on home detention, two of whom are juveniles.

The commissioners signed documentation for the Shoals Library tax base expansion that was approved at their last meeting. Librarian Sylvia Albaugh spoke to Commissioner Aaron Summers about him being on Zoom at the last meeting and saying he was unable to hear the meeting well. Summers had voted against the expansion. Albaugh told Summers that there were several members of the audience in attendance who were in support of the expansion, and they spoke to that effect. She noted that Summers' reason for voting against the expansion was his concern about raising taxes right now due to the prices of things, such as gas going up. She said the expansion will lower taxes for the residents in the Town of Shoals and she wanted that reiterated.

The commissioners officially ap-

proved purchasing two lots next to jail for \$17,500 contingent on a clean title search.

Carolyn McGuire sent a letter pertaining to stipends that was discussed at the last commissioners' meeting. The commissioners, mainly Commissioner Roush, were not in favor of using the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) money to give bonuses to elected officials. McGuire said in the letter that her office worked through the COVID pandemic, and some employees also contracted COVID despite being careful working with the public. She said she is requesting the \$1,000 stipend that the council was okay with contingent on the commissioners' approval. Commissioner Roush said he has a letter from the state that says the ARPA money cannot be used to give stipends or bonuses. It would have to be given at an hourly rate that was documented, not a one-time bonus. Roush asked Auditor Abel if they kept track of their hours worked in-office. Auditor Abel said her office did. See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

NSWC Crane, USI graduate first cohort of Tech to Engineer students

BY AUDREY C. DEISER
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Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) and the University of Southern Indiana (USI) graduated their first cohort of the Tech to Engineer (T2E) Students on December 18. In the program, ten NSWC Crane employees in technician positions took USI classes part-time while continuing to work full time. Now, the employees all have Bachelors of Science in Engineering.

"This new degree will allow the employees to convert to the engineer career path at NSWC Crane," said Scott Karcher, NSWC Crane Technical Lead for Crane Division University. "This program is a great example of Crane's partnership with USI and our commitment to employee development and educational opportunities."

On December 14, the students compet-

ed in a homemade robot battle as their final capstone project. The event took place at WestGate Academy in Odon, Indiana.

"Beyond a showcase of the skills of these engineers, this event is a chance to celebrate a group of students that have achieved an incredible milestone—an accredited Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree," said Dr. Paul Kuban, Chair of the USI Department of Engineering in a December 2021 USI press release. "The students who are completing this program have worked incredibly hard for five years while also working full time jobs and many having families. It's a very special day for them, and it's a very special day for USI Engineering to be able to recognize their hard work."

The program, which began in 2017, required the students to participate in class via livestream at WestGate Academy, before transitioning fully online due to the

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-Photo provided

NSWC Crane & USI Graduate First Cohort of Tech to Engineer Students



Perched for 2022

Red-shouldered hawks are solitary birds and extremely territorial. They don't form flocks, even during the winter season. These birds breed once yearly and are monogamous in nature. Mating rituals include the 'sky dance' of males, where they soar in flight high in the air while calling and then make several deep dives towards the female until finally perching upon the female's back. These displays usually happen in the late morning or early afternoon.

-Photo by Bill Whorrall



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COVID-19 pandemic.

"I really enjoyed the close bond we developed as a cohort going through this program together," said Tim Gomez, a student in the program. "Since we're all working professionals, our cohort brought a wealth of experience in different areas to the classroom. I'm looking forward to furthering my career and seeing what opportunities open up that I did not have as a technician."

Aaron Eaker, a branch manager at NSWC Crane, said this program was a way to fulfil a goal he had since graduating technical school in 2005.

"I had always wanted to pursue my engineering degree after technical school, but I did not want to separate from service or take a huge amount of time to do so," said Eaker. "With the closest University being over 1.5 hours away, trying to work and go to school part time was going to take me over 10 years to complete. The T2E not only brought the classes to a nearby venue, but it also outlined a curriculum that would only take 5 years to power through."

He said the program was difficult but rewarding.

"I would like to add a special thanks to all the folks that were part of standing up and making the T2E program a success," said Eaker. "While it was not an easy program to complete, I believe it has made all of us better employees."

Karcher said plans for the second cohort are underway, with an information session and call for interested employees in the spring. He said due to COVID-19, USI developed online classes. This approach will likely continue for the next round of the program, allowing employees in the program even more flexibility.

"Both Crane and USI are pleased with how this first cohort went! We tentatively plan to have a second cohort start in January 2023," said Karcher. "Going forward, the program will be called 'BS in Engineering,' rather than 'Tech to Engineer.' We don't want to limit the program to technicians, since we think there are likely employees in other career fields who might be interested."

Noah Callahan, another student in the program, said he is looking forward to using his new degree.

"It was very exciting to be able to continue my education while maintaining a full-time job, especially since NSWC Crane was funding the program," said Callahan, an engineering technician. "Now, I plan to convert to a design engineer within my current group at Crane."

Free community dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community to be held Thursday, January 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. If covid restrictions do not change, food will be served in the basement. All members of the community are invited to attend.

COMMISSIONERS

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but she can't speak for the others. The ARPA money can only be used for anyone working in the building during the COVID shutdown, not anyone working from home. Roush said if each department didn't keep records of hours worked in the office and at home, it would be illegal to falsify them now. Auditor Abel said she will have to do more research now since that's not how she was told the

ARPA stipends worked.

Commissioner Roush suggested the county review their policy on the COVID quarantine guidelines from the CDC that is being reduced from 10 days to five days. The county pays employees who are off due to COVID and the commissioners agreed that this needs to be discussed.

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- Part-Time Dispatchers - \$15.00 per hour
- Part-Time Cooks - \$13.00 per hour

Minimum Requirements:

- High School Diploma or GED
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Citizen of the United States
- Must not have any Felony or Misdemeanor Battery or Domestic Violence Convictions
- Be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening
- Ability to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, weekends and some holidays

To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581 (812) 247-3726. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

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ROGER COOPER

Louis "Roger" Cooper passed away December 24, 2021, at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 77.



ROGER COOPER

He was born April 29, 1944, in Washington; son of Seymour and Evelyn (Bauerenfied) Cooper. He married Ursula K. Hammer on July 6, 1968.

Roger graduated Shoals High School in 1963. He worked at USG, then Jefferson Trucking Company where he retired, and was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church at the Dubois Crossroads, the Shoals American Legion and the Lost River Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are his spouse, Ursula Cooper; sons, Jeff (Kerry) Cooper and Eric (Missy) Cooper; grandchildren, Ryan (Andrew) Cooper, Kyle (Leanna) Cooper, Britney Cooper, Kaitlin Cooper, Amelia Cooper, and Blake Cooper; sisters, Verneeda (Eugene) Roach and Linda (Wendell) Stone; and brothers, Michael (Linda) Cooper and Harold Cooper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Bill Cooper; and two sisters, Dianna Cooper and Imogene Cooper.

Funeral service was held today, Wednesday, December 29 at 1 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Dubois Crossroads) with Pastor Timothy Fleece officiating. Burial will be in the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center-Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

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

ROBERT LANNAN

Robert M. Lannan passed away at 9:45 a.m. Friday, December 24, 2021, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 80.

He was born March 8, 1941, in Daviess County; son of the late Joseph and Mary (Melton) Lannan.

Bob married Feona Miller on March 3, 1962, and she survives.

He was a United States Veteran and proudly served his country for seven years in the National Guard. He retired from MacAllister Machinery in Washington after 31 years of employment. He was a devote Catholic and family man. He was a lifetime member of St. Martin Catholic Church and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He was very active in the St. Martin Men's Club.

Bob loved the land, gardening, and farming. He enjoyed watching basketball and NASCAR. He was very giving and was always ready to lend a helping hand.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Robert David Lannan; parents, Joseph and Mary Lannan; brothers, Clifford (Rita) Lannan, Thomas (Wilma) Lannan, Dan (Alice) Lannan, Donald Lannan, William Lannan, Paul (Dimple) Lannan and James Lannan; and sisters, Mary (Frank) Arney, Kate (Bud) Gilley, Rose (Frank) Butler, Carolyn (Thomas) Clements.

Bob is survived by his wife, Feona of Loogootee; daughters, Kimberly Fields of Loogootee, Patty (Dave) Lico of Cummins, and Georgia and Jill Lannan of Orlando, Florida; grandchildren, Matthew (Alicia) Fields, Drew Fields, Arianna Mantas and Cole Mantas; three step-grandchildren; siblings, John C. (Mary Jo) Lannan of Loogootee and Wilma (Bill) Sinnott of Illinois; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Lannan and Barbara Lan-

nan; godchildren, David Clements, Larry Lannan, Becky Boling and Joe Lannan; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, January 3, 2022, at St. Martin Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Sunday, January 2, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Monday, January 3, from 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank or the St. Martin Catholic Church Cemetery Association.

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

MARCIA LEWIS

Marcia Ann (Buzzard) Lewis went home peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior December 19, 2021, at Jasper Memorial Hospital with family by her side. She was 65.



MARCIA LEWIS

She was born April 4, 1956, in Buffalo, New York; the daughter of Mary Ann (Gre-

giore) and Arnold Buzzard.

Before moving to Shoals she worked as a nurse in Mooresville for Dr. Whitney. She married Martin Lewis on May 1, 1993. She worked at NWSC Crane, worked as an insurance agent, as a secretary for Bailey Bros. Used Cars in Shoals, and after retirement worked as an Amish Uber. Her greatest pleasure was being a wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was a member of the Shoals United Methodist Church, the Study Club and Rusk Homemakers. She enjoyed playing cards, cooking, canning, and singing at nursing homes and churches in the area. She enjoyed crocheting afghans as much as she enjoyed giving them away.

Marcia is survived by her husband, Martin; one son, Joshua Lewis of Loogootee; daughter, Hannah Lewis of Denver, Colorado; granddaughter, Penelope Alice; her siblings, Jennifer (Vern) Hobbs, Lisa (Brad) Berry, Greg (Mary Lee) Buzzard and Gunner (Wendy) Buzzard. She is also survived by her mother-in-law, Hazel Lewis; sister-in-law, Karen Lewis; brother-in-law, Daniel (Alice) Lewis; brother-in-law, Ernie (Jill) Lewis; sister-in-law, Marianne (Don) Burgan; sister-in-law, Cyndy Carithers; sister-in-law, Melissa (Troy) Pride and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, father-in-law, Leroy Lewis; brothers-in-law, David Lewis and Ed Carithers, and nephew, David Lewis Jr.

A celebration of her life was held Thursday, December 23 at the Shoals United Methodist Church with burial in the Wagoner Chapel Cemetery. Pastor Marty Evans officiated.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society or your favorite charity.

Marcia loved people and had a heart of gold. She will be greatly missed.

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

LISA ENGLEMAN

Lisa S. Engleman passed away Wednesday December 22, 2021 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 60.



LISA ENGLEMAN

She was born September 27, 1961 in Washington; daughter of Gerald and Lucretia (Woodling) Padgett. Lisa was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She married Steve Engleman on June 11, 2001. Lisa worked at Tri-Star Glove in Plainville for over 16 years, where she was known to always have a smile on her face and dearly loved all of her co-workers. She enjoyed yardwork, flowers, and antiques. Lisa always had a way of letting everyone know they were loved and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Gerald and Lucretia Padgett and her daughter, Stephanie Williams.

Lisa is survived by her loving husband of 20 years, Steve Engleman of Loogootee, her daughter, Michelle (Cameron) Sherfick of Montgomery; four step-daughters, Amber McBride of Loogootee, Sarah (Ben) Hayhurst of Washington State, Anna (Branden) Martin of North Dakota, and Stephanie Engleman of North Dakota, 11 grandchildren, her siblings, Sharon (Travis) Sims of Odon, Barbara (Rick) Smith of Sandborn, Mary (Tom) Kaiser of Glendale, John (Teri) Padgett of Florida and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Cremation was chosen according to her wishes.

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday January 8, 2022, from 1 until 4 p.m. at Ragsville Park. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lisa Engleman.

ANNA CRANEY

Anna L. Craney passed away at 5:42 a.m. Saturday, December 25, 2021, at the Legends Village. A resident of Montgomery, she was 70.



She was born July 22, 1951, in Washington; daughter of the late Donald W. and Betty L. (Toy) Craney. Anna graduated from Barr-Reeve High School in 1969. She was a Barr-Reeve Viking and St. Louis Cardinal fan. Anna was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Montgomery. She retired from Crane Army (CAAA) in October 2014 as a General Supply Specialist. She enjoyed working in the yard, mowing grass and visiting with siblings, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald W. and Betty L. Craney; and great-niece, Paisley Morgan.

Anna is survived by her brother, Fred (Rita) Craney of Washington; sisters, Janet (William Jr. "Bill") Baker of Washington, Sharon (James R. "Bob") Ellis of Montgomery, Linda (John) Divine of Loogootee and Mary (William "Greg") Litherland of Washington; brother-in-law by choice, Ron Morgan of Fishers; nieces and nephews, Chad (Karie) Craney, Audrey (Joe) Broussard, Brian (Brandee) Baker, Brent (Abby) Baker, Bryana (Andrew) Wilson, Anita Ellis, Michael Ellis, Christina (Joe) Hastings, Michelle (Craig) Ash, Jamie Divine, Becky Divine (Fiancé, Joshua Minks), Andrea (Byron) Wening, Ryan (Brittany) Morgan and Casey (Zach) Cornwell; niece by choice,

Tina Baker; great-nieces and great-nephews, Kaitlyn, Brock and Logan Craney; AJ, Addie, and Ava Talbert; Wyatt and Avery Baker, Konner and Emma Patton, Cale, Hayden, Sawyer, Graham, Landrie, Collins, and Hayes Baker; Brooklyn and Austin Wilson, Lucas and Carson Hastings, Michaela, Vince, and Maggie Ash; Liam Qualkenbush, Kaleb and Abigail Meyer, Jayce and Jaxon Wening, and Kalli, Royce, and Rowan Morgan, Oaklyn and Rhett Cornwell.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Sudhakar Bhasati on Wednesday, December 29 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Montgomery. Burial will follow in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be to St. Peter Cemetery Fund.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Anna L. Craney.

ARBY HUFF

Arby L. Huff passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at his home. A resident of Odon, he was 83.



ARBY HUFF

He was born June 22, 1938, in Plainville; son of Claude M. and Gladys (Dunn) Huff. Arby married the love of his life, Shirley J. (Hopkins) Huff on July 12, 1959. Arby was a member of the Prairie Creek Coon Hunters Club in Epsom. He was a mechanic at Hoeflings for 30 years and he raised chickens and sold the eggs. Arby enjoyed dressing up as Santa Claus for many years. He loved family get-togethers.

Family left to cherish the memory of Arby include three sons, Steve (Marcy) Huff of Linton, and Randy (Terry) Huff and James (Beth) Huff, both of Odon; two daughters, Cathy (Mike) Troutman and Lynn (Terry) McCrary, both of Shoals; 11 grandchildren, Melissa Taylor, Josh Huff, Justin (Rene') Huff, Joe (Tina) Troutman, Lisa (Danny) Baker, Seth and Logan McCrary, Morgan Winingier, Macy (Michael) Wilson, Garrett and Blake Huff; 13 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Donna Dawson of Washington and Nancy Huff of Vincennes.

Arby was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley Huff; sister, Claudia Holloway and grandson, Jordan Winingier.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 30 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Pastor Marty Evans and Rev. Steve Huff officiating. Arby will be laid to rest in Springhill Cemetery in Shoals.

Family and friends may call from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 29 and from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Arrangements and care have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.mengfuneralhome.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:17 a.m. - Received a report of a fire in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Means, and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:35 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi, north of Loogootee. Indiana State Police responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle southwest of Shoals. Deputy Wells was notified.

9:35 a.m. - Deputy Wells took one inmate to court.

10:41 a.m. - Major Keller took two inmates to court.

11:24 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident with no injuries. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:10 p.m. - Deputy Wells took one inmate to court.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson was advised.

1:11 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:18 p.m. - Deputy Wells took two inmates to court.

3:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

5:37 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:32 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious activity northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins was notified.

11:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department, Deputy Hawkins and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to IU Health Bedford.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:11 a.m. - Received a report of a deceased deer in roadway. Deputy Hawkins responded.

6:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:11 a.m. - Chief Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

11:42 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

1:36 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Major Keller, and the department of child services responded.

5:28 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee officers, Sergeant Gibson and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:35 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:36 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Chief Means responded.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

10:41 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

10:44 a.m. - Received a report of a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:54 a.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:37 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:42 a.m. - Received a report of a fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene and Martin County Ambulance responded. Sheriff Roush transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:13 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:49 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received multiple reports of Santa Claus in the area.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

2:24 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Shaw responded.

7:01 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:38 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells was notified.

12:14 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Deputy Wells was notified.

1:38 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle at Shoals Community School. Deputy Wells was notified.

2:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Wells, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:17 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm west of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:55 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

10:53 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Police were notified.

Martin County real estate transfers

Gary Manley, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark Kreitzer**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter and a part of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 30.73 acres, more or less.

Joe Chase, of Sarasota County, Florida to **Tony M.K. Stewart and Kristen McMillen**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 11 in the Thompson's Woods Subdivision, a subdivision of Lost River Township. More commonly known as 4243 Peggy Hollow Road, Shoals IN 47581.

Terrance E. Holub and Iliana R. Holub, of Martin County, Indiana to **Montana Carrico and Nikki Brissey**, of Marion County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.99 acre, more or less.

Jordan K. Hawkins and Leslie B. Hawkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Philip A. Erler and Jamie L. Erler**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.147 acres, more or less.

Dylan A. Wagoner, of Martin County, Indiana to **Calli J. Winger and Christopher Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 16 in Risacher's Second Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana and the south one-half of Lot Number 15 in Risacher's Second Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Mike Goodpaster, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Moore and Brenda Moore**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part

tified.

11:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:42 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson advised.

7:12 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:50 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver north of Loogootee. Contacted Greene County to advise.

of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, containing 4.5 acres, more or less.

G. Thomas Pendley, of Orange County, Indiana to **Derek Knepp and Darin Knepp**, of Indiana, 12 acres of even width off of the south side of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, located in Martin County, Indiana.

Janice R. Ramsey, of Henry County, Georgia to **Cory David Jack Stinson and Kayla Marie Stinson**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the following tract lying west of Low Gap Road as same now exists, located in Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 26 2/3 acres.

GSES, LLC, of Indiana and **Wayne Mae Property Group, LLC**, of Indiana to **Caleb J. Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the north half of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.50 acres, more or less.

Dale R. Fields and Shelly D. Fields and Deedra R. Fields n/k/a Deedra R. Thurston, of Martin County, Indiana to **Deedra R. Thurston and Dakota Thurston**, of Martin County, Indiana, the north half of Lot Number 49 and all of Lot Number 50, both in Keck's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

Larry R. Ziegler, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jared Lehman and Kaitlyn Lehman**, of Greene County, Indiana, a parcel of land in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 5.50 acres, more or less.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

December 17

Shelby R. Harder, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 730 days suspended. Defendant received 24 months of probation.

Jessica Lynn Foll, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 82 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 41 actual days previously served plus 41 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 82 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 41 actual days previously served plus 41 Class A credit days.

December 21

Tyler M. Ross, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 56 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

December 17

Shelby R. Harder, maintaining a common nuisance- controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jessica Lynn Foll, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A

Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 21

Tyler M. Ross, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Chase H. Hembree, minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

December 17

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Phyllis Mullins, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

December 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Felicia Dotterweich in the amount of \$9,767.80.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

December 17

Crane Credit Union vs. Ryan Persinger, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

December 20

Delbert Fellers vs. Stemen Automotive, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

December 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Brenda K. Dorsey in the amount of \$4,696.17.

December 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Nathan P. Arvin in the amount of \$1,051.73.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:50 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Mt. Calvary Road.

3:41 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Line Street.

5:30 p.m. - Officer Sims spoke with a complainant regarding a theft.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

12:00 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Mt. Pleasant Road.

3:26 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle doing excessive speed near Redwing Trailer Court.

3:35 p.m. - Chief Means completed a welfare check on Boston Street.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:28 a.m. - Chief Means transported a subject for evaluation.

11:31 a.m. - Caller reported erratic driving nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

5:28 p.m. - Several officers responded for a welfare check on Cedar Street.

7:45 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driving in the Redwing Trailer Court area.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:27 a.m. - Chief Means responded to an alarm at a local business.

11:45 a.m. - Chief Means assisted with a funeral procession.

1:40 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident.

2:26 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident on West Broadway Street.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:41 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Mt. Pleasant Road.

1:59 p.m. - Captain Rayhill and first responders were dispatched to a medical call at a local business.

6:07 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a complaint of trespassing on Park Street.

6:40 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an alarm at a local business.

10:24 p.m. - Officer Seymour completed a welfare check at a local business.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

2:24 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of trespassing on Park Street.

2:17 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Kentucky Avenue.

8:01 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a complaint of a possible impaired driver.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

12:20 p.m. - Officer Seymour completed a welfare check at the public square apartments.

1:36 p.m. - Caller reported being threatened by another male and spoke with Officer Seymour.

7:03 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walker Street.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:17 a.m. - Aaron Holt, 36, of Vincennes and James Holt, 32, of Loogootee, were arrested and charged with escape. They are being held without bond.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

12:46 a.m. - Belinda Rose, 44, of Loogootee, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Dorsey and charged with possession of methamphetamine. Her bond was set at \$15,000 10%.

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According to my mom, it is bad luck to eat chicken on New Year's Day because they scratch backwards and if you do, you'll be going backwards all year long. You must eat pork, because pigs root forward with their snouts. I knew we ate pork on New Year's Day, but I never knew why. We can't handle another year like 2021, so no chicken, please. -National Pork Board

My friend, Dennis Overall, posted the following on Facebook. I thought it would be appropriate for New Year's Resolutions:

1. Compliment three people every day.
2. Watch the sunrise at least once a year.
3. Be the first to say, "Hello."
4. Live beneath your means.
5. Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
6. Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
7. Forget the Joneses.
8. Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
9. Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.
10. Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
11. Be kinder than necessary.
12. Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
13. Keep your promises.
14. Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
17. Remember that winners do what losers don't want to do.
18. When you arrive at your job in the

morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.

19. Don't rain on other people's parades.

20. Never waste an opportunity to tell someone that you love them.

THOUGHTS

*December 29 – National Mom Loses Her Mind Over Her House Day!

*That bit between Christmas and New Year when you don't know what day it is, who you are, and what you're supposed to be doing.

*Did you know? Line dancing was started by women waiting to use the bathroom.

*In a span of 11 years, 115 people died in a weightlifting accident at the gym. In the span of the same 11 years, only 1 person died eating a donut. Make good choices.

*I'm in search of an adult version of Elf on a Shelf that moves around at night doing laundry and cleaning the house.

KIND THOUGHTS:

- ONE tree can start a forest;
- ONE smile can begin a friendship;
- ONE hand can lift a soul;
- ONE word can frame a goal;
- ONE candle can wipe out darkness.
- ONE laugh can conquer gloom;
- ONE hope can raise your spirits;
- ONE touch can show you care;
- ONE life can make the difference;
- be that ONE today.

Make someone smile today!

Michaels, Laux Family History Book now complete

BY LOUIS KAVANAUGH JR.
Guest writer

Recently, in August of 2021, Louis Kavanaugh Jr. completed his second family history book, and it is now on sale to family members, and anyone interested in family history. The first family history book was published in June of 2017 by Kavanaugh, and it was on the Kavanaugh Family and the McCauley Family. This was his father and mother's families. The 450-page book was professionally done and had a second printing later that year. That book is now on Amazon thanks to the efforts of Louis's nephew, Jeff Kavanaugh.

The latest family history book for Louis Kavanaugh Jr. is for the James "Gus" Michaels Family and for his wife, Josephine "Laux" Michaels. Gus grew up in the Montgomery area and in his early 20's moved to Lincoln Nebraska to work for the Remington Rand Company and that is where he met his wife, Josephine Laux. They were married on August 21, 1934, and moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin when Gus was transferred there with his job. In the 1940's, Gus and Josephine moved back to Indiana where they raised their family. Gus was the son of Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels and Gus had one of 11 children born to Louis and Mary Frances. Gus's ancestors came to this country from Ireland. Josephine was the daughter of Joseph Adam Laux and Eva Maude "Young" of Havelock, Nebraska which later was incorporated into Lincoln, Nebraska. Josephine

"Laux" was one of eight children born to Joseph Laux and Eva Maude "Young" Laux. Josephine's ancestors came to this country from Germany.

Gus and Josephine had four children: James Joseph Michaels, Mary Jo "Michaels" Gaetano of Grays Lake, Illinois; Tom Michaels of Loogootee and Liz "Michaels Kavanaugh of Montgomery. Gus and Josephine along with the oldest son Jim are now deceased.

When asked why he took on this task of writing another family history book Louis Kavanaugh Jr. said that after he completed his family history and with its success his wife Liz asked him to do her family history. He said he hesitated to do so because her family was scattered all across the county and he knew it would be a big job to get all the data he needed. But after making several contacts with Liz's cousins in Colorado, Nebraska and other parts of the country, it went better than he expected. They had done a lot of research, and this was a big help to have that done. The book is just under 400 pages and sales of the first printing are nearly gone. Another big help on this book was Pastor Louis Showers of Washington. He was able to lay out the pages and helped with the proofing. He had just finished proofing the final pages and changes and forwarded the book to the printer when he took sick and passed away on September 20 of this year. Kavanaugh said he could not have done this without Pastor Lou's help. Kavanaugh said he was extremely grateful for the help to get this project completed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will meet in special session Friday, December 31, at 10 a.m. in the council room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is to make a decision on additional appropriations. The meeting is open to the public.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcot-

ics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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

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Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at noon 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.

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We have passed the winter solstice and daylight hours are growing a bit longer with each passing day. As we approach a new year, we begin making plans for the next year's gardens. It is also a time when horticultural companies and plant societies release their prize-winners for the new gardening year. Unfortunately, I cannot buy every single plant to trial at Sandhill Gardens, so I have to read up on all of the selections to make informed decisions about which ones merit the purchase price.

Many of the feted plants are new introductions—cultivars that have been bred and are just being released for sale. Such plants are often difficult to find for sale and are often quite pricey. However, one special group names a “plant of the year” that is a tried and true plant. That entity is the Perennial Plant Association, made up of producers, sellers and writers in the horticultural trade.

For 2022, the Perennial Plant Association has named *Schizachyrium scoparium* as the Plant of the Year. Better known by the common names of beard grass or little blue stem, this native ornamental grass is already a proven performer in most parts of the United States and Canada. Depending on the cultivar, this warm-season, clumping grass grows two to four feet tall and around a foot wide. The plumes may add another foot when the grass blooms in late summer. The silvery-blue color of the stems gives rise to the common name, little blue stem. The coloring is especially apparent at the base. After an autumn frost, the stems turn a coppery red and continue to add color to the landscape through the winter months. The plumes may be white, silver or gold, depending on the cultivar.

As is the case with many clumping grasses, little bluestem has a long, extensive root system. Once established, it is quite drought tolerant. Deer do nibble on the foliage, but it usually responds with

new growth, so the grazing is not a major problem. The deep roots also mean that it flourishes in infertile soil. There is no need for fertilize this grass, as fertility triggers rapid, weak growth, resulting in flopping.

Little bluestem may be grown from seed or from dividing a clump. However, unlike many grasses, it rarely dies back in the middle of the clump, so it does not have to be divided often to retain form. Its architectural form lends itself to many uses in the landscape. A row of little bluestem clumps makes a nice informal hedge to surround taller grasses or other prairie plants. It combines well with black-eyed Susans, coneflowers, yarrow, tall sedums and other pollinator-attracting plants. While, like other grasses, little bluestem is pollinated by wind and not insects, there are some moths and butterflies that use the foliage as a host plant. Little bluestem may also be used as a specimen plant among shorter flowers and is a great thriller plant in mixed pots. It is also a great edging plant around pools or ponds.

Although a native, there has been a lot of breeding to get bluer color and more up-right form in little bluestem. The Perennial Plant Association members have recognized the cultivars ‘Jazz’, ‘Standing Ovation’, ‘The Blues’, ‘Blue Heaven’ and ‘Carousel’ as being outstanding for habit, foliage and fall color. Sometimes, specific cultivars are a little harder to locate, so I recommend an internet search to locate the ones you desire.

I do plan to add some little bluestems at Sandhill Gardens. I hope to plant some along the pathways in the wildflower meadow. I also want to use some to add some contrast to borders featuring low-growing groundcovers.

When a plant is recognized as the Plant of the Year, most garden centers put it on their order forms, so little bluestem will likely be fairly easy to find this spring. Buy some and experiment with it.

Farm management series planned

Agricultural producers and their families can learn more about financially maintaining local farms now and into the future at a farm management series presented by Purdue Extension.

The Purdue “Getting Into The Farm Business” workshop series will be held on the consecutive Tuesdays of January 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. EST at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Annex Building, 4157 S. IN 162, Huntington, IN.

“Getting Into The Farm Business” empowers younger or beginning farmers to be better business partners by managing and organizing critical farm information. This four-week course brings partici-

pants together to learn about farm business establishment, farm business planning, farm management, tracking farm success and challenges, and exploring available financial, technical, and informational assistance and programs. The program also discusses additional educational farm management programs available to participants.

Registration is \$20.00 for all four sessions, and participants can enroll on-line at: <https://event.me/VywwRb>.

For more information, contact the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at 812-482-1782.

Registration is available until January 3 and is open to all.

Multicultural Day of the Kings event

The Dubois County Museum will host a multicultural event at the museum at 2704 N. Newton Street (US 231 N) on January 6, 2022, called Dia De Los Reyes or Day of the Kings. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for an Open House. At 6:20 p.m., the History of Day of the Kings and Epiphany will be given. Beginning at 7 p.m., Claudia Juarez will offer a cooking class on baking Concha Bread. Conchas are a traditional Mexican sweet bread roll, a type of bread also known as pan dulce that is sold at many panaderias (bakeries). Class size is limited to 100. If you would like to participate in the class, please RSVP by emailing epiphany.dcm@gmail.com. Come and learn about

the traditions of Dia de Los Reyes, enjoy traditional treats, art, and holiday cheer provided by local artists and performers. This program has been made possible by a grant from Indiana Humanities in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Closed on Monday. The DCM staff consists of a director and volunteers. It is located in Jasper at 2704 N. Newton Street (US231). Call (812) 634-7733. Please allow two hours to view exhibits. Visit the museum web site at www.duboiscountymuseum.org.

DNR properties offer first day hikes

Usher in 2022 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes offered January 1 at Indiana's state parks, forests, and lakes. First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start 2022 and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and connect with friends. Nearly all state parks and lakes, as well as some state forests, will offer hikes. Find a hike near you at on.IN.gov/INstateparkevents.

The guided hikes are organized by Indiana State Parks in cooperation with America's State Parks. First Day Hikes will take place in all 50 states. First Day Hikes originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Massachusetts. The program was launched to foster healthy lifestyles and promote year-round recreation at state parks. For more information, visit America's State Parks' website (state-parks.org) or facebook.com/Americas-State-Parks-205324976548604.

First Day events are listed below. More may be added so check the website if your favorite place isn't listed below:

Brown County State Park. This hike will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be self-guided with interpretive stops along the way, including a hot chocolate stop. Participants should start at the Nature Center. The hike is 2 miles and should take about 90 minutes.

Cataract Falls. A brochure for this self-guided hike is available at the gatehouse.

Chain O'Lakes State Park. Meet at 2 p.m. at the Sand Lake Beach parking lot for this 1.5-mile hike over easy terrain, which should last about 90 minutes. The hike will be followed by cocoa and cookies as supplies last.

Charlestown State Park. Meet at the Trail 3 and 4 parking lot at 10 a.m. for a 2.5-mile, two-hour hike to Rose Island. The hike is considered moderately rugged.

Clifty Falls State Park. Meet at the Clifty Shelter at 2 p.m. for a two-hour moderately rugged hike along Trail 8. This trail meanders along the west side of Clifty Creek and offers scenic views of the canyon below. Water and cookies will be provided before the hike. The restroom at Clifty Shelter will be closed for the winter, so plan ahead.

Falls of the Ohio State Park. Meet at the Interpretive Center at 2 p.m. to hike the fossil beds and learn about Devonian sea life. Bring binoculars to look for winter birds. The Interpretive Center will be closed on Jan. 1 except for restrooms.

Ferdinand State Forest. Meet at the Sycamore Shelter at 9 a.m. to hike about 1.7 miles along a section of the Twin Lake trail with a brief stop to warm by a fire and have hot chocolate.

Indiana Dunes State Park. Meet at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center at 10 a.m. for a 1 1/2-mile, 90-minute hike on the 3-Dunes Challenge. Drinks, snacks, a campfire, and a 3-Dunes Challenge sticker will be provided by the Friends of the Indiana Dunes.

Interlake State Recreation Area. Stop by the main office to pick up a map for a scavenger hunt from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CT and complete the hike for a prize while supplies last.

Jackson-Washington State Forest. Meet at the parking lot below the CCC playground at noon at start of Trail 1, just before the Pinnacle Shelter, for a 2-mile, one-hour hike to Pinnacle Peak.

Lieber State Recreation Area. Join the naturalist for Lieber's Sunset First Day Hike at 4:30 p.m. at Hilltop Shelter. Hike is a moderate 1.5-miles. Snacks and hot chocolate, and a campfire will be provided.

Lincoln State Park. Meet at the Nature Center at noon CT for a 1 1/2-mile, one-hour hike to the Sarah Lincoln Nature Preserve. Snacks and hot chocolate provided at the Nature Center. A second 2-mile hike will be offered around Lake Lincoln.

McCormick's Creek State Park. Meet at Canyon Inn at 1 p.m. for registration for Winter Magic Photo Contest Hikes, which will begin at 2 p.m. Pick one of three different guided hikes. After the hikes, enter your photos and enjoy refreshments courtesy of Canyon Inn.

Monroe Lake. The ninth annual First Day Trail Run/Walk will take place at Fairfax State Recreation Area. Registration is from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at Bay View Shelter and the untimed event starts at 3:30 p.m. Participants can choose from a 1.3-, 2.9-, or 3.7-mile course. Cost is \$15 and includes a grab-n-go box meal, event patch, gift certificate, and an entry for prize drawing. Advance registration is required by December 30.

Morgan-Monroe State Forest. Meet at the forest office parking lot at 9 a.m. for this walk on an accessible trail.

Mounds State Park. Meet at the Nature Center Front Porch before 5:30 p.m. for warm beverages. At 5:30 p.m. will be a .25-mile easy hike lasting about 45 minutes along an illuminated trail.

Owen-Putnam State Forest. Meet at the Owen Putnam State Forest office at 9 a.m. for a guided hike on Poplar Top Trail.

Patoka Lake. Meet at the Nature Center at noon and grab a challenge sheet about Patoka history that participants can fill in during the hike. The winner will receive a 2022 Annual Entrance Pass. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Pokagon State Park. Meet at the CCC Shelter for a 3-mile hike from 2 to 3:30 p.m. There will be a bonfire, cocoa, and treats after the hike. Park in the South Beach parking lot or near the basketball courts.

Potato Creek State Park. Meet at the Quaking Aspen parking lot at 2 p.m. for a 1-mile hike around Worster Lake. Bring binoculars. At 3:30 p.m., warm up at the Nature Center with a bowl of chili provided by the Friends of Potato Creek.

Prophetstown State Park. Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area at 1 p.m. January 1 or 2 for a 2-mile easy hike. Enjoy hot chocolate and apple cider by the campfire.

Raccoon State Recreation Area. Meet at the Bluebird Shelter at noon for this one-hour moderately rugged hike.

Spring Mill State Park. Two hikes will be offered. Meet at the Spring Mill Inn at 9 a.m. for a 90-minute moderate to difficult Nature Preserves Hike along Trail 3. For an easier hike, meet at the Gus Grisom Memorial parking lot at 10 a.m. for a 30-minute hike along Trail 6, which is paved and .25 miles long. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the Lakeview Room at the Inn after the hikes.

Summit Lake State Park. Meet Smokey Bear at the Park Office from noon to 2 p.m. for photos and a scavenger hunt on Trail 4.

Turkey Run State Park. Meet at 2 p.m. at the Turkey Run Inn for a guided hike through Turkey Hollow on Trail 6 and the Trail 7 loop.

Whitewater Memorial State Park. Meet at the Poplar Grove Shelter at 2 p.m. for a 2.5-mile hike of the Memorial Loop Trail, which should last about 90 minutes.

Yellowwood State Forest. Meet at the forest office parking lot at 9 a.m. for a first day hike along the 1-mile Resource Management Trail.