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50+ MPH Wind Gusts & Thunderstorm Hits Southern Indiana on Monday Evening

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Last night, a severe thunderstorm swept across southern Indiana, bringing with it powerful wind gusts exceeding 50 miles per hour and heavy rainfall. The storm caused significant damage in several communities, including the town of Loogootee, where a large tree was toppled near a residence on North 150th Street. The incident occurred after the storm intensified, with wind gusts ripping through neighborhoods and leaving a trail of debris and destruction.

In the immediate aftermath of the storm, power outages were widespread. More than 964 residents in the area lost electrical service as trees and branches fell onto power lines, disrupting daily life and emergency services. Utility crews have been dispatched to restore service, but the extent of damage means outages

may persist into the coming days.

Residents reported damage to property, including damaged trees, roof shingles blown off homes, and debris scattered across roads. One resident in the neighborhood close to U.S. 231 South documented the storm's impact on social media, posting images of damaged trees and debris on their property. The storm's swift movement and strength caught many residents off guard, leading to concerns about safe shelter and ongoing hazards.

Local authorities and emergency responders responded promptly to assist residents and clear affected roads. Crews worked to remove fallen trees and restore traffic flow in affected areas. The storm's intensity also prompted warnings from the National Weather Service, which had issued alerts



earlier in the evening about the potential for damaging winds and heavy rain during the 6-8 p.m. timeframe on Monday, July 28 and going into Tuesday, July 29, workers worked hard all night to get part of the community restored.

While no fatalities have been reported, no injuries have been confirmed, primarily related to falling trees and debris. Medical facilities however were still on high alert, prepared to handle any additional cases stemming from the storm. Community members are urged to exercise caution, avoid downed power

lines, and report hazards to emergency services.

local weather updates and to prepare emergency kits and plans. As cleanup efforts continue, local officials emphasize the importance of community support as neighbors, including Loogootee resident, Rick Boyd, have helped their neighbors by grabbing their saws and helping to chop down part of a tree that landed near our office this morning.

Utility companies, including Duke Energy, according to the Duke Energy outage map website, has been reported that all power has been restored to every Duke Energy customer in the city of

The storm is part of a larger weather pattern affecting the Midwest, with forecasters predicting continued instability, an extreme heat wave, and the slight possibility of additional severe weather on Tuesday and Wednesday. There is another heat advisory reported for Tuesday with heat indexes exceeding over 100+ degrees today.

After Thursday, temperatures will dip to around 80 degrees. Residents are advised to stay informed through local

Loogootee, with 66 customers still without power in the nearby Vincennes area and three customers out without power in the Bicknell and Mitchell, Ind. areas.

CLASS REUNION
THE CLASSES OF 1965,
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STAY SAFE DURING
BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

Grease Spill Closes Broadway Street in Loogootee

LOOGOOTE, Ind. (July 29, 2025)- A section of Broadway Street in Los Bravos was temporarily closed due to a grease spill, according to local authorities. The fire department diverted traffic away from the area to ensure safety as cleanup efforts commenced. "Use caution in the area of Los Bravos on Broadway Street this morning into the afternoon," an official warning told everyone on Facebook.

Loogootee Fire Department personnel, along with contracted workers from the cleanup company, Hoosier Spill Response, worked diligently to contain and clean

the spill. At 12:45 p.m. this afternoon, workers were still on the scene, actively managing the cleanup. After nearly an hour of ongoing work, the road was finally reopened to the public.

The incident caused minor disruptions in traffic flow but was swiftly addressed by emergency crews. Authorities urged drivers to remain cautious as they navigated the area during the cleanup process. The grease spill, which occurred earlier in the day, prompted swift action to prevent any further hazards or accidents.

Traffic was rerouted to facilitate a safe and efficient cleanup operation. "Please drive slow, and be aware of Fire Department Personnel and contracted workers in

the area," a spokesperson advised on the Loogootee Fire Department's Facebook page this afternoon. The quick response by fire crews and cleanup crews helped minimize the duration of the closure, allowing normal traffic conditions resumed back to full operations this afternoon.

Officials have not yet identified the cause of the spill but assured the public that the situation was under control.

The reason for the spill is unknown at this time. The Fire Department reported there were no injuries or accidents reported, and authorities continue to monitor the scene until the area is completely safe.



Loogootee High Schools Reunion Leaves With A Bang

The Loogootee alumni community recently celebrated a series of successful class reunions and events that brought together former students, faculty, and friends. The Class of 1965, 1975, and 2000 each held reunions that showcased the enduring spirit of their respective graduating classes and the strength of their connections to Loogootee.

The Class of 1965 marked its 60th reunion, celebrated the day at St. John's Center with the alma mater, and reminisced about the days when they first walked the school's corridors. Alumni shared memories of school events, sports victories, and lifelong

friendships formed during their high school years. The reunion provided an opportunity for old friends to reconnect and reflect on how their time at Loogootee shaped their lives.

Similarly, the Class of 1975 celebrated its 50th reunion with an enthusiastic turnout. The event featured a dinner and dance at the St. John's Center, where classmates enjoyed catching up, sharing stories, and honoring their shared history. Many expressed pride in their accomplishments and excitement for future reunions.

Some recognition was given to these classes as Kathy (Combess) Wittmer was surprised with being awarded Loogootee Schools Outstanding Alumnus Award. Nancy McAtee Jones was awarded Loogootee Schools Community Service Award for her years of service and dedication to our Alumni event over the many years and for her continued volunteerism in the community.

The Class of 2000, marking a milestone 25 years since graduation, hosted a lively gathering that blended nostalgia with new memories. The event included a dinner at the high school's favorite spot,



Los Bravos, and it was a night many will remember having a good time and having fun.

In addition to the reunions, the community organized a golf tournament that drew alumni and residents alike. Held at the local golf course, the tournament aimed to foster community spirit and promote friendly competition. Participants ranged from avid golfers to those simply looking to enjoy a day outdoors with friends. The event was a highlight of the weekend, reinforcing the sense of community that loogootee residents cherish.

Looking ahead, the upcoming alumni celebration will honor the Class of 1976, the bicentennial class, and the Class of 2001, the 25-year reunion class. These upcoming events promise to be memorable gatherings that continue to strengthen the bonds formed during their high school years.

The recent reunions and golf tournament exemplify the lasting connections within the Loogootee community. They serve as a testament to the school's impact and the lifelong friendships that continue to thrive long after graduation.

The Classes of 1976 and 2001 will be honored at the 2026 Loogootee Schools Reunion this summer. More information will be available on a later date in the coming year. We hope everyone had a great reunion.





New Glockenspiel Unveiled at Schnitzelbank: A Celebration of Heritage and Innovation

Written by Schnitzelbank in Jasper

Beyond the speeches and ceremony, the day was also filled with joy behind the scenes. Our family and employees took every opportunity to work, play, laugh, and make memories together. From champagne toasts, our matriarch Betty Hanselman making the official cut to capturing behind the scene photos that will be treasured and added to the archives as yet another special chapter in our story.

Our hope is that this not only brings enjoyment to our many guests but also adds to the charm and vibrancy of Jasper and all of Dubois County. We dream of making this a true destination,

a must-see stop for families, travelers, and tour groups alike.

We're proud to contribute to the continued growth of our region and to celebrate the German roots that make this area so unique. Here's to many photo ops in the future... Prost!



Back-to-School is Starting Up Soon. Please Drive Safely

Students return to the classroom next week.

In Daviess County, North Daviess students go back Tuesday, August 5th.

Students in Washington, Washington Catholic, and Barr-Reeve schools head back on Wednesday, August 6th.

Drivers need to be on the lookout for school buses dropping off or picking up students and knowing when to stop.

If a school bus stops on a two-lane road, or on a multi-lane roadway, with no barrier between lanes, and the red flashing lights are activated, and the stop arm is extended, all motorists must stop.

However, on multi-lane roadways with a grassy and/or concrete barrier, only vehicles behind the bus must stop.

Vehicles approaching from the opposite side are not required to do so. Back to School Start Dates for Area Schools Daviess Co.

Washington Community Schools/Wednesday, August 6th

Washington Catholic Schools/ Wednesday, August 6th

North Daviess School Corp. Tuesday, August 5th

Barr-Reeve School Corp./ Wednesday, August 6th

Loogootee Community School Corp./ Wednesday, August 6th

Shoals Community Schools/ Wednesday, August 6th

Local Obituaries

Kermell Lee Crays

1961-2025

Kermell Lee Crays "Lee", age 61, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at Deaconess Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center, in Jasper.

Lee was born in Washington, Indiana, on September 26, 1963, to Frank and Shirley (Hilbert) Crays.

Lee worked for G&T Industries, in Jasper.

He was an avid golfer, enjoyed playing horseshoes, poker, and was a lifelong Kansas City Chief's fan. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter.

Lee was the 2025 Horseshoe Pitching Champion at the Shoals Catfish Festival.

Surviving is one daughter, Abbi Crays, of Jasper; two sons, Derik Crays (Jenna Letterman), of Louisville, Kentucky; and Dylan Crays, of Jasper; one granddaughter, Layla Bailey, of Jasper; mother, Shirley Crays, of Loogootee; one brother, David Winger, of Vincennes; one sister, Jackie Mosby (Dane), of Loogootee; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his father, and one brother, Frank Crays.

Private services will be held with a Celebration of Life to be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

Becher-Kluesner Funeral Home, in Jasper, handled the arrangements.



HILLBILLY HEYDAYS

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WEST BOGGS PARK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

AT THE MUD PITS NEAR BITTERSWEET SHELTER HOUSE

11:00AM - MUD VOLLEYBALL

12:00PM - OBSTACLE COURSE

1:00PM - TUG OF WAR

2:00PM - WATERMELON WRESTLING

2:45PM - HUMAN WHEELBARROW RACE

3:30PM - GOLF CART DRAG RACING

4:15PM - GOLF CART SLED PULLING

5:00PM - AWARDS GIVEN



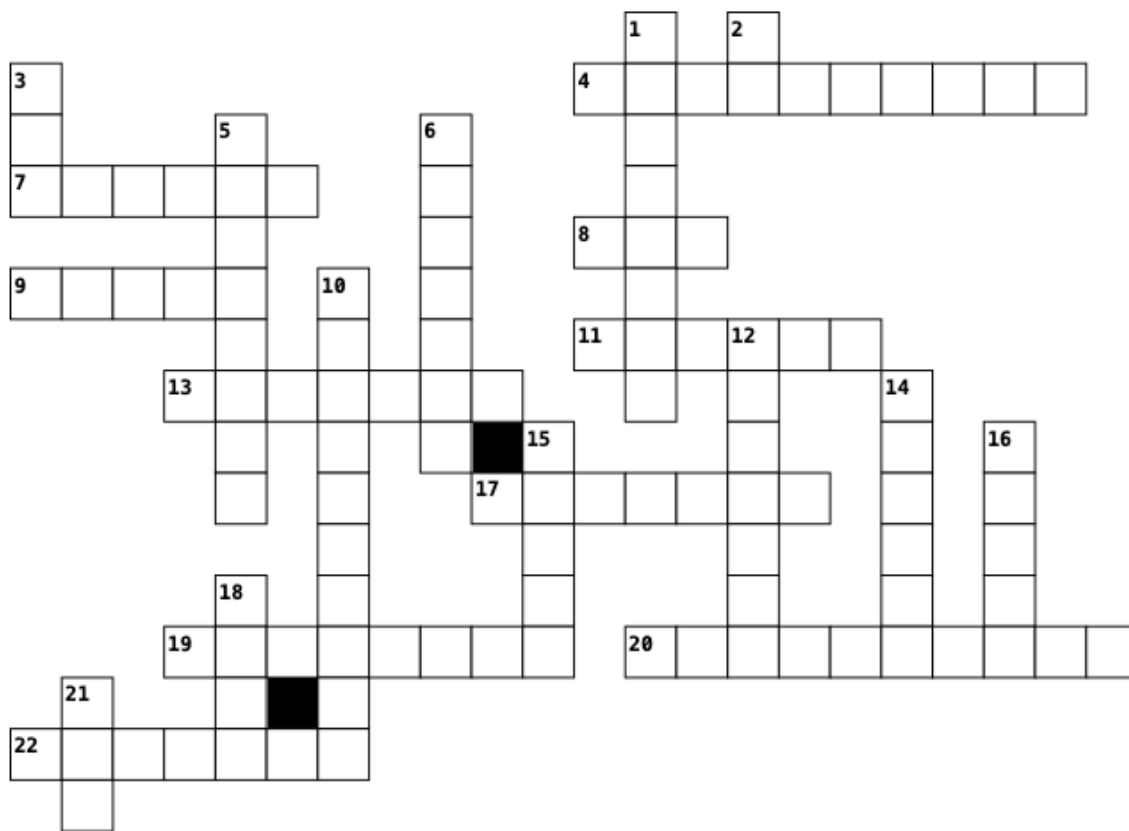
5:00PM - 6:00PM - GOLF CART WASH AT ACTIVITIES CENTER
(\$20 SUGGESTED DONATION)



ON THE LAKESIDE STAGE

7:30PM - 10:30PM - CODY IKERD AND THE SIDEWINDERS

Back to School Puzzle



Across

4. many newspapers wouldn't be running without this major
7. a place someone goes to learn new things
8. Rocks Shoals High School mascot
9. something every student should have
11. A writing utensil with orange and white colors
13. advanced school for kids who graduated high school
17. Barr Reeve High School mascot
19. Bloomington High School South mascot
20. a ball known very well in the state of Indiana
22. a person who teaches to the class

Down

1. A device used for school nowadays
2. the maiden name of a male teacher
3. the maiden name of a female teacher
5. what does a dog eat
6. one of the harder scientific subjects in school
10. what is the device that crunches numbers for you
12. North Daviess High School mascot
14. the animal or character representing a school
15. Loogootee High School mascot
16. served with many school lunches
18. everyone's least favorite subject
21. Another writing utensil

Vote for Kinsley for SI Youth Athlete of the Year



Local resident Kinsley Spicer is making waves as she campaigns for an esteemed award. Citizens are encouraged to support her by casting daily votes, with the voting period ending on August 7th. Spicer, renowned for her dedication and community involvement, is seen as a deserving candidate for the accolade. The voting process is simple: residents can vote once each day, increasing her chances of winning. Organizers emphasize the importance of community participation to recognize outstanding individuals like Spicer. Her supporters believe that her commitment to local causes and her positive influence make her a strong contender. Voting can be done easily online, allowing supporters to contribute from anywhere. The community is urged to rally behind Spicer, showcasing their support and appreciation for her efforts. With only a few days remaining in the voting window, everyone is encouraged to participate daily. This initiative not only celebrates deserving community members but also fosters a spirit of collective achievement. As the deadline approaches, the community's involvement could be the key to helping Spicer secure this honor, highlighting the power of local support and active citizenship. Visit <https://athleteoftheyear.org/>

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