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## Updates on The Dennis T. Smith: No Longer In The Area



Photo via Martin County Sheriff's Office

Written by Braydyn Bear-Lents

LOOGOOTE, Ind.- The Martin County Sheriff's Office is requesting the community's assistance in locating Dennis T. Smith, a 26-year-old man who is considered armed and dangerous. Smith was last seen near Pizza Junction in Loogootee following a vehicle pursuit and crash, prompting officials to issue a warning to the public. According to authorities, Smith is a Black male, approximately 5'8" tall, weighing around 155 pounds. He was last spotted wearing a black ski mask. Law enforcement officials emphasize that Smith's current whereabouts are unknown but are believed to be outside the Loogootee and Martin County area. The Sheriff's Office urges residents to check all garages and outbuildings on their property to ensure no vehicle or mode of transportation has been stolen. Authorities are concerned that Smith may still be in the area or attempting to evade law enforcement.

"We ask the public to remain vigilant and report any sightings or suspicious activity," said a sheriff's deputy. "If you see Smith, do not attempt to approach him. Instead, call 911 immediately."

The incident began when police attempted to stop a vehicle driven by Smith, which led to a high-speed chase ending in a crash. The pursuit remains under investigation, and authorities believe Smith may have sustained injuries during the incident. Residents are advised to remain cautious, especially in the vicinity of the crash site and nearby neighborhoods. Law enforcement officials continue to search the area and are actively investigating Smith's possible whereabouts.

Anyone with information about Smith's location is encouraged to contact the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

The community's cooperation is vital in ensuring the safety of all residents and bringing Smith into custody.

UPDATE (7:00 P.M.): Loogootee Police Department has said "Suspect's cell phone has pinged back in Bowling Green, KY, and there is no further evidence he is in the area."

It is believed that Smith is no longer in the Loogootee/Martin County area.

We ask that you check all garages and out buildings to confirm that a vehicle or mode of transportation was not stolen from your property.

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DENNIS T. SMITH, A 26 YEAR OLD BLACK MALE, 5'8" TALL, 155 POUNDS, LAST SEEN WEARING A BLACK SKI MASK.

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## Road closure cancelled for U.S. 231 in Martin and Davies County

MARTIN/DAVIESS COUNTY Ind. - Motorists in Daviess and Martin Counties should prepare for potential delays on U.S. 231, as a scheduled road maintenance project has been postponed. Originally set to begin on August 11, the construction remains on hold, with officials planning to announce a new start date on another date.

The project, aimed at improving road conditions and enhancing safety for travelers, was part of a broader effort by local transportation agencies to maintain infrastructure. Details about the scope of the work and the expected duration of the project have not yet been finalized.

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Residents and commuters relying on U.S. 231 are encouraged to monitor official channels, including the department's website and local news outlets, for the latest information. The agency emphasized its commitment to completing the project as soon as possible while ensuring safety and minimizing disruption.

The postponed work underscores the challenges faced in infrastructure maintenance, which often encounter delays due to weather, funding, or logistical issues. Local officials reaffirm their dedication to maintaining safe and efficient transportation corridors, even if delays occur.

While the schedule remains uncertain, officials appreciate the public's patience and cooperation as plans are finalized. Further updates will be issued once a new timeline is established.

Motorists are advised to stay tuned for official announcements and prepare for possible detours once the project resumes.

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**UPDATE ON USPS  
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THE USPS GIVES  
ANOTHER UPDATE ON  
PICKING UP PACKAGES IN  
THE WINDOW STATION

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**BACK TO SCHOOL  
DRIVING SAFETY TIPS**  
DAVIESS COUNTY  
ADVISES EVERYONE TO  
STAY SAFE DURING  
BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

# Bulls Eye Auto Wash Rebranding: New Services and Upgrades

LOGOOTE, Ind. — Bulls Eye Auto Wash, a well-known car wash service in the region, is undergoing a rebranding and expansion under the new name Shammy's Auto Wash. The change reflects a commitment to modernization and enhanced customer services. While the ownership remains the same, the business is introducing a fresh look and several upgrades across its locations.

One of the notable developments is at the Loogootee site, which is set to reopen soon after renovations. The Loogootee location is receiving significant upgrades, including new touch-free, high-pressure washing equipment aimed at providing a more thorough and gentle cleaning experience. This upgrade aligns with the company's goal

of offering faster, more efficient washes with improved cleaning power.

Shammy's Auto Wash plans to implement monthly wash packages starting this fall, around September. These packages are designed to offer customers convenient and cost-effective options for regular vehicle maintenance. The subscription model aims to encourage customer loyalty and provide a seamless car care experience.

In addition to the Loogootee location, Shammy's Auto Wash has multiple sites across Owensboro and the surrounding areas, including facilities on Carter Road, Frederica, and Highway 54. All these locations will accept the new wash packages, allowing customers to enjoy consistent service across multiple sites. The consolidation of services at all locations aims to improve accessibility and convenience for local customers.

The Loogootee location's reopening is anticipated to boost local business and meet the increasing demand for quick

quality vehicle cleaning services. The upgrades are expected to reduce wait times and improve the overall customer experience, aligning with the company's focus on technological innovation and customer satisfaction.

With over a decade of experience in the industry, Shammy's Auto Wash has built a reputation for efficient, eco-friendly, and customer-focused car wash services. The rebranding effort is part of their strategic plan to modernize operations and enhance service quality.

The transition to Shammy's Auto Wash also signals an investment in the community, as the company pledges to maintain local employment and continue supporting regional economic growth. The new look and expanded services are anticipated to attract more residents and visitors to utilize the car wash, further integrating the



the business into the local economy.

As the Loogootee location prepares to reopen, customers and residents can expect a more streamlined, high-quality car washing experience that combines the latest technology with affordable pricing options. The rollout of monthly packages will make vehicle maintenance more accessible, encouraging more frequent use and greater satisfaction among users.

# Update on Loogootee Post Office Services During Front Desk Closure

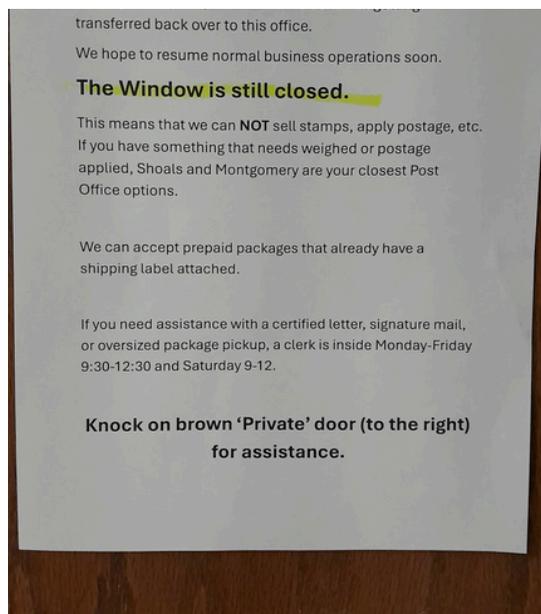
The front of the Loogootee Post Office remains temporarily closed as staff work to transfer mail back to the facility, according to an official company notification. The closure, which began after a tornado struck Loogootee on March 15, causing a major disruption until the store reopened in late May. Usual operations have resumed such as the Post Office reopening the store to allow customers to get mail from their assigned mailbox, but the store is expected to resolve some minor issues soon.

Customers are advised that the front window remains closed, preventing services such as selling stamps and

applying postage. The Post Office recommends nearby alternatives in Shoals and Montgomery for those needing postal services like mailing, weighing items, or postage application.

Despite the closure, the facility can still accept prepaid packages that already have shipping labels. For customers requiring assistance with certified letters, signature-required mail, or oversized package pickups, a clerk is available Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

To receive assistance, customers are instructed to knock on the brown "Private" door located to the right of the



building entrance. The Post Office has emphasized that normal business operations are expected to resume shortly.

Mail transfer issues like these can occur due to logistical delays or other operational challenges, but postal officials assure the public that they are working diligently to restore full service. Customers are encouraged to plan accordingly and utilize alternative locations if urgent mailing needs arise.

The Post Office has not specified the exact duration of the closure but promises updates will be provided as the situation develops.

local residents are urged to stay informed through official announcements and to contact the Post Office directly with any urgent questions. Otherwise, the USPS Post Office remains open, and customers can continue to access their mail and other postage inside of their assigned mailboxes inside the Post Office.

# Knights of Columbus in Washington Set to Reopen Jackpot Drawings on Aug. 16

The Washington Knights of Columbus annual treasure hunt ticket sales are set to resume this afternoon, with sales opening from 4pm to 8pm on August 12th. The ongoing game has garnered significant attention, with the jackpot now reaching \$133,743. There are 23 numbers remaining, fueling anticipation among participants. The next drawing is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th, promising another round of excitement for players vying for the substantial prize. Organizers encourage interested individuals to purchase tickets during the evening hours to participate in the upcoming drawing. The game has seen increased interest, likely driven by the growing jackpot and the remaining numbers, which have kept players engaged. Tickets can be purchased at various authorized outlets across the region.

Authorities remind players to gamble responsibly and verify ticket purchases. The treasure hunt game is a popular form of local entertainment and fundraising, with proceeds often supporting community projects. The upcoming drawing marks a pivotal moment for players awaiting their chance to win the sizeable cash prize. As the jackpot continues to grow and the remaining numbers dwindle, enthusiasm for the game is expected to rise, promising a thrilling weekend of anticipation.

# Join Daviess County Community Health in Suicide Prevention Walk

Join us for the Walk for Suicide Loss & Awareness at Daviess Community Hospital on Saturday, September 27, from 6-8 p.m. on our hospital campus. This free, community-wide event honors those we've lost and supports those impacted by suicide. Register for a commemorative t-shirt at [Love turning ideas into reality?](#)

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## Loogootee High School Release Official Fall 2025-26 Athletic Schedules

The Loogootee High School Volleyball released the 2025-26 Volleyball, Cross Country, and Boys Tennis athletic schedules for Varsity and Junior Varsity volleyball teams competing this season.

### VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:

#### AUGUST:

- August 14 @ Sullivan (Scrimmage)
- August 16 HOME vs. Evansville Christian
- August 18 @ Jasper
- August 21 HOME vs. Northeast Dubois
- August 26 @ Linton

#### SEPTEMBER:

- September 4 HOME vs. Orleans
- September 6 @ The Borden Tournament
- September 9 HOME vs. North Daviess
- September 11 @ Forest Park
- September 13 HOME at The Loogootee Invitational
- September 16 @ Vincennes Rivet

- September 18 @ North Knox
- September 22 HOME vs. Southridge
- September 26 @ Barr Reeve
- September 30 HOME vs. Springs Valley

#### OCTOBER:

- October 2 @ Washington (Southern Indiana)
- October 4 @ Warrick Invite
- October 6 HOME vs. Wood Memorial (Senior Night for Cora Consley)
- October 7 @ South Knox
- October 9 @ Bedford North Lawrence

#### CROSS COUNTRY

- August 18 @ North Knox
- August 21 @ Forest Park
- August 26 @ Southridge
- September 4 @ Gibson Southern
- September 10 HOME Loogootee Invitational
- September 13 @ Washington
- September 20 @ South Knox
- September 25 @ Paoli
- September 27 @ Jasper
- October 4 @ Barr Reeve
- October 11 @ Blue Chip Inviational on the campus of Barr Reeve High School

#### BOYS TENNIS

- August 14 HOME vs. North Daviess (Scrimmage)
- August 19 HOME vs. Forest Park
- August 21 HOME vs. Bloomfield
- August 23 HOME vs. Heritage Hills
- August 25 @ Northeast Dubois
- August 26 HOME vs. South Knox
- August 28 HOME vs. Washington

#### SEPTEMBER

- September 2 HOME vs. Evansville Memorial
- September 3 HOME vs. Barr Reeve
- September 5 & 6 @ West Clark Invitational
- September 9 HOME vs. North Daviess
- September 11 @ Wood Memorial
- September 12 & 13 @ Evansville North Invitational
- September 16 @ Bloomington North
- September 18 @ Evansville North
- September 23 @ Vincennes Lincoln
- September 26 HOME vs. Vincennes Rivet
- Match #1 HOME Match on September 27 (Senior Day for Joe Graber) vs. Floyd Central
- Match #2 HOME Match on September 27 (Senior Day for Joe Graber) vs. Terre Haute North

The full schedule can also be found in the schedule/photos above or by visiting The Loogootee Lions new athletics app, and team athletics website.

## Local Obituaries

### David B. Wagler

#### August 11, 1958-August 7, 2025

David B. Wagler, 66, of Montgomery, Indiana passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at his residence.

He was born on August 11, 1958, to Benjamin and Mary (Graber) Wagler in Daviess County, Indiana. David was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He married Pauline Kemp on March 30, 1980.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his mother-in-law, Naomi Kemp; a stillborn grandchild; siblings: Catherine Wagler, Noah B. Wagler, Naomi Knepp, Wilma Graber; and brothers-in-law: David Wagler and Omar Eicher.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Wagler; children: Marvin Jay & Rhoda Wagler, Ruth Ann & Philip Wagler, Richard Dale & Martha Jean Wagler, Delmar Leon & Clara

Wagler, David Devon & Elizabeth Wagler, Dorothy Rose & Kerry Knepp, and Lora Jean & Kenneth Wagler; 29 grandchildren; in-laws: Amos & Delilah Kemp; siblings: Esther Wagler, Ida Eicher, Rebecca & Abraham Graber, Enos & Miriam Wagler, Levi & Marilyn Wagler, Marie & Amos Wagler, Benjamin & Rosie Mae Wagler; brothers-in-law: Edwin Wagler, Wilmer H. Knepp, John D. Graber, and sister-in-law: Anna Marie Wagler.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 6 P.M. until the hour of service. Funeral services will be 9 A.M. Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Parson's Event

Center, Montgomery, Indiana. Burial will follow in Southwest Cemetery with home ministers to officiate.

Arrangements provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery, Indiana.

To send a flower arrangement in memory of David B. Wagler, please [click here to visit our sympathy store.](#)

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of David B. Wagler, please [click here to visit our sympathy store.](#)

### Joseph Ray Patterson January 26, 1942- August 7, 2025

Joseph Ray Patterson, age 83, went to be with the Lord on August 7, 2025, at Poplar Nursing Facility in Loogootee, Indiana. He was born on January 26, 1942, at Loogootee, Indiana, to John Francis and Ruby Agnes (Scott) Patterson.

He had three children, Paula Rene Patterson, and twin sons, Terry (Chris) and Larry (Tonya) Patterson, who live in Neosho, MI. He had three grandchildren, Jacob, Kaleb, and Nathan Patterson, and he had five great-grandchildren, Skylar, Reid, Ivy, Alyssa, and Roman, all of Missouri.

He had five siblings: Ralph Patterson, who is deceased; Donna Marie (Jerry)

Jennings; Dorothy Mae (Mark) Sallade; James Martin Patterson; and Mary Alice (DJ) Bechtel. He also had a special friend of 30 years, Mary Sue O'Haver, as well as his "lunch bunch" buddy and cousin, Bill Patterson, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He went into the Army out of high school for three and a half years. He studied drafting, where he learned his trade of being a photographer. He worked at Norma's Studio for over 50 years. He has taken more senior pictures and wedding pictures than most could ever imagine. He has a passion for the Lord and singing praises to Him.

A memorial service will be officiated by Pastor Brad Rainey at Harvest Church on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. All friends and family members are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made toward Ray's medical expenses.

## Daviess County Recent Arrests

The Daviess County Sheriff's Department arrested an Evansville man Monday on a warrant for a Petition to Revoke.

43-year-old Cecil Leonard Estill is being held without bond in the Daviess County Security Center.

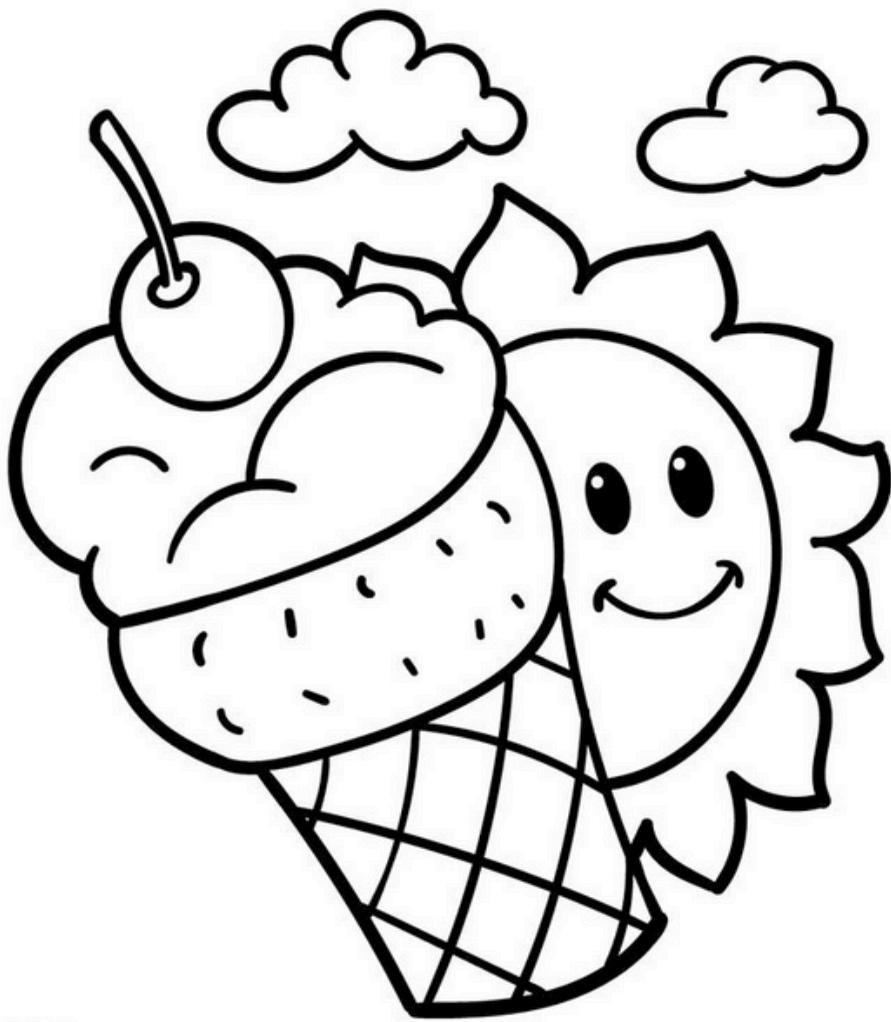
Daviess County Sheriff's deputies also arrested 53-year-old Andrea Dixon of Vincennes Monday on a warrant for a Petition to Revoke.

Dixon is also being held without bond.

And the Daviess County Sheriff's Department arrested 47-year-old Damon Michael Dant of Loogootee Monday on a warrant for a Writ of Attachment.

Dant was released from jail on \$6,000 bond.

167 inmates were being held in the Daviess County Security Center early Tuesday morning.



# SUMMER

## Sudoku #1

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Come, every fraction longs to be a cone,  
 And every vector dreams of matrices.  
 Hark to the gentle gradient of the breeze:  
 It is the Stanshion Linn, O'berland!

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.



## You're invited!

To the next CALL meeting on

### Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30

Loogootee Public Library Meeting Room



We'll be discussing several issues relating to the downtown commercial district project, grant opportunities, admin tasks, upcoming events, arts project ideas, memberships and more!

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## AUGUST 30, 2025

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