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CHA Acquires Indiana-based Midwestern Engineers, Inc.

ALBANY, N.Y. and LOOGOOTE, Ind., Sept. 09, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — CHA announced today it has acquired Midwestern Engineers, Inc., an Indiana-based engineering firm with a long-established reputation for delivering critical water, wastewater, stormwater, and survey solutions across Indiana. Headquartered in Loogootee with offices in Indianapolis and Santa Claus, Midwestern brings a team of 45 technical experts with deep expertise in water resources to CHA. Midwestern perfectly complements CHA's 100 employees in Indianapolis and Evansville currently providing water, wastewater, transportation, aviation engineering, and environmental services.

"The addition of Midwestern Engineers to CHA creates a powerhouse of water expertise and local insight throughout the Hoosier state and beyond," said Jim Stephenson, CEO of CHA Holdings, Inc. "Together, we'll be better able to serve our clients and communities as they face challenges related to delivering clean water and managing wastewater and stormwater. This acquisition is a continuation of our growth strategy to establish CHA as a leading national provider of integrated critical infrastructure solutions and builds on the long history of both firms to deliver greater value to clients and expanded career opportunities for employees."

"We are excited to join CHA," said Mark Sullivan, P.E., Midwestern Engineers' Chief Executive Officer. "For over six decades, Midwestern has been committed to improving infrastructure that enhances the quality of life in the communities we serve. Our partnership with CHA allows us to continue that mission with even greater reach and resources. Together with CHA, we'll deliver innovative, fundable, and environmentally responsible solutions while maintaining the trusted relationships and local presence our clients value most."

"MEI has long stood as a pillar of our communities, built on a foundation
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City of Loogootee Discusses Future Budget & City Upkeep

Written by Braydyn Bear-Lents

Editor's Note: We apologize for the delay in this article. I was out of town, as I am working another job, and was unable to access the full meeting and receive the full notes from this meeting due to livestream issues on the page's YouTube channel.

The City of Loogootee's Board of Works and Common Council held a meeting at the Loogootee Municipal Building on Monday, Sept. 8. Attendees included Mayor Brian Ader, along with council members Brandon Carrico, Danny Clark, Dana Strange, and Mark McAtee.

Fire Chief Eric Thomas delivered an engaging and comprehensive presentation to the fire department team, providing detailed updates and valuable insights into the current state of the department's operational activities. During the presentation, Chief Thomas highlighted recent developments, ongoing initiatives, and future plans aimed at enhancing the department's effectiveness and community safety. He discussed various operational challenges faced by the team, such as resource allocation, response times, and training programs, and shared strategies being implemented to address these issues. The presentation also included statistical data, recent incident reports, and success stories that exemplify the department's commitment to excellence and community service.

Chief Thomas emphasized the importance of teamwork, continuous training, and community engagement in achieving the department's goals. He recognized the hard work and dedication of the fire department personnel, acknowledging their efforts in maintaining high standards of safety and emergency response. Additionally, he encouraged open communication and collaboration among team members to ensure that everyone is aligned and working towards common objectives.

The session featured interactive segments where department members could ask questions and provide feedback on various operational aspects. Overall, Chief Thomas's presentation was well-received, energizing the team and reaffirming their shared mission to protect lives and property. His insights not only informed the department about current activities but also motivated everyone to strive for ongoing improvements in service delivery and community outreach.

A critical part of this meeting was the public hearing, which took place on the same day and was an essential element of the city's budgeting process. This hearing gives residents the opportunity to review the city's financial plans and offer feedback. The focus was on the 2026 budget, particularly examining staff pay—from how much staff should be paid to how the budget allocates funds for staffing needs next year. The budget serves as a foundational document guiding city funding for essential services such as public safety, infrastructure projects, and community programs aimed at improving residents' quality of life.

Following the hearing, residents and taxpayers have the right to object to the budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing a petition. According to local law, at least 10 taxpayers must submit this petition with the city's officers within seven days of the hearing. The petition must specify the particular provisions of the budget or tax measures that are objected to.

The estimated civil maximum levy for the upcoming year is approximately \$786,129, with an expected property tax cap credit of about \$67,200. For those interested in reviewing detailed budget estimates by

fund or department, they can visit the city offices at 401 John F. Kennedy Ave.

Following the hearing and the petition process, if a valid petition is filed, the city officials will review the objections and hold a meeting to adopt the final budget, along with findings regarding any objections raised. This process ensures transparency and accountability as the city finalizes its financial plans for 2026.

In summary, the recent meeting underscored the importance of public participation in local government budgeting. It provided an opportunity for residents to understand how their tax dollars are allocated and to voice any concerns or objections. The city remains committed to transparency, encouraging civic engagement and providing avenues for residents to influence decision-making on significant fiscal matters.

For further details on the budget or to participate in upcoming hearings, residents are encouraged to contact the city offices or visit the municipal building during business hours. The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 6 at the Loogootee Municipal Building



MID-STATES CORRIDOR: LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Upcoming Property Rights Alliance Meeting in Jasper – Join Us!

Written by Mr. Jim Arvin,
Contributor

Braydyn,

The next Property Rights Alliance (PRA) meeting will be Thursday, September 18, 7pm at the new LARGER location, Klubhaus61 (former Jasper Country Club), 2031 Newton St, Jasper. Bring friends! This invitation is open to EVERYONE.

The membership has out grown the 2 meeting rooms at the Schnitzelbank. There is usually more than 70 people in attendance with 5 -10 new members at each meeting.

Braydyn, this is news your subscribers are interested in knowing about. The members gathered over 100 signatures at the Martin County 4-Fair, another 150 + at the Catfish Festival and most recently 120+ at the Whitfield Hog Roast. Yard signs to STOP THE CORRIDOR are popping up all over Loogootee and the county. Martin County residents are engaged in the opposition to the project.

Come to the next meeting and see .

Jim

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Cont.d from pg.1- CHA - of dedication, integrity, and local pride. This next chapter marks an exciting evolution—one that brings expanded resources, enhanced capabilities, and long-term stability,” said Alan Burch, PE, Midwestern’s CFO. “It’s a meaningful step forward for everyone who’s contributed to our journey.”

“The demand for cutting-edge water services continues to grow, particularly in the rural heartland, where there’s a high demand for better infrastructure, planning, and management. The joining of CHA and Midwestern puts us in a strong position to meet that demand and support our clients’ evolving needs,” said Phil Stevens, CHA Infrastructure Sector President.

Effective immediately, Midwestern Engineers, Inc. will rebrand as Midwestern Engineers, Inc., A CHA Company. The acquisition adds to CHA’s staff of over 2,000 professionals across more than 55 offices from Canada to Florida to California. This is CHA’s second acquisition in 2025. Stambaugh Ness served as the exclusive M&A advisor to Midwestern Engineers, Inc.

About CHA
CHA is an innovative, full-service engineering, design, consulting, and program/construction management firm providing a wide range of technology-enhanced services to public, private, and institutional clients. We are focused on delivering sustainable, integrated solutions to the world’s most challenging infrastructure projects across energy infrastructure, transportation, water, and other

critical commercial and industrial end-markets. CHA was ranked the 63rd largest engineering firm in the U.S. in 2025 by ENR, with over 2,000 employees and 55 offices throughout the U.S. and Canada. CHA is a portfolio company of H.I.G. Capital, a leading global alternative investment firm with \$70 billion of capital under management. Please visit www.chasolutions.com.
About Midwestern Engineers, Inc. Midwestern Engineers, Inc., founded in 1959, provides water, wastewater, stormwater, and survey solutions in the heartland of the U.S. It has deep roots and long-standing client relationships across Indiana. Midwestern’s core services include civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering. Headquartered in Loogootee, with offices in Indianapolis and Santa Claus, it is a leader in bringing quality drinking water to rural Indiana. For more information about Midwestern, please visit www.midwesterneng.com.

Loogootee shooting suspect appears in court



LOOGOOTE, Ind. (WTWO/WAWV) — A man accused of shooting another man, back in February, inside a cabin where police found over 83 grams of methamphetamine, appeared in court Thursday. According to court documents, Alexander J. Carlquist has been charged with:

- Burglary, but seriously bodily injury occurs and burglary was to a dwelling.
- Burglary with a deadly weapon.
- Battery by means of a deadly weapon.
- Battery resulting in seriously bodily injury.

The Daviess County Sheriff’s Office said Carlquist left

City officials maintain that the ordinance was designed to apply equally to all groups and provide liability protection for the city while prioritizing public safety. The measure directs organizers to hold events at either Loogootee City Park or the downtown Green Space, with the option to close additional streets if an event is too large for those locations. According to the city, it was prepared to approve Pride Fest at the Green Space and even close an additional street to accommodate vendors.

Officials argue that the size of the event does not require multiple street closures, noting that other small events have successfully used the Green Space without issues. City leaders emphasized that their opposition was not about free speech but about minimizing disruptions to businesses and residents. They also stated that Pride Fest had previously accepted the Green

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Lark Ranch Corn Maze Pays Tribute to The Late Indianapolis Colts Owner Jim Irsay

Indiana Corn Maze Pays Tribute to Colts Owner Jim Irsay

Fall in Indiana just got even more exciting for Colts fans. Lark Ranch has teamed up with Precision Mazes to create a larger-than-life Colts-themed corn maze honoring Jim Irsay—a tribute as unique as the man himself.

A Colts Tribute You Can Walk Through

The massive design isn’t just about twisting turns and dead ends. From above, the maze forms an intricate tribute to Colts owner Jim Irsay, celebrating his decades-long leadership and love for Indianapolis. Fans can now literally walk through a piece of Colts history, making this maze more than just a fall attraction—it’s a love letter to Indy and its football culture.

For the Boss”

The Colts are calling this one “For the Boss”—a nickname many use for Irsay.

It’s more than fitting, since the maze represents both his role as team leader and his lasting bond with Colts fans. By naming the maze after him, the Colts and Lark Ranch are giving fans a new way to celebrate “the boss” who has helped shape so many unforgettable seasons in Indianapolis.

Built by Hoosiers, For Hoosiers

- Lark Ranch, a family-owned favorite in Loogootee, is already known for being one of Indiana’s best fall destinations.
- Precision Mazes brought their design expertise to make this tribute one of the most detailed mazes in the state.

Together, they’ve created a fall experience that blends Indiana’s farming roots with its football pride.

Plan Your Visit

Happy September, it’s finally pumpkin patch month! 🎃 We’re less

than three weeks away from opening day, and we can’t wait to welcome you back to our farms! 😊

Our team has been busy adding new attractions, making improvements, and cleaning up after the tornado to make sure The Ultimate Fall Experience is bigger and better than ever at ALL THREE LOCATIONS!

And... we’ve got a couple surprises up our sleeve that we can’t wait to share with you! 😊

Opening day is September 20th at all locations.

Tickets and season passes are available now at larkranch.com.

Don’t forget:

- 2 and under are free!
- Season passes but can be used for any date and are valid at all three locations! (All daily admission activities are included.)

- Free daily admission for all active military & half price daily admission for all veterans 🇺🇸

Please share with your friends! We hope you are as excited as we are! ❤️

Vaccinations Taking Place for Pets at The Dubois County Humane Society in October

The Dubois County Humane Society, a private, no-kill animal shelter in Jasper, is hosting a low-cost, drive thru dog only vaccination clinic on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 9- 11 AM at the Dubois County Park (Fairgrounds) located at 4157 S State Road 162 in Huntingburg. This clinic is open to residents of any county, not just Dubois County. All dogs are required to be on a leash. Vaccinations and microchips are \$20 each. Core vaccines include rabies, DAPPL, and Bordetella for dogs. Seresto flea and tick collars will also be available for \$60.

Indiana state law requires all dogs (and cats) be vaccinated against rabies. Other diseases such as distemper are prevalent in wildlife and can infect unvaccinated pets. Thanks to vaccinations, numerous common diseases

are entirely preventable. A microchip is the only permanent identification that can reunite you with your beloved lost pet. Unlike collars and ID tags that can break or get lost, a microchip will last for the life of your pet.

Reservations for this clinic can be made by going to www.duboiscountyhumane.org and clicking on “Make a Vet Clinic Appointment” then “Dog Spay or Neuter” then choosing “Drive Thru Clinic Appointment”. Or for a direct link you can go to:

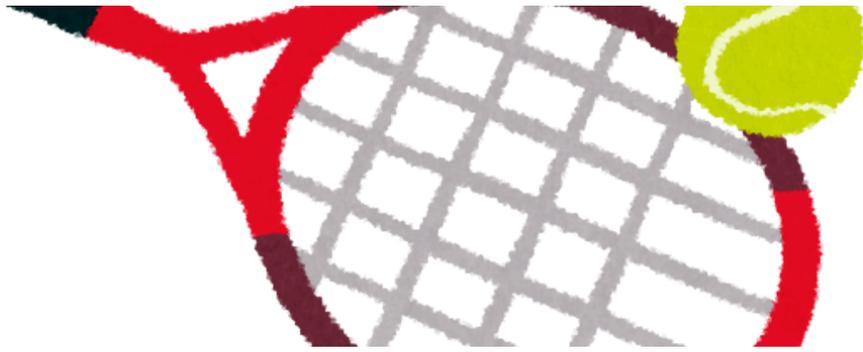
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presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of LOOGOOTE CIVIL CITY will meet to adopt the following budget

Walk ups are not guaranteed a vaccine, so please register in advance. Anyone who needs more information or help with registration should call 812-482-7387 option 2.



SPORTS



Loogootee Varsity Boys Tennis Team Finishes 4th at Silver Creek Invite

This weekend, the Varsity team competed at the Silver Creek Invitational and finished 4th place in a strong 8-team field including Silver Creek (two teams), Evansville Memorial, Gibson Southern, Seymour, Waldron, and Evansville Christian!! Round one took place on Friday (9/5) evening with rounds two and three on Saturday (9/6). Here are the results: #1 Singles - Cooper Van Hoy L vs. Blackard (EVC): 1-6, 2-6 W vs. Ping (Waldron): 6-3, 6-2 L vs. Curl (GS): 5-7, 2-6 Cooper placed 6th overall #2 Singles - Joe Graber L vs. Cissell (SC): 2-6, 0-6 W vs. Arndt(SC): 7-5, 6-0 L vs. Thompson (S): 4-6, 1-6

Joe placed 6th overall #3 Singles - Grayson Kluesner W vs. Williams (SC): 6-1, 6-1 L vs. Williams (GS): 1-6, 0-6 W vs. Keener (EVM): 6-0, 6-0 Grayson placed 3rd overall #1 Doubles - Emmett Graber & William Lyon L vs. Dilger / Will (EVM): 2-6, 5-7 W vs. Kuhn / Sheaffel (W): 6-4, 2-6, 10-2 (TB) W vs. Flaherty / Heeke (SC): 6-1, 6-4 Emmett & Will placed 4th overall #2 Doubles - Reed Brittain & Carter Downey W vs. Mitchell / Hartman (W): 6-4, 6-3 W vs. Payne / Hill (S): 6-1, 6-3 L vs. Debord / Grabbe (GS): 0-6, 6-4, 1-6 Reed & Carter placed 2nd overall The JV team competed in the Floyd Central JV Joust

on Friday (9/5) evening, taking on strong opponents from Floyd Central, Evansville Christian, Paoli, Lanesville, and Gibson Southern. Lots of really good tennis from the Lions in southern Indiana this weekend! Here are the match results: #1 Singles - Mitchell Walton L vs Gibson Southern: 3-8 W vs Paoli: 8-5 L vs Evansville Christian: 5-8 #2 Singles - Brendan Green W vs Paoli: 8-3 L vs Floyd Central 4-8 L vs Evansville Christian: 7-8 #3 Singles - Rhett Whitney W vs Lanesville: 8-1 L vs Gibson Southern: 5-8 W vs Evansville Christian: 8-3 #1 Doubles - Bryce Christmas / Gabe Walton W vs Floyd Central: 8-6 L vs Gibson Southern: 7-8 W vs Lanesville: 8-1

Loogootee Lions Boys Tennis Fall to Cougars on the Tennis Courts

The Lions fell to the North Daviess Cougars tonight. Congrats to our doubles teams for picking up good wins! We look to bounce back as a team heading into an exciting weekend at the Jasper Invitational! Varsity: 1S - Cooper Van Hoy (LHS) lost to Coby Loheider (ND) 1-6, 3-6 2S - Joe Graber (LHS) lost to Koen Stoll (ND) 3-6, 2-6 3S - Grayson Kluesner (LHS) lost to Rex Freed (ND) 1-6, 2-6 1D - Emmett Graber / William Lyon (LHS) def Braylon Pridemore / Charlie Schulte (ND) 7-6(3), 4-6, 6-4 2D - Reed Brittain / Carter Downey (LHS) def Will Murrie / Kaleb Wagler (ND) 6-3, 6-2 JV: 1S - Gabe Shimm (LHS) lost to Briceton Terrell (ND) 3-6 2S - Rawlings Bell (LHS) lost to Briceton Terrell (ND) 2-6 3S - Dawson Potts (LHS) lost to Briceton Tettell (ND) 0-6

Loogootee Lions JH Volleyballers Split At Forest Park

Last night, the Loogootee Junior High Lady Lions hit the road to take on Forest Park. The 7th grade squad started off with a tough first set loss, 22-25, but bounced back in dominant fashion to take the next two sets 25-10 and 15-8. With the win, their record improves to 7-5 on the season. The 8th grade match featured three highly competitive sets with momentum swinging back and forth throughout. Despite their fight, the Lady Lions came up just short, falling 17-25, 25-23, 12-15, bringing their record to 5-3. All three teams - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade - will be back in action Thursday night as they travel to Washington. On Saturday, the 8th grade will get the opportunity to compete in the Wabash Valley Tournament at Terre Haute South.

THE LION SHOUTOUT!

Congratulations to our LES September Student /Staff of the Month!



Loogootee Band Performs on IU Band Day at IU Football Game v. Old Dominion

Great day today at IU Band Day! The band kids did a phenomenal job performing, and IU won! Thank you to the parents that went along to help all day! It was MUCH appreciated. Days like today don't happen without your help.

Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Wins 2-1 At Borden

On Saturday, the Varsity Loogootee Lady Lions traveled to compete in the Borden Invite, where they faced three straight best-of-three matches. The day opened against the Corydon Central Lady Panthers, and Loogootee started off slow, dropping a tightly contested first set 30-32. The Lady Lions quickly regrouped, dominating the second set 25-8 and carrying that momentum into the third for a 15-9 victory. Offensively, the kills were spread evenly with junior Alaina Diamond, senior Macy Knepp, and sophomore Savannah Green each tallying 8 kills, with Green leading the way with a .286 hitting percentage. From the service line, libero Jocelynn Sims paced the team with 5 aces, while Sims and freshman Lydia Hawkins each contributed 11 service points. At the net, Hawkins and Diamond each recorded 4 blocks, while Sims anchored the back row with 18 digs, followed by Knepp with 12 and Hawkins with 7. Hawkins and junior Aubrey Gilbert handled the setting duties, finishing with 14 and 9 assists respectively. In their second match of the day, the Lady Lions faced off against conference and potential sectional opponent, the Shoals Lady Jug Rox, in a highly anticipated matchup. Loogootee came out strong, taking the first set 25-20 and battling through

a tightly contested second set to close out the match 26-24 for a straight-sets victory. Macy Knepp led the offensive attack with 9 kills, followed closely by Alaina Diamond with 7. From the service line, Jocelynn Sims once again led in aces with 5, while Savannah Green recorded a team-high 10 service points. Defensively, Diamond was a force at the net with 2 blocks, while Knepp and Sims anchored the back row with 14 and 13 digs respectively. Setting duties were once again split between Aubrey Gilbert (10 assists) and Lydia Hawkins (9 assists). In their final match of the day, the Lady Lions appeared to run out of steam after two hard-fought wins. Despite remaining competitive, they ultimately fell to the Borden Lady Braves in straight sets, 17-25, 17-25. Diamond and Knepp once again led the attack with 5 kills each, with Diamond posting an efficient .308 hitting percentage. Knepp also led from the service line with 2 aces and 5 points. Freshman Karmen Wilson made her presence felt defensively, tallying 3 blocks at the net. In the back row, Sims (11 digs), Gilbert (10 digs), and Knepp (9 digs) all made

key contributions. Hawkins ran the offense with 10 assists, while Gilbert added 3. Despite finishing the day 2-1, a tiebreaker with Shoals prevented Loogootee from winning the invite. The Lady Lions now sit at 3-5 on the season and will look to build momentum as they return home to host the Lady Cougars on Tuesday night.

Loogootee 7th Grade Volleyball Goes 2-1 At Wabash Valley Tourney

Loogootee 7th Grade Lady Lions Battle at Wabash Valley Tourney The 7th grade Lady Lions had a strong showing at the Wabash Valley Tournament at Terre Haute South today. After an early morning bus ride, the girls came ready to play and started the day with a win over Honey Creek, taking the match 25-12, 18-25, 15-7. In their second game, they dominated Vincennes Clark, winning in straight sets, 25-10 and 25-8, to finish pool play with a 2-0 record and advance to the Gold Bracket. Following a lunch break, the Lady Lions faced the Sullivan Lady Arrows. They jumped out to a lead in the first set but fell behind late, dropping the set. The girls responded with a strong performance in the second set to even the match and carry momentum into the decisive third. Despite a hard-fought battle, the Lady Lions came up just short, falling 14-16 to finish the day 2-1. The 7th grade Lady Lions now sit at 6-5 on the season. Both junior high teams will be back in action Tuesday night when they travel to Forest Park.

Martin County & Courts

The reports are brought to you by The Martin County Sheriff's Office

Monday, September 1st, 2025

1:05 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Clark, and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Heath Bedford.

3:25 a.m.- Received a call reporting a telephone pole down South of Shoals. Frontier Communications responded.

9:04 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:05 p.m.- An individual is on station requesting a vehicle identification number check on a vehicle. Captain Gibson responded.

4:51 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Martin County Medic 3, Loogootee Fire Department, Crane Fire Department, LPD Chief Wagoner, and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

5:18 p.m.- Received a call about a heavy smoke in the are South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded.

5:44 p.m.- Received call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Sheriff Greene responded.

8:25p.m.- ISP Trooper Collins on station with Travis Allen, a 33-year-old-male from Loogootee He was arrest on driving while intoxicated and operating while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

9:38 p.m.-Received a 911 call reporting a deer accident South of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded, Big John's towing responded.

Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025

6:33 a.m.- Received a call reporting a deer in the middle of the Highway South of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

7:31 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to the Chief Deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:48 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:35 a.m.- Received a call reporting a deer along the side of the highway East of Loogootee. INDOT responded.

11:03 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

12:26 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:12 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

3:28 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Indiana State Police responded.

4:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Owen County 911. Transferred 911 call to Owen County Dispatch.

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025

5:08 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

7:07 a.m.- An individual is on station requesting to speak to a deputy. Captain Gibson and LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

8:26 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. Captain Gibson, Chief Deputy Keller, and LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

9:10 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be to be transferred to Dubois County 911. Transferred 911 call to Dubois County Dispatch.

11:37 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to the Sheriff. Sheriff Greene responded.

12:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Captain Gibson, and LPD Chief Wagoner responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

1:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call in Daviess County. Transferred 911 call to Daviess County Dispatch.

3:07 p.m.- Received an accident 911 call.puty Clark responded.

3:36 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

3:39 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Captain Gibson, Chief Deputy Keller, and Big Johns Towing responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

3:42 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

3:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Daviess County 911. Transferred 911 call to Daviess County Dispatch.

4:40 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a breaking and entering in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and Captain Gibson responded.

5:20 p.m.- Deputy Branham is on station with Phillip Fellers, a 34-year-old male from Jasper. He was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on no bond.

6:31 p.m.- Received a call reporting dead deer on a persons property North of Loogootee. Advised caller to contact South Region Dispatch.

7:17 p.m.- Received a call reporting a dog alone in a car in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

9:15 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:31 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call in Daviess County. Transferred 911 call to Daviess County Dispatch.

Thursday, September 4th, 2025

8:28 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:29 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 did not transport. Officer Stuckey and De

8:43 a.m.- Received a call requesting the fire department at Crane Village. Loogootee Fire Department, Crane Fire Department, and Taylor Township Fire Department responded.

9:45 a.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Chief Tim Parke Advised.

9:54 a.m.- Received multiple accidental 911 calls.

11:12 a.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver East of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin advised.

11:42 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

1:02 p.m. Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, and Corporal Erwin responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

1:10 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

1:21 p.m.- Received a call reporting a trespasser North of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

1:24 p.m.- LPD Chief Wagoner is on station with Jay Cardwell, a 65-year-old male from Kokomo. He was arrested on a Carroll County warrant. He is being held at no bond.

1:52 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

2:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance West of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, and Corporal Erwin responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:34 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident North of Loogootee. Daviess County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Erwin, Chief Deputy Keller, LPD Chief Wagoner, and Big Johns Towing responded. Daviess County EMS did not transport.

4:39 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Crane Village. Deputy Branham responded.

6:13 p.m.- Received a call reporting a road rage incident East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:23 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

6:23 p.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Chief Tim Parke advised.

8:26 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

Friday, September 5th, 2025

7:38 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

9:23 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:35 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Daviess County 911. Transferred 911 call to Daviess County Dispatch.

10:36 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred 911 call to Crane Naval Regional Dispatch.

3:20 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

3:45 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County Dispatch.

4:06 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy in Crane Village. Deputy Branham responded.

4:33 p.m.- Received a call reporting a dispute in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

5:18 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

5:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Chief Wagoner, and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

5:53 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

6:30 p.m.- Received multiple calls reporting a cow loose South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:12 p.m.- Received an accidental text 911.

8:10 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Nash responded.

9:16 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from an officer. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

9:33 p.m.- Received a call reporting a stranded motorist West of Shoals. Deputy Nash and Big Johns Towing responded.

9:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a threat South of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

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11:25 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:03 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:26 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

5:48 p.m. Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and LPD Officer Stivers responded.

6:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

8:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call about an animal issue North of Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.

8:53 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:56 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey, Deputy Nash, and Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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Local Obituaries

Roger D. Taylor September 2, 1949-August 29, 2025

Roger D. Taylor, age 75, peacefully passed away in the comfort of his Plainville home on Friday, August 29, 2025, with his family by his side. He was born in Dover Hi-ll, Indiana, September 2, 1949, to Henry and Della (Chastain) Taylor. He married Connie (Hopkins) Taylor on December 3, 1970, and she survives.

After high school, Roger served his county honorably in the United States Army as an engineering technician. He was a Viet Nam Veteran. Later, he was employed at the Naval Weapons Support Center (commonly known as Crane) for the next 32 years, retiring in 2013. Roger enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He was a member of the Veterans Motorcycle Club and the Washington American Legion.

Family left to cherish Roger's memory include his wife, Connie Taylor; sons, Christopher (Angie) Taylor, of Bedford; and Matthew Scott Taylor, of Plainville. Roger was blessed with five grandchildren, Alyssa (Emerson Begman) Taylor, of Loogootee; Jason Scott Taylor, of Odon; Sierra Rayne Taylor, of Bowling Green, Kentucky; Arlie Taylor, of Bedford; and Declan Taylor, of Bedford. He leaves one sister, Lois (Robert) Conklin, of Loogootee.

During his lifetime, Roger mourned the loss of his parents, Della and Henry Taylor; and siblings Kay Litton, Hyla Jean Silvers, Max Taylor, Sylvia Rush, Hank Taylor, Jim Taylor, William Taylor, and Fred Taylor.

There are no services planned at this time.

Donations to help defray burial costs may be sent to Connie Taylor at P.O. Box 42, Plainville, IN 47568.

Ed Lee Mortuary, in Washington, handled the arrangements.

Mary Salmon September 8, 1949-September 8, 2025

Mary L. (Harder) Salmon, age 63, of Loogootee, passed away on Monday, September 8, 2025, at her residence.

Born September 8, 1962, in Jasper, she was the daughter of Karl and Anna Irene (Reilly) Harder.

Mary married Kent Salmon on November 7, 1981, and he survives.

She graduated from Loogootee High School with the Class of 1981.

Mary was a homemaker. She enjoyed watching television, crossword puzzles, and spending time with her family.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her husband, Kent; children, James Salmon, Adam Salmon, and Gage Salmon; grandchildren, Jamie Salmon, Jaicey Salmon, and Kenley Salmon; great-granddaughter, Alex Salmon; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Sally Hotz and William "Bill" Harder.

A graveside service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday (today), September 10th, at Spring Hill Cemetery with Pastor David Selfie officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care, in Shoals, handled the arrangements.

Memphis Rain Schwartzentuber November 2, 2023-September 7, 2025



Memphis Rain Swartzentuber, 1 year and 10 months, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday September 7, 2025, at her home.

She was born on November 2, 2023, to Vernon and Jessica (Hochstetler) Swartzentuber.

Memphis is preceded in death by her great-grandfathers, Alvin Jay Swartzentuber, Ernest D. Wagler, Noah Yoder, and Uncle Austin Swartzentuber.

Memphis is survived by her parents, Vernon and Jessica Swartzentuber, her grandparents, Norman and Dorcas Swartzentuber, Dave and Virginia Hochstetler, great-grandparents, Lorene Swartzentuber, Lydia (Henry) Graber, Susan Yoder, Mervin (Lulu) Hochstetler, Aunts and Uncles; Corey (Hannah) Swartzentuber, Sharon Swartzentuber, Matthew (Sydney), Tyson (Paige Cavins) Swartzentuber, Brandon Swartzentuber, Caleb Swartzentuber, Tyler (Sharolyn) Hochstetler, Tiffany Hochstetler, Collin Hochstetler, Courtney Hochstetler, and 9 cousins.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday September 9, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. at Pleasant View Mennonite Church with Glenn Wagler to officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Monday September 8, 2025, from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. and again on Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 P.M. until the time of service all at church.

Online condolences can be made to www.blakefuneralhomes.com

Blake & Wagler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Memphis

Swartzentuber.

To send a flower arrangement in memory of Memphis Rain Swartzentuber, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Memphis Rain Swartzentuber, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

Scott Wade September 18, 1973-August 28, 2025

Scott Alan Wade, age 51, of Mitchell, passed away on Thursday, August 28th, surrounded by his loved ones.

Scott was born on September 18, 1973, in Bedford, to George Robert "Bob" and Mary Ellen (Thomas) Wade.

He graduated from Shoals High School, and held several jobs, but it was obvious to all that his favorite was being a loving dad, husband, and papaw. He will always be remembered for his sense of humor, dedication and loyalty to his family and friends, and the light he shone upon those he considered close.

A man of extraordinary curiosity, he found joy in a wide

variety of passions, including but definitely not limited to drawing, loving on his grandchildren, playing video games with his kids, going antique shopping, ghost hunting, fishing, and learning about any and everything that he was curious about.

He is survived by his wife, (Leslie) Jolynn Wade; kids, Delaney (Adrianna) Wade, Dalton (Brianna) Chowning, Sawyer Wade, and Sophie Wade; grandchildren, Eleanor Chowning and Alena Wade; close cousin Penny Thomas (Stancil); best friends, Tony (Amy) Holt, Drew (Amy) Grafton, and Cliff

(Kari) Goodman; nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins, and other close family. Scott was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Brian Lee Wade.

A memorial service will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 6th, at Cresthaven Funeral Home, in Bedford.

Cresthaven Funeral and Cemetery, in Bedford, handled the arrangements.

William Ervin: November 27, 1954-August 13, 2025, Burial on September 9.

William "Mike" Ervin, age 70, formerly of Shoals, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

He was born on November 27, 1954, in Washington.

Mike worked his entire life and later retired from the HVAC industry.

Mike loved to hunt and fish.

Survivors include his two sisters, Nancy (Jeff) Jones, of Paragon; and Cathy (Casey) McCartney, of Indianapolis; a niece, and several nephews. He was the father of three sons, Chad, Cody, and Clint; and ten grandchildren; all residing in Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Betty (Braun) Ervin.

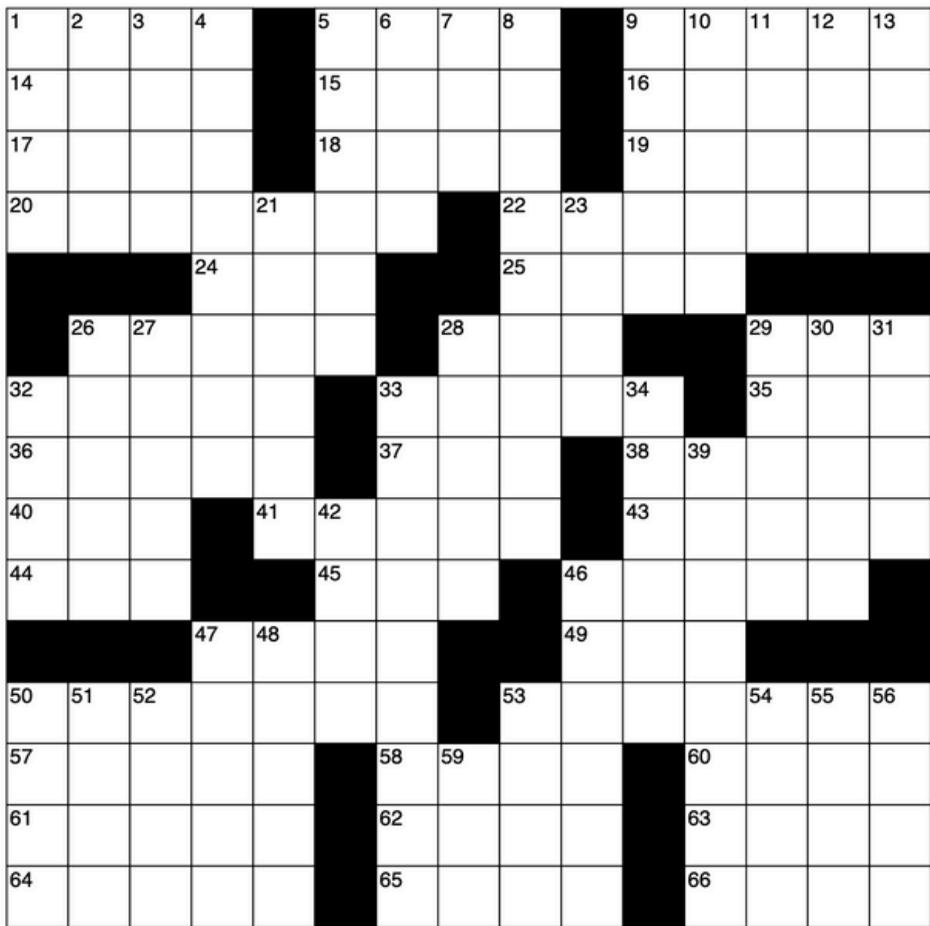
Burial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9th, at the Hawkins Cemetery outside of Shoals.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care, in Shoals, handled the arrangements.

#8 September Crossword Puzzle

SEPTEMBER

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ACROSS

- 1 Tie shoes
- 5 Uproar
- 9 Type of monkey
- 14 Flatten
- 15 Sympathize
- 16 Grind
- 17 Ham
- 18 Colors
- 19 Quick-witted
- 20 Defends their country
- 22 Lunges
- 24 Flurry
- 25 Glance over
- 26 Group discussion
- 28 Motor vehicle
- 29 Not JFK
- 32 Approximate date
- 33 Liners
- 35 Rio de Janeiro
- 36 Surpass
- 37 Summer skin color
- 38 Tiny particles
- 40 Fib
- 41 Plant trunks
- 43 Ramble

DOWN

- 45 Type of music
- 46 Crimes
- 47 Tuber
- 49 Dashed
- 50 Tutor
- 53 Madman
- 57 Shelter under branches
- 58 Kiln
- 60 Prank
- 61 Purple fruit
- 62 Pit noise
- 63 Brand of sandwich cookie
- 64 Sugar-free brand
- 65 Long
- 66 Apply a varnish



SEPTEMBER

DOWN

- 1 Wilted
- 2 Realm
- 3 Cake
- 4 Entry
- 5 What children attend
- 6 Rigid
- 7 Wrath
- 8 Curbs
- 9 Louis' partner
- 10 Netherlands' capital
- 11 Wading bird
- 12 Shed
- 13 V.P.'s boss
- 21 Utopian ideas
- 23 Lyre
- 26 Elf
- 27 Arched

- 46 Stems
- 47 Quick bread
- 48 Troika
- 50 Record
- 51 Goofs
- 52 Connect
- 53 Optical device
- 54 Exhaust
- 55 Whim
- 56 Rad!
- 59 Seven

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