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## Mid-States Corridor: Opposition to the Mid-States Corridor: Protecting Our Land and Communities

To the Editor,

"This land is my land, this land is your land" but, this land is not INDIOT's land. This land is here to support the people and the future, it is not here to be paved over. This land is the land God provided to the farmers to nourish us. It is not land to provide for a sterile, uncompromising highway.

Almost 70 years have passed since some of our past elected leaders first started talking about a better highway through our counties. This better highway is US 231 and it is a great highway, built in the mid-1950s. Our leaders have dithered since 1959 talking about this "better highway". What has been the result of all this dithering? A better US 231 has been the result, and the savings of hundreds of millions of tax payer's money. A better US 231? Yes, because in the intervening years the old, twisty, turny, roller-coaster highway has been transformed into a rolling, straighter modern highway.

There is a "time line" being given to our elected leaders, by those in favor of the Mid-States Corridor, that is trying to make the case that since 1959 Jasper, Huntingburg and Dubois County have wanted a better north-south highway and bypass. This is a misrepresentation of what they wanted.. If they had wanted these they would have built them. 66 years later and still no bypasses! US 231 in the past 66 years has been greatly improved; and, today is an excellent rural and safe highway.

Many people are still not aware of the opposition to the Mid-States Corridor or that they can do anything to stop the Mid-States Corridor. Those of us who have been fighting the powers that be know better. However, it is incumbent upon the Property Rights Alliance (PRA) and all the rest of us to bring the truth to each and every person in every city, town and rural neighborhood in Dubois, Martin and Daviess County. We must have town-halls, week-day and weekend gatherings, after school, after work, after church and we all must talk of the perils of the Mid-States Corridor. We must contact our elected leaders, our newspapers, radio/TV stations and

## Mid-States Corridor: What happens if some RDA members withdraw support

Written by Mr. John Arvin, Contributor

To the Editor,

What would happen if the members of the Mid-States Corridor RDA all dropped out? Could the project be canceled? Remember, membership in the RDA is voluntary. So, if the all members of the Mid-States Corridor RDA or the local governments that signed onto the project (counties, cities, towns) all withdrew their support and formally dropped out, the project could effectively be stopped.

Here's why, local partnership is essential. The Mid-States Corridor RDA is structured as a state-local partnership. INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration oversee the federal studies and approvals, but the RDA and local governments are the ones who push the project forward, hire consultants, and help secure funding. Without local governments participating, there would be no matching funds or financial commitments. Large infrastructure projects rely on regional consensus. If every county and city pulled out, INDOT would have little reason to continue pushing the corridor, since it would face broad opposition. The withdrawal of all member communities would almost certainly end the Mid-States Corridor. However, if just one county or city dropped out, the impact would be very different than if all did. There would be reduced funding & influence. The leaving government would no longer provide local money or have a seat at the table on the RDA. This would weaken the overall coalition but wouldn't necessarily stop the project. There would also be a route alignment risk. If a county withdraws, INDOT may be less likely to route the highway through it. That could shift alignments toward areas that remain supportive. For example, if Dubois County pulled out but others stayed in, INDOT might adjust toward supportive counties to avoid conflict. Next, it would be a powerful political signal. A withdrawal would send a message of public opposition. It would slow momentum, draw more public scrutiny, and embolden opponents. And lastly, the project survival depends on majority support. The RDA is structured to act on behalf of its members, not the people.

As long as a core group (multiple counties plus Jasper or Huntingburg) stay in, INDOT and FHWA can justify continuing the Tier 2 study and possibly advance to construction. If, one county or city dropped out of the project it would be weakened but it could continue. If, several entities dropped out it becomes harder to justify and funding gaps appear; and, if All drop out project almost certainly dies.

So, what are the probabilities of continuing the Mid-States Corridor project if Huntingburg drops out but Dubois County stays in, there is a High probability the project continues. The county is the stronger partner; Huntingburg alone stepping away would weaken but not kill the effort. INDOT and Gov. Braun would still have a foundation. The likelihood of the state trying to keep project alive are 70–80%.

If Dubois County drops out but Huntingburg/Jasper stay in the project's survival becomes uncertain. INDOT and Gov. Braun could try to proceed with Jasper/Huntingburg as anchors, but without county-level backing, the project becomes politically shaky and legally more difficult (especially for right-of-way and land use). The likelihood of the state trying to keep project alive would drop 40–50%; and, the likelihood of success without Dubois County becomes much lower, maybe 20–30%. If both Dubois County and Huntingburg drop out then the project would be at near collapse.

Jasper and Spencer County would be too thin a base to justify a massive highway project intended to serve Dubois County as its core. INDOT could study rerouting (west toward Daviess/I-69 or east toward Perry/I-65), but the original justification largely vanishes. The likelihood of state attempting to force it

through, 10–20% and the likelihood of actual success: very low (<10%).

As the old saw goes, how does one eat an elephant? One bite at a time. We must convince one elected leader and one council at a time to pull their support. Mark Schroeder asked at a Huntingburg City Council in July why the Council would drop their support now. A rather rhetorical question as the reason is now very clear, there is a lot more information for the people to see. As more and more people see the data, and more and more people are bullied by the State's Attorney General they are more and more opposed. What we do now is important, we need to talk to our families, friends and neighbors, We must put up more signs, We must get more and more and more signatures on petitions We must attend every city and county council meeting. We must be present at every public gathering and we must never, ever stop fighting the RDA and INDOT.

Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County



## Car Accident Leads to OWI Arrest of Crawfordsville Man

Martin County, IN (Country Herald Newspaper) – A single-vehicle crash late Friday night in Martin County ended with the arrest of a 62-year-old Crawfordsville man on operating while intoxicated (OWI) and paraphernalia charges.

According to the Indiana State Police Jasper Post, Trooper Beau Brumett responded to the crash on U.S. 231 near Loogootee on September 26. The driver, identified as Steven J. Ford, was transported by ambulance to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper.

At the hospital, Trooper Kayla Denk-Mundy and the Dubois County Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation. Police said Ford allegedly showed visible signs of impairment during the interaction. Following a chemical test and medical clearance, Ford was arrested and booked into the Martin County Jail, where he remains held on bond.

Authorities confirmed Ford faces two misdemeanor charges: operating while intoxicated and possession of paraphernalia. Troopers stressed that all criminal defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The incident remains under investigation.

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social media outlets we can. All the residents, our friends and neighbors, must be informed.

We must all be aware that the State's Attorney General, on behalf of INDOT, the Lochmueller Group and the Mid-States Corridor RDA has already brought legal action against 120 farmers and landowners in Dubois County. Another legal action by the State's Attorney General, against an additional 44 Dubois County farmers and landowners, is to start in Mid-October. A real David and Goliath situation. This is a case of "we the people" are fighting "city hall". We may be at a distinct disadvantage but with the public's support we can win.

Every attempt to extinguish the light only makes it brighter; and we are the light. We keep shining that light in all the dark places the Lochmueller Group and INDOT don't want illuminated. The rats keep scurrying away trying to stay hidden. We will continue to bring to light the misrepresentations, disinformation and falsehoods they try to pass as facts.

The truth will set us free from the clutches of the Lochmueller Group, The Mid-States Corridor RDA, INDOT and all those who believe they can bamboozle us. Do not entertain any offers or invitations to discuss your land. It only takes 50% of us to refuse to sell to stop this travesty.

Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County

## Loogootee Halloween Celebration 2025 | Trick-or-Treat, Costume Contest, and More

Loogootee is gearing up for an exciting Halloween celebration on October 31. The City of Loogootee has organized a community event that promises fun for all ages, featuring trick-or-treating, a costume contest, and more.

The festivities kick off from 6 to 8 p.m. with the traditional trick-or-treating along city streets. To enhance the experience, local residents and businesses are invited to decorate the new Pavilion and set up tables to pass out candy. Event organizers are encouraging community members to participate by dressing up and engaging in the festivities.

In addition to trick-or-treating, the event will include a costume contest, with details to be announced soon. There is also interest in hosting a chili cook-off and hayride, with volunteers needed to organize these activities. The organizers are seeking residents and groups willing to lead these efforts to create a memorable night.

The celebration continues from 8 to 10 p.m. with a dance featuring DJ Karson Burch of KB DJ & Entertainment. Community members are invited to join and enjoy the lively atmosphere.

Local businesses, families, and groups are encouraged to participate by setting up tables, joining the cook-off, organizing the hayride, or helping in any way to ensure a fun-filled evening. Those interested are urged to comment below or contact event organizers directly.

Community members are also welcomed to share ideas or suggestions for making the event even more enjoyable. With everyone's participation, Loogootee aims to provide a safe,

festive, and memorable Halloween experience for all residents and visitors.



# Free Community Dinner

Please join us for a free meal  
**Thursday October 2**  
**6-8 p.m.**

Loogootee Christian Church  
206 Sherman St.  
Loogootee

**Menu**  
**Ham & Beans**  
**Corn Bread**  
**Fried Potatoes**  
**Desserts**  
**Drinks**

## Honoring Carol Gregory: Community Service Dedication Recognized



Eric Fahey and Brandi Lottes-Fahey donated a plaque to honor Carol Gregory for her unwavering dedication to the community. Gregory spent countless hours in visitation, ministering to inmates and providing support over the years. Her steadfast presence made her a vital part of the recovery and support network for many in the area. The plaque will be placed outside the visitation booth where Gregory often sat for hours, offering unconditional love and compassion to those in need. Her commitment to loving everyone exemplified her lifelong dedication to service, making her a beloved figure in the community.

## LHS Cross County Makes History in Recent Meet



Colt Kerns, a key contributor, finished in second place with a time of 19:39, showcasing his speed and endurance. Following closely was Daniel Farhar, who secured performances, the team demonstrated strength and coordination, promising continued success throughout the season.

The Loogootee boys cross country team achieved its third victory of the 2025 season at the Shoals Invitational on Thursday evening. Led by standout third place, and Dax Lee, who finished fourth, further solidifying the team's competitive presence.

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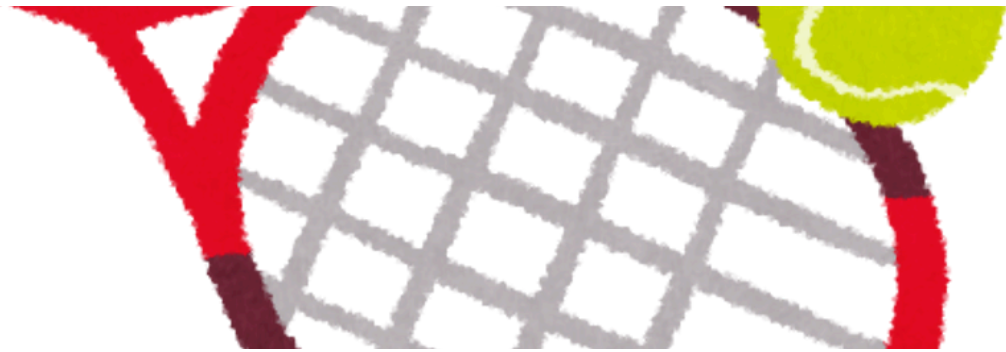
In the girls' division, Reese Gibson led the Lions with a third-place finish, clocking in at 27:21. Her strong performance was complemented by Ashlynn Weitkamp, who finished just behind her in fourth place. These performances highlight the girls' team's potential and dedication.

Looking ahead, the Lions are preparing for their next meet, scheduled for Saturday morning at Barr-Reeve. The race is set to begin at 10 A.M. and the team is eager to build on their recent successes. This season's competitions are essential for the team's development and visibility

within the region. The Lions' consistent performances indicate a promising trajectory, reflecting their hard work and team spirit. Fans and supporters are encouraged to follow their progress and cheer them on during upcoming events.



# SPORTS



## Loogootee Varsity Tennis Prepare for Sectional Play Against 4A Powers

The Lions celebrated Senior Day on Saturday with our super senior Joe Graber. Joe's been a four-year member of our Program and we were proud to honor him. In addition to Joe's tennis career, he's a member of the Loogootee Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Martin County CEO Program, Spanish Club, Berea Youth Group, has been an instructor in our Summer Tennis Program, and been a member of the basketball and baseball teams. Outside of LHS, Joe owns and operates Joey G Granola. We're so proud of Joe and all that he's accomplished and look forward to his future successes! In tennis action, we welcomed two top-ranked teams into town. In the morning we took on

#21 Floyd Central and the afternoon brought #25 Terre Haute North. This has become a busy last weekend of the regular season and a great chance for us to sharpen our skills against strong competition. Floyd Central Varsity Match 1S Cooper Van Hoy lost to Christian Sedwick (FCHS) 1-6, 0-6 2S Joe Graber lost to Reed Meunier (FCHS) 1-6, 0-6 3S Grayson Kluesner lost to Anthony Bowles (FCHS) 2-6, 3-6 1D Emmett Graber / William Lyon lost to Tyler Caldwell / Grady Field (FCHS) 4-6, 7-5, 3-6 2D Reed Brittain / Carter Downey lost to Ethan Noble / Hudson Smith (FCHS) 4-6, 2-6 Floyd Central JV Match 1D Bryce Christmas / Gabe Walton

won 8-3 2D Brendan Green / Rhett Whitney won 6-3 3D Mitchell Walton / Henry Humerickhouse won 6-1 4D Ryken Farhar / Declen Arvin won 8-1 Terre Haute Varsity Match 1S Cooper Van Hoy lost to Camden Bacon (THN) 0-6, 1-6 2S Joe Graber lost to Ben Caddick (THN) 0-6, 2-6 3S Grayson Kluesner lost to Noah Walker (THN) 0-6, 7-5, 4-10 1D Emmett Graber / William Lyon lost to Christian Foltz / Garrett Hawthorne (THN) 1-6, 0-6 2D Reed Brittain / Carter Downey lost to Parker Higham / Brady Klopfenstein (THN) 3-6, 0-6 Terre Haute North JV Match 1D Bryce Christmas / Gabe Walton lost to Henry King / Collin Williams (THN) 4-

6 2D Bryce Christmas / Gabe Walton def Ethan Reece / Nathan Stark (THN) 6-3 3D Brandan Green / Rhett Whitney def Isaac All / Ben Cates (THN) 7-6(2) 4D Brendan Green / Rhett Whitney lost to Hudson Lemmons / Will McClain (THN) 3-6 5D Henry Humerickhouse / Mitchell Walton lost to Zachary Massa / Ben DeVasher (THN) 3-6 6D Henry Humerickhouse / Mitchell Walton def Cameron Naidu / Aidan Ireland (THN) 6-4 7D Ryken Farhar / Declen Arvin lost to Mark Lee / Lincoln Zwerner (THN) 4-6 8D Ryken Farhar / Declen Arvin lost to Gavin Marts / Hayden James (THN) 4-6 9D Gabe Shinn / Dawson Potts def Clark Caddick / Titus Mayrose 7-5

## Loogootee Junior High Volleyball Goes 2-1 at Dubois

The Junior High Lady Lions traveled to Dubois on Monday night for a full slate of matches. The 6th grade opened the evening with a hard-fought 25-21, 25-23 win, improving their record to 8-3 with the conference victory. The 7th grade followed with a strong performance of their own, earning a 25-15, 25-22 victory to move to 12-7 on the season. A "B" set was also played, with Loogootee coming out on top 25-13. The 8th grade, fresh off their Blue Chip Conference championship, stumbled out of the gate with an 18-25 loss in the first set. They rebounded with a dominant 25-10 win in the second but fell short in the third, 8-15, dropping their record to 14-7. All three teams are back in action tonight as they travel to Barr-Reeve.

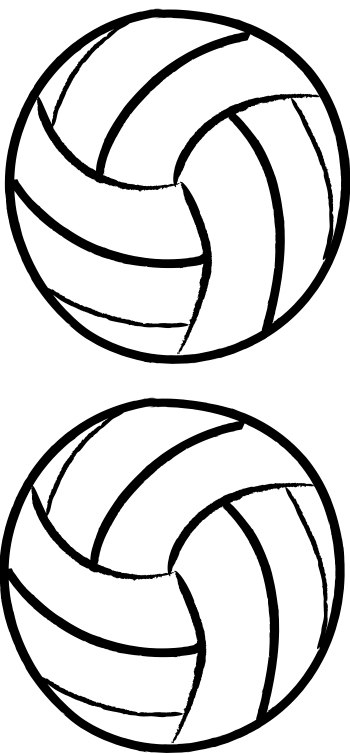
## 8th Grade Volleyball Brings Home Blue-Chip Title; First Since 2018

In a three-set thriller of a championship game against Barr-Reeve, our 8th grade Lady Lions have brought home the Volleyball Blue-Chip Conference championship for the first time since 2018! The Lady Lions opened the day with a 25-12, 25-12 victory over the North Knox Lady Warriors and followed it up with a 25-19, 25-16 win over the Wood Memorial Lady Trojans. The Lady Lions came out firing in the championship match over the Barr-Reeve Lady Vikings, winning the first set 25-13, Barr-Reeve battled back winning the next set 25-18, and in the third decisive set, the Lady Lions faced an 8-12 deficit before rattling off 7 straight points to win it 15-12!

## Loogootee Volleyball Falls to Barr-Reeve in Straight Sets

In the best rivalry in high school sports, the Loogootee Lady Lions traveled to Barr-Reeve for a Friday night volleyball match in front of a full gym. On this night, between the games, both schools also came together to honor four local cancer patients in the annual "Volley for a Cure" game. Among those recognized were Pam and her son Hagen Knepp, Benjamin Clark from Barr-Reeve, and Loogootee's own Makenzie VanHoy. The JV team opened the night, falling in straight sets to drop their record to 4-7 on the season. The Varsity squad also came up short, dropping their match in straight sets and moving to 6-12 on the year. The Lady Lions now turn their attention to a busy week ahead. On Tuesday, they will host the Class 1A No. 3-ranked Springs Valley Lady Blackhawks. Thursday takes them on the road to the Hatchet House

to face Washington, before wrapping up the week on Saturday at the Warrick Invite, a tournament loaded with great teams.



## IHSAA Soccer, Tennis Pairings Released

The Pairings were announced yesterday for the Upcoming state soccer tournament. All of the action begins on the week of October 4th. Lets start with the boys...At the Class 2-A Washington Sectional...Opening night has Southridge playing Gibson Southern while the host Hatchets meet Princeton. The winner meets in one semi-final while Vincennes Lincoln takes on Pike Central in the Other semi-final. Those two teams received the bye. At the Class A Northeast Dubois Sectional... Vincennes Rivet plays Barr-Reeve while South Knox meets Washington Catholic. The host Jeeps and North Knox drew the bye And will meet in the other semi-final. In girls action .... At the Class 2-A Sectional at Gibson Southern....The only match on opening night has the host Titans playing Southridge. The winner will play Vincennes Lincoln while

the other semi-final has Princeton taking on Washington. At the class A Sullivan Sectional...Opening night has Bloomfield playing Barr-Reeve with the second semi-final featuring WRV taking on North Knox. Sullivan and Rivet got the first round bye. Finally at the Forest Park Class A sectional... The First night has Tell City playing Shoals while Washington Catholic takes on Northeast Dubois. The semi-final has South Knox taking on Forest Park' The Boys state tennis tournament was also announced on Sunday. Sectionals get Underway on Tuesday and runs thru Saturday. At the Vincennes Lincoln Sectional, One match will feature South Knox taking on Washington while the other semi-final will have The host Alices playing Vincennes Rivet. The winner will take on the champion

of the Jasper Sectional in Jasper. Other pairings... At Linton, WRV meets Sullivan while the host Miners play Bloomfield At Loogootee, Paoli faces Barr-Reeve while North Daviess takes on Loogootee. On the local sports scene for today.. The South Knox Boys soccer team plays host to Vincennes Rivet at 5:30. The Lincoln Boys soccer team visits Sullivan at seven. The Rivet Tennis team plays at Loogootee at 4:30. The South Knox tennis team travels to Southridge at five. The South Knox volleyball team is at home to Bloomfield at Six.

## 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball get Road Wins at North Knox

The Junior High Lady Lions were on the road Wednesday night, taking on the North Knox Lady Warriors. The 7th grade opened the night with a solid 25-18, 25-16 victory. The 8th grade followed with a dominant performance in a Blue Chip Conference Tournament preview, winning 25-12, 25-13. With the sweep, both teams improve their records to 11-6 on the season. The 8th grade squad now shifts focus to Saturday's Blue Chip Conference Tournament at South Knox. They'll open against North Knox at 11:00 a.m., with a win advancing them to face the winner of Northeast Dubois and Wood Memorial at noon. A victory there would put the Lady Lions in the Championship at 1:00 p.m. The 7th grade will be back in action Monday night as they travel to Dubois.

# Martin County & Courts

Monday, September 22, 2025

3:01 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 Deaconess Memorial Hospital. 6:20 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting suspicious activity South of Loogootee. Major Reed responded. 8:50 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and LPD Chief Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital. 10:44 a.m.- Received a call reporting an animal compliant South of Shoals. 10:48 a.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported one inmate to court. 11:24 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court. 12:28 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting suspicious activity in Loogootee. Chief Wagoner responded. 1:04 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 2:05 p.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down partially in the roadway Southeast of Shoals. Sheriff Greene, Captain Gibson, and Shoals Fire Department responded. 2:23 p.m.- Jail Officers Bills on station with Christopher Earley, a 27-year-old male of Loogootee. He was arrested by Chief Keller on two Martin County warrants. He is held with no bond. 2:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard in the roadway East of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded. 2:56 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a single vehicle accident East of Loogootee. Deputy Clark, LPD Chief Wagoner, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital. 3:48 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded. 5:27 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded. 5:58 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Clark, Marshal Copeland, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transporting one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital.

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

7:04 a.m.- Received multiple 911 test calls for Crane Naval Base. 8:45 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting loose cows East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded. 9:15 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. No patient was transported. 9:27 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 9:51 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported two inmates to court. 9:56 a.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded. 10:22 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver traveling on US 50 East of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded. 10:30 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford. 11:23 a.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported one inmate to court. 12:53 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported two inmates to court. 12:53 p.m.- Commander Gregory transported one inmate to court. 1:23 p.m.- Martin County Medic on stand by for Dubois County Medic. 2:27 p.m.- Received a 911 test call for Crane Naval Base. 2:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Lost River Fire Department, and Orange County Medic responded. Orange County Medic transported one patient to IU Paoli. 3:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Marshal Copeland, Sergeant Hawkins, Shoals Fire Department, and Big John's Towing responded. No patient was transported. 4:17 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Chief Keller responded. 4:25 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 7:38 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 8:02 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

8:54 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Shoals. Marshal Copeland, Sergeant Hawkins, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No patient was transported. Wednesday, September 24, 2025 12:39 a.m.- Sergeant Hawkins is on station with Kyle Gruber, a 55-year-old male from Shoals. Marshal Copeland arrested him for possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance. He is being held at \$15,000 10% bond. 12:39 a.m.- Deputy Clark is on station with with Debborah Gruber, a 55-year-old female from Shoals. Marshal Copeland arrested her for possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of possession of paraphernalia, and battery. She is being held at \$15,000 10% bond. 2:08 a.m.- Deputy Clark is on station with Courtney Hawkins, a 37-year-old female from Loogootee. Marshal Copeland arrested her for possession of methamphetamine, visiting a common nuisance, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held at \$15,000 10% bond. 4:40 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 8:32 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy. Sergeant Hawkins responded. 9:01 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital. 1:42 p.m.- Received a report of an intoxicated person in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner, Captain Gibson, Chief Deputy Keller, and Indiana State Police responded. 2:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a dog complaint South of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded. 3:31 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

4:32 p.m.- Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm North of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded. 5:02 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 6:01 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Orange County 911. Transferred 911 call to Orange County Dispatch. 6:20 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver North of Loogootee. Chief Keller Advised. 7:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle South of Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded. 8:01 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. Thursday, September 25, 2025 5:15 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 5:16 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a single vehicle accident with no injuries on US 150 Southeast of Shoals. Major Reed and Orange County Sheriff Department responded. 7:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident on Crane Naval Base. Transferred call to Crane Regional Dispatch. 7:28 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting Daviess County 911. Transferred call to Daviess County 911. 7:42 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded. 9:15 a.m.- Received a test 911 call. 9:33 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Advised Dubois County Dispatch. 9:40 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital. 10:02 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded. 10:20 a.m.- Received a call reporting an animal complaint East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded. 11:21 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to crane naval base. Transferred 911 call to Crane Naval 911. 12:15 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver west of Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded. 12:40 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious male West of Shoals.

Marshal Copeland responded. 1:10 p.m. Received a 911 call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded. 2:43 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded. 4:21 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 6:04 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance East of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Paoli. 9:48 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious driver South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded. Friday, September 26, 2025 12:08 a.m.- Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded. 1:08 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 1:09 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 3:06 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. 7:16 a.m.- ISP Master Trooper Lents is on station with Jason Beckett, a 51-year-old male from Loogootee. He was arrested for intimidation, public intoxication, and possession of marijuana. He is being held at \$15,000 10% bond. 10:02 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to speak to Marshal Copeland. Marshal Copeland responded. 2:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department, and Martin County Medic 3 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital. 2:44 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 3:00 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 3:58 p.m.- Received a call reporting a low hanging tree West of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded. 4:15 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 6:01 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. 7:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance

in Shoals. Deputy Nash, Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Coroner Abel responded. 8:43 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious male in Loogootee. Deputy Nash advised. 9:16 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 10:50 p.m. Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Nash, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, and Marshal Copeland responded. 11:31 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident South of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller, Dubois County Sheriffs Department, Martin County Medic 1, Frontier Communications, Indiana State Police, and Ruxer Wrecker Service responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital. 11:48 p.m.- Reserve Deputy Dorsey is on station with Casey Gee, a 43-year-old male from Shoals. He was arrested for sexual battery, resisting law enforcement, battery, public intoxication, and disorderly conduct. He is currently being held at no bond. 11:53 p.m.- Deputy Nash is on station with Marina White, a 29-year-old female from Shoals. She was arrested for resisting law enforcement, disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and battery against a law enforcement x3. She is being held at \$15,000 10% bond Saturday, September 27, 2025 4:00 a.m.- ISP Trooper Brummett is on station with Steven Ford, a 63-year-old male from Crawfordsville. He was arrested for owi and owi endangerment. He is being held at \$10,000 10% bond. 4:02 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 10:46 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded. 12:43 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 3:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance from Loogootee City Utilities. Loogootee City Utilities and LPD Reserve Captain Harmon responded. 5:31 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded. 6:00 p.m.- Received a report requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire **CONT.D .pg. 5**



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Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.  
7:06 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County Dispatch.

Sunday, September 28, 2025

3:50 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.  
5:40 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from Loogootee City Utilities. Loogootee City Utilities responded.  
7:27 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.  
11:52 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance from Dubois County 911. Transferred 911 call to Dubois County Dispatch.  
11:52 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin advised.  
1:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance from a deputy North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.  
5:32 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident South of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department, Corporal Erwin, Big Johns Towing, and Ruxer Ford Towing responded.  
8:21 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.  
11:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Clark and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

# Local Obituaries

## Jeffrey L. Miller January 22, 1973-September 26, 2025

Jeffrey L. Miller, 52, of Montgomery, Indiana passed away Friday September 26, 2025 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington, Indiana. He was born on January 22, 1973 in Washington, Indiana to Donnie and Barbara (Wagler) Miller. Jeff was a member of Providence Mennonite Church. Jeff loved spending time with his family, friends, and his dog Chewy. He enjoyed fishing, driving around the farm, and rock and arrowhead hunting. Jeff loved telling jokes and stories to see his family and friends laugh. He was preceded in death by his father, Donnie Miller, grandparents, Jake and Lucy (Stoll) Miller, and Ben and Susie (Wagler) Wagler. Jeff is survived by his mother, Barb Miller, his siblings, Kim Miller, and Jeremy and Jessica (Wagler) Miller, nieces and nephews, Maggie (Miller) and Joe Jordan, Donnie Miller, Wyatt Miller, and Josh Miller, Honorary nieces and nephews, Bristol Bruner, Chantel Graber, Kiann Swartzentruber, and Robi Parker. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday October 1, 2025 at 10:00 A.M at Providence Mennonite Church with Kevin Swartzentruber and Eric Miller to officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will begin on Tuesday September 30, 2025 from 1:00 P.M until 4:00 P.M and 5:00 P.M until 8:00 P.M and again on Wednesday morning from 9:00 A.M until the time of service all at Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery, Indiana. Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com) Arrangements by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery, Indiana.



## Rose Graber October 15, 1963-September 25, 2025

Rose Graber, 71, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana, surrounded by family. She was born on October 15, 1953, in Loogootee, Indiana. Rose was a wife and devoted mother. She served with strength and courage and was truly the heart and soul of her family. Her favorite hobby was gardening; she could usually be found in her flowerbeds and vegetable garden or pruning her arbors. She is survived by her husband, Laverne Graber; five children, Jason Graber, Beverly (Anthony) Lengacher, Kevin Graber, Keith Graber, Eric (Alissa) Graber, and Marcus Graber, all of Washington, Indiana; seven grandchildren, Trenton (Cheyanne) Lengacher, Kenzi (Travis) Knepp, Kayla (Ryan) Wagler, Tanya (Vincent) Yoder, Tiffany (Trenton) Beachy, Kaleb Graber, Aria Graber, and Alyn Strange; and two great-grandchildren, Ivy Jane Wagler and Millie Jane Knepp. She is also survived by her siblings, Rachel (Larry) Wagler, Gerald (Leona) Graber, Joyce (Marvin) Knepp, Betty (William) Knepp, and Clifford (Donna) Graber; as well as her brother-in-law, Wilmer (Bill) Knepp. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Edith (Stoll) Graber; two brothers, Raymond and James Graber; two sisters, Lillie Knepp and Shirley Graber; and two (CONT.D Rosie Graber)

**CONT.D Rosie Graber**  
daughters, Shannon and Melinda Graber. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday September 29, 2025, at 1:00 P.M at Fair Haven Church in Loogootee, Indiana with Jim Russell to officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will begin on Sunday September 28, 2025, from 3:00 P.M until 8:00 P.M and again on Monday morning from 9:00 A.M until 12:45 P.M at Fair Haven Church in Loogootee, Indiana. Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com) Arrangements by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery, Indiana.

To send a flower arrangement in memory of Rosie Graber, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#). To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Rosie Graber, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).



## Linda Ann Thompson December 26, 1945-September 25, 2025

Linda Ann Thompson, of Loogootee, Indiana passed away peacefully on Thursday September 25, 2025, at Poplar Care Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Loogootee, Indiana. She was born on December 26, 1945, in Robinson, Illinois to David Russell and Nina Ruth (Garrard) Thompson. Linda attended Loogootee Christian Church, where she was baptized. She worked as a nighttime hotel manager in her younger years. Linda loved her family and will be deeply missed. She is preceded in death by her son, David (Swampy) Fox, her mother, Nina Russell, her father, David

Russell Thompson, stepfather, William Russell, stepbrother, Billy Russell, step- sister, Rita Russell, and brother-in-law, Don Leatherman. Linda is survived by her son, Michael (Lisa) Fox of Loogootee, Indiana, brother, Gary Thompson of Jacksonville, Florida, sister, Melody Leatherman of Loogootee, stepsister, Cindy (Butch) Bridges of Bedford, stepbrother, Tom and Amy Russell of Washington, 4 Grandchildren, 11 Great- Grandchildren, 3 Great- Great Grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Cremation was chosen according to her wishes. She will be laid to rest

at Goodwill Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Linda Ann Thompson.

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# THE LION SHOUTOUT!

## Regional Opportunity Initiatives Launches MoMentum Microelectronics Academy at WestGate

Loogootee Community Schools celebrated a significant milestone in regional workforce development on September 30. The district participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony and student signing day for the Microelectronics Academy at WestGate, now officially called MoMentum. Hosted by Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI), the event marked a notable step forward in preparing students for careers within the microelectronics industry. The academy aims to equip students with the skills necessary for future employment in this increasingly vital sector, fostering a new generation of highly competent workers. This initiative underscores the importance of regional collaboration in developing a robust workforce pipeline, benefiting both students and the local economy. By investing in advanced educational programs like MoMentum, the community reinforces its commitment to innovation and career readiness. The partnership between local schools, industry leaders, and regional organizations exemplifies a proactive approach to workforce development that addresses the evolving demands of the modern economy. As students engage with cutting-edge



technology and industry standards, they gain valuable hands-on experience that will serve them well in their future careers. The event also highlighted the community's dedication to providing meaningful educational opportunities that align with regional economic goals. Moving forward, Loogootee Community Schools will continue to support initiatives like MoMentum, ensuring that students have access to the resources and training needed to succeed in high-demand fields. The dedication shown by all involved demonstrates a shared commitment to fostering a skilled, adaptable workforce capable of supporting regional growth and innovation. This milestone not only enhances the educational landscape but also positions the region as a leader in microelectronics workforce development, promising a bright future for students and the local economy alike.

### LES October Students of the Month

'Mane' Trait = Be Respectful

Congratulations to the LES October Students/Staff of the Month! 'Mane' Trait = Be Respectful

## LMS "Mane" Trait, Respectful!

**Respect: To get it, you must give it!**

At Loogootee, we believe that showing consideration and regard for someone or something is important.

This month's "Mane" Trait winners are a great example of how to be respectful. They are active listeners, seek to understand others, serve and offer support, are polite, show gratitude, and celebrate everyone's accomplishments.

Pictured: Jesse Parks, Griffyn Thompson, Emma Downey, Ethan Wildman  
Congratulations!

## LES 3RD/4TH PARENT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025**

**6:00-6:30**

Loogootee Elementary

Parents will learn about State Testing Requirements & Title I Services.



# LHS Celebrates New Senior Beta Club Inductees: Fostering Leadership and Community Service

This evening, a total of 22 students from LHS were inducted into the Senior Beta Club, marking an important milestone in their academic and community engagement journey. The induction ceremony, held in the school auditorium, was attended by students, faculty, and family members who gathered to celebrate this achievement. The Senior Beta Club, renowned for its commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and service, emphasizes the importance of upholding high standards and demonstrating a dedication to community involvement. Newly

their responsibilities to serve as role models for younger students and to contribute positively to the school environment. The event concluded with a call to action, urging members to exemplify dedication to service and community spirit in their daily lives. The Senior Beta Club continues to be a vital part of LHS's broader commitment to cultivating leaders who are prepared to make meaningful contributions beyond the classroom. The induction ceremony served as a reminder that leadership is rooted in service, and that each student has the potential to impact their community positively through commitment and integrity.

# LHS Celebrates This Week's Superstar Staff Members

This Week's Superstar Staff Members were chosen by Senior Tennis player Joe Graber.

Best of luck to Joe and the tennis team as they take on North Daviess at 6PM at the Rick Graves Tennis Complex.

Joe chose Mrs. Shannon Wagler as his favorite elementary teacher because she made first grade fun and he remembers having a good time with his classmates. Mr. Briatol Yoder was chosen as his favorite HS teacher because he is a chill guy and makes learning in English class very enjoyable.

Again, best of luck Joe  
and thank you to Mrs.  
Wagler and

Mr. Yoder for all they  
do for our students at  
Loogootee.



# • LOOGOOTEE MIDDLE • NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Students in grades 3–8 are required by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to take three short ILEARN Checkpoint assessments each school year in reading and math, along with the ILEARN test given each spring. These Checkpoints take place in the fall, winter, and spring and include 20–25 questions that follow Indiana's learning standards. The results help teachers see how students are progressing and where extra support may be needed, so everyone is prepared for the big ILEARN test in April or May.

By fall break, you will receive a letter with your child's results from the first Checkpoint, along with login information for the new ILEARN Family Portal. This online tool allows families to see their child's scores from all state tests, including ILEARN and I AM. In the portal, you'll find details about your child's strengths, areas to work on, and helpful resources to support learning at home. Be sure to keep your child's ILEARN ticket, which has the website and login information you'll need to access the portal.

*Mrs. Campbell*

## LMS NOTICES:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Job Spark field trip permission slips will go home this Thursday. They are due Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Antibullying Program presented by the Echo Dance Team will perform for students on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## LMS CONTACT INFO:

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Loogootee's Got Talent
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1
Oct 8th	Delay Day
Oct 13-17th	Fall Break
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	Band Concert
Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip JobSpark

**ABOVE:** Loogootee Middle School Weekly Newsletter for this Week and the whole month of October.

**TOP LEFT & MIDDLE:** Loogootee High School Beta Club members are celebrated for joining the honors society. In the middle, members spoke on the new members of the club, and introduced new members with a welcome celebration.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Tennis player, Joe Graber (middle) with Mrs. Shannon Wagler (right) after nominating her for the Superstar Staff Members for the month of the October.



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Sudoku Daily Game #11





**submit a photo of you coloring this  
Loogootee Lion photo to win \$50 on  
Facebook or Instagram**



## ACROSS

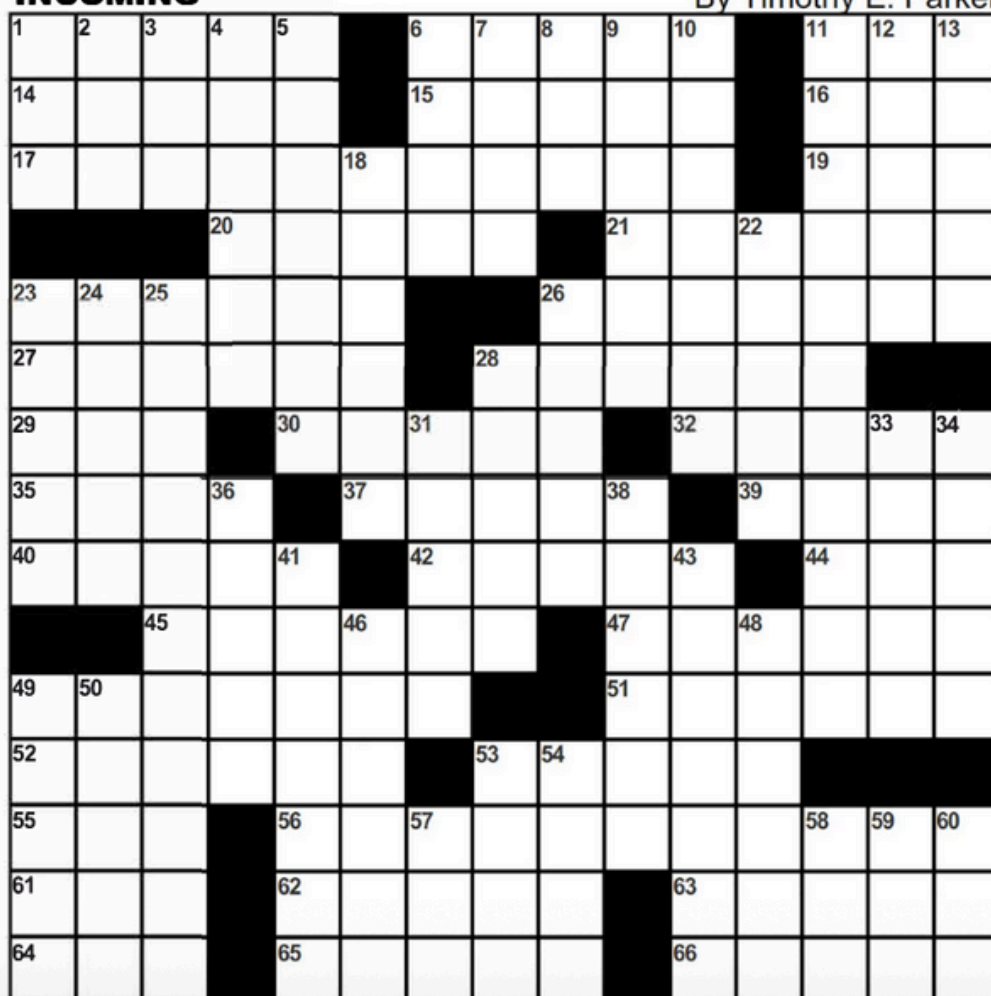
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 11) Emulating a fox  
 14) Scottish families  
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 16) Athletic supporter?  
 17) Entry on a tax form  
 19) Egg cells  
 20) Legendary actress Bette  
 21) Tile setter's time-saver  
 23) Chromosome container  
 26) Listen, old-style  
 27) Worshiper, essentially  
 28) Globetrotter's home?  
 29) PC linkup acronym  
 30) Portly  
 32) Hitches  
 35) Large copiers?  
 37) Throat ailment, for short
- 39) Arduous journey  
 40) Phonograph needles, e.g.  
 42) Some car parts  
 44) Popular pond fish  
 45) Hal of "Barney Miller"  
 47) Withdraw, as from a union  
 49) Man "for hire" in a '80s TV show  
 51) On top of the world  
 52) Crave  
 53) Slangy potato  
 55) Do a summer's work?  
 56) Balance provider, for short  
 61) "Adolescent" lead-in  
 62) Entanglement  
 63) Items on a busy one's list  
 64) "Always" poetically  
 65) Yukon carriers  
 66) SUV part?

## DOWN

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 2) In the fashion of  
 3) Something you stand to lose?  
 4) Baseball Hall-of-Famer Duke  
 5) Subjects of wills  
 6) Colombian city  
 7) "Kisses" partner  
 8) Bank offering  
 9) Aggressive poker player  
 10) Foreign correspondents?  
 11) It has its ups and downs  
 12) Riverside embankment  
 13) Be wistful  
 18) Heads off  
 22) "Looks \_\_\_ everything"  
 23) Some grand opening events  
 24) Assimilate  
 25) Pawnbroker, e.g.  
 26) Abominates  
 28) Second largest of the Great Lakes  
 31) Word with "worldly" or "woman"  
 33) Crystal-lined rock  
 34) Did half a biathlon  
 36) Creep furtively  
 38) Former Spanish currency  
 41) Web victims?  
 43) Culls  
 46) Lose track?  
 48) Drive-in employee of old  
 49) Good thing to get into  
 50) Man with a mission  
 53) Sound of a fall  
 54) Intensifies (with "up")  
 57) Perceive  
 58) Ringing endorsement?  
 59) "Neither rain \_\_\_ sleet ..."  
 60) Plus-or-minus fig.

## INCOMING

By Timothy E. Parker



CAN YOU SPOT THE

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DIFFERENCES?