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Barr Reeve Vikings Win 16th IHSAA Volleyball Regional Championship

LOOGOOTEE, Ind.- The Barr Reeve Vikings secured a commanding victory over Tecumseh High School in straight sets during the IHSAA Class 2A Volleyball Regionals held at Jack Butcher Arena in Loogootee, Indiana. The final scores were 25-22, 25-18, and 25-17, reflecting the Vikings' consistent and well-paced performance throughout the Regionals matchup. Entering the game with determination and confidence after the Loogootee Lions beat Shakamak High School, the Vikings demonstrated resilience, though they did not show overt swagger. The match was closely contested in the first set, with Tecumseh keeping the score tight. However, Barr Reeve gradually pulled ahead in the second and third sets, showcasing their skill and teamwork to secure the victory. Standout players Lora Graber and Addison Jones played pivotal roles in leading the team to today's success. This win marked the Vikings' 16th consecutive regional title, a remarkable streak that began last year. The team's continued dominance at both the state and national levels has cemented its reputation as a powerhouse in high school volleyball. Their consistent performance in regional competitions highlights their dedication, training, and strategic prowess. The victory not only advances Barr Reeve into the Semi-State of the IHSAA Volleyball Tournament, with their opponent and location not yet known, as Semi-State Pairings begin tomorrow, Sunday, October 26.

Loogootee High School Volleyball Makes History, Advances to Semi-State



The Korean boy band phenom BTS once had a song that went, "Smooth like butter." The Loogootee Lions were smooth and silky today, just like butter, on their way to winning a Regional Volleyball Title for the first time since the 2020 season. The Lady Lions nearly cruised past Shakamak High School, but it was a challenge. It wasn't all smooth, but the plays by Junior, Alania Diamond, and Freshmen Lydia Hawkins and Haylo Harmon led this team to a promised land. The weeks of hype around the school and the community reigned supreme as the student section watched the Lions win their first regional title in five years in five sets. The Loogootee Lions won 3-1: 28-26 (Loogootee), 25-20 (Shakamak), 25-14 (Loogootee), 26-24 (Loogootee). Once the team was tied one set to one, Alania Diamond made a play the Lions would not forget. Grabbing the ball on the left side near the net, crossing her body to get the deflection, and putting the ball right near the volleyball line in the fourth set to make the game tied at 22 all.

From there, the rest was history as the Lions found a groove after being tied only once, then took advantage of the rest of the game to win their first regional title in five years. A heavy celebration took place on the floor of Jack Butcher Arena, as coach Haley Cummins, who never thought she would get here, said she had hope and belief that this team could do it, hugging friends and family on the floor. Diamond spoke on the radio and addressed the nerves she had, which "upset her stomach" as she told Alan Williams on RAZOR 94.5 FM after the game as the team posed for pictures with students, friends, coaches, and family. The belief the Lions have had since starting the tradition of celebrating each week, and making every week a celebration, is paying off as the rally cries inside the hall seem smoother than ever. The Lions will be paired with an opponent on Sunday afternoon when the IHSAA Semi-State schedule airs tomorrow. As of now, the Semi-State opponent and location remain unknown. Tonight, we have one more Regional matchup as Tecumseh High School meets with Barr Reeve High School at the final Regional game in Loogootee for the volleyball season at 4 p.m. this afternoon at Jack Butcher Arena.

We will keep you updated on the latest from the Loogootee Lions Volleyball Road to the State Championship in Indianapolis on our Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram, and on our website at www.loogooteetimes.com for all of the latest news and information. Ticket sales can be found on the Loogootee High School's main athletic website or by visiting the athletic director's main office. For further information about the Lions or any other IHSAA Semi-State coverage, you can go to ih saa.org for even more information about this and other Semi-State and sporting action across the IHSAA.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Stop the Shutdown and Confront the Debt Crisis

To the Editor,
John Stuart Mill, a 19th century English philosopher, wrote "... Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing..." We know who the bad men are; but, do we have any good men and women in our city and county governments? If we do they should be doing more than looking on and doing nothing with regards to the Mid-States Corridor. They have had many local "good men and women" read all the studies, publish the findings in easy to read formats and have even questioned the "experts" for them. All they need to do to be "good elected officials" is to take the work, done for them, and do the right thing. Stop the Mid-States Corridor Project. The late Charlie Kirk said "Freedom is the ability to do what's right without fear" and that's all we are asking of Mayor Elkins, Mayor Vonderheide, their City councils and the Dubois County Council and Commissioners, to do what's right for their constituents. The data has been presented to them repeatedly. Stop the Mid-States Corridor. Almost 600 people attended the Property Rights Alliance's (PRA) seven Community Events over the

past 2 weeks and over 6,000 citizens have signed the petition to stop the Mid-States Corridor. The opposition is not a "couple of people" as some of our elected officials have stated. Since the opposition started close to 15,000 people have signed the petitions. To put this in context, the population of Dubois County is 44,000. The people are speaking, why aren't our elected officials listening? Several people who attended the Community Events were either hesitant or wouldn't sign the petition. When asked why 2 reasons were oft repeated; they were afraid of retaliation by their employer or they feared their businesses would face retaliation. It's horrifying to think that in today's America, and especially in rural Southern Indiana, that American citizens would harbor these fears. Yet, here they are. Do the people who support the Corridor really carry this much influence? In today's world? Are our neighbors really this afraid of retaliation? If so, we have a serious problem. We should all be able to express our opinions without fear of retaliation. In fact, our legal system is designed so that we can face our accuser in a public forum

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SCHOOL HOSTS SPIRIT
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VOLLEYBALL & CROSS
COUNTRY TEAMS

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CONT.D Mid States Corridor without fear. It's way past time for our elected leaders to come out and face their constituents. The barbarians are at the gate and it's time we force them to stand up and be counted. They need to stop hiding in their Council Chambers. The PRA invited every one of our elected officials to attend not only the Community Events but also the bi-weekly PRA Meeting. Only a couple have attended and then they just sat and would not participate. I ask why? Why won't they speak in public? Why won't they state their positions? Is it because they too are being threatened?

General McAuliffe's reply of "NUTS", when asked by the Nazi's at the Battle of the Bulge if he was ready to surrender is exactly what we need to say to those who think they have the power to force the Mid-States Corridor onto us, without our consent. We all need to take every opportunity to spread the word that we will not be intimidated. We, the people, have the power. We, the people, will decide if the Mid-States Corridor will be built.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

Odon Harvest Festival 2025: Fall Fun for All Ages

The North Daviess Community Growth Alliance is proud to present the Odon Harvest Festival on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Main Street in Odon. This isn't just another small-town gathering ~ it's a brand-new chapter. With a newly organized team at the helm, countless hours of planning, and fresh ideas brought to life, the Odon Harvest Festival is being designed as THE signature fall event for southern Indiana. At the heart of the celebration will be the vendor booths and food trucks lining Main Street. Visitors can shop handmade goods, seasonal décor, local

specialties, and one-of-a-kind treasures while sampling everything from savory meals to sweet fall treats. Specialty coffees, hot chocolate, and other unique drinks will add to the experience, giving guests plenty of reasons to sip, snack, and stay awhile. So come hungry, ready to browse, and prepared to discover something new at every turn. Main Street itself will be transformed into a picture-perfect fall scene, complete with straw bales, seasonal displays that create a cozy yet magical atmosphere. Adding to the charm will be a spectacular lineup of

scarecrows from the pre-event scarecrow decorating contest. Each scarecrow will bring its own personality and creativity to the street, making them not only a must-see attraction but also an open invitation for anyone inspired to build one and join in the fun. Festival-goers can expect activities that go above and beyond, including a haunted maze, inflatable obstacle course, inflatable axe throwing, pumpkin decorating and painting, face painting, s'mores-making, and plenty of fall photo opportunities. Kids will have their own crafting table to

decorate small pumpkins, along with exciting experiences like the Travis Burkhardt Foundation Barrel Rides ~ a six-barrel train pulled by Travis in his track chair. For adults, the festival will also feature Little Warrior Wishes Carriage Rides, a handicap-accessible carriage offering a special way to tour Main Street and soak in the festive atmosphere. Making its Odon debut is the Power Wheels Demolition Derby, a crowd favorite in other communities that's finally coming to town. The fun begins at noon with the kids' division for ages 3–9, followed by an action-packed adult division for ages 16 and up. Both are expected to draw plenty of participants and spectators eager to cheer them on ~ because who doesn't want to see cars collide in the m

ost lighthearted way possible? Entertainment will keep the celebration lively all day, with a live band in the afternoon and DJ sets into the evening. Visitors can also enjoy unique demonstrations like live wood carving, cheer on teams in the cornhole tournament, and show off their creativity in the always-festive costume contest ~ open to kids, adults, families, and even pets. Competitions will add to the excitement, from the Chili Cookoff and Smoke-Off Meat Competition to the Fall Baking Contest, Pumpkin Decorating and Carving Contest, and the Pumpkin Pie and Cider Donut Eating Contests. The Live Pie Auction will keep the crowd bidding and laughing while supporting community spirit. To make the day even more memorable, the NDCGA has worked

with the Odon Town Board to align the festival with the town-wide trick-or-treating, giving families one central place to celebrate Halloween traditions along with the new fall festivities. The Odon Harvest Festival is being built with purpose ~ to bring families, friends, and businesses together while showcasing everything our community has to offer. With word spreading across the wider region, organizers anticipate visitors not only from Knox, Daviess, Greene, and Martin counties, but throughout southern Indiana. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, November 1, 2025. Bring your family and friends for a full day of shopping, food, contests, laughter, and memories on Main Street, Odon. With all that's being planned, this isn't just another event on the calendar ~ it's T

HE fall festival everyone will be talking about. For more information on becoming a vendor, signing up for contests, entering the scarecrow decorating competition, or learning more about the Power Wheels Demolition Derby rules, contact Ginger Porter at porterginger@yahoo.com or call 812-698-0424.

Loogootee City Library Hosts Sports Raffle Through Nov. 7

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — The Loogootee Public Library is hosting a silent auction featuring sports memorabilia, starting Saturday and running through Nov. 7. The auction, which is open to the public, will be conducted on the library's Facebook page.

All items in the auction have been generously donated by Doug Bradley. Bidders can participate by commenting on each item's Facebook post with their bid amount, increasing bids higher than the current top bid. To stay updated on the latest bids, participants are encouraged to refresh the page frequently

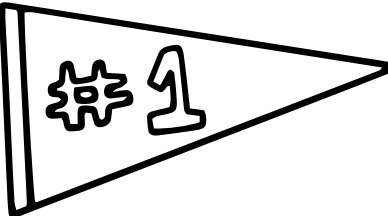
and set their comment feed to "Newest."

The auction begins at 12 PM Saturday and ends at 12 PM Nov. 7. Winners will be contacted via Facebook message after the auction concludes. Winners are expected to pay in cash or check upon item pickup at the library.

Library officials advise participants not to wait until the last minute to submit bids, citing potential internet delays that could affect timely bidding. On Saturday, the library will also post photos and details of each item available.



The library thanks supporters for their contributions and encourages the community to participate in the fundraiser to benefit local programs and services.



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SPORTS

IHSAA volleyball: Semistate pairings, schedule

CLASS 4A
Rochester
M1: Crown Point vs. Penn, 10 a.m.
Need a news break? [Check out the all new PLAY hub with puzzles, games and more!](#)
M2: Fort Wayne Carroll vs. Westfield, noon
Championship, 7 p.m.
'Happy to be a Trojan': [Natalie Vance realized dream, found college future with Center Grove volleyball](#)
Martinsville
M1: Plainfield vs. Castle, 10 a.m.
M2: Yorktown vs. Floyd Central, noon
Championship, 7 p.m.
CLASS 3A
Huntington North
M1: Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger vs. Hamilton Heights, 10 a.m.
M2: NorthWood vs. Mishawaka Marian, noon
Championship, 7 p.m.
Jasper
M1: Jasper vs. Tri-West, 10 a.m.
M2: Brownstown Central vs. Roncalli, noon
Championship, 7 p.m.
Class 2A
Peru
M1: Benton Central vs. Southwood, 10 a.m.
M2: Lakeland vs. South Adams, noon
Championship, 7 p.m.
Bedford North Lawrence
M1: Barr-Reeve vs. Greencastle, 10 a.m.
M2: Eastern vs. Triton Central, noon
Championship, 7 p.m.
Class A
Frankfort
M1: Faith Christian vs. South Newton, 10 a.m.
M2: Rossville vs. Triton, noon
Championship, 7 p.m.
Jennings County
M1: Springs Valley vs.

Loogootee, 10 a.m.
M2: Greenwood Christian Academy vs. Trinity Lutheran, noon
Championship, 7 p.m.



LOOGOOTEE FALL FESTIVAL & CITY-WIDE TRICK OR TREAT

City-Wide Trick or Treat: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Stop by the Pavilion for Safe Stop candy distribution.
Glow sticks provided by St. John Catholic Church

FALL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE @ THE PAVILION

7:45 p.m.
Halloween Costume Contest
Awards for Cutest, Funniest, Scariest, and Most Creative

8:00 p.m.
Music by Karson Burch with KB DJ & Entertainment
DJ Dance Party Begins

8:00p.m.
Hayrides by Kickin' Grass Lawncare begin and run continuously until 10:00 p.m.

8:15 p.m.
Group Line Dances

8:30 p.m.
Freeze Dance Challenge

8:45 p.m.
Guess That Tune

9:00 p.m.
Awards for Scariest Dancer, Most Spirited Family, Best Dance Moves in a Costume, DJ's Choice

9:15 p.m.
Monster Conga Line

9:30 p.m.
Broomstick Limbo

9:45 p.m.
Final Songs

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Please submit:
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• Photo (in uniform if possible, but not required)
• Relation to student/staff (optional)
Send to: byoder@loogootee.k12.in.us
Deadline: Wednesday, November 5TH

Saturday November 1st

During the Fall Festival!

For ONE Day only! We're bringing back the Dunk Tank! Stop by and try to dunk your favorite bartenders!! All proceeds from this will go towards our holiday toy and food drive that we're having!!

Saturday November 1st 12p-6p

Come See Us at Our Very First Beer Garden!

We will be set up right out front of the Tavern!
Drink Tickets will be sold inside only.
Must have ID and a bracelet to enter and be served.
\$5 Entry fee for the beer garden
We will have canned beer and a big variety of seltzers available!

• Stop By and Help Us Make History! •

Loogootee High School Releases Semi-State Bus & Ticket Information

JENNINGS COUNTY, IN — As the high school volleyball team gears up for the semi-state tournament, excitement is building among students, staff, and fans. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Jennings County High School, where the Colts will face off against their opponents in a bid to advance to the state finals.

The semifinal match features Loogootee taking on Springs Valley at 10 a.m. Fans interested in attending can purchase tickets online through the official event link: [Semifinals Tickets] (<https://public.eventlink.com/tickets?t=155499>). The winners of this match will then face off in the championship game scheduled for later that evening.

The championship match tickets are also available online at [Championship Tickets] (<https://public.eventlink.com/tickets?t=155500>). Supporters are encouraged to buy tickets early to secure their spot at the high-stakes contest.

In an effort to boost student support and school spirit, Jennings County High School is organizing a fan bus to transport students to the game. The bus trip is free of charge and will depart at 7:45 a.m. from the front of the school. Students wishing to ride the bus should arrive promptly and bring money for their tickets, unless they have already purchased them online.

Students planning to stay for the championship match at 7 p.m. will need to bring additional funds for dinner and other expenses. The athletic department has announced that it will provide pizza for any student riding the fan bus following the first game, to keep energy levels high for the evening match.

"This is a great opportunity for students to show school spirit and support our volleyball team," said a school spokesperson. "We hope many students will join the fan bus and cheer the team on to victory."

The semi-state competition marks a significant milestone for the team, which has shown remarkable dedication throughout the season. Coach Lisa Carter expressed pride in her players'

performances, emphasizing the importance of community support.

Local fans are encouraged to attend and cheer on the team. The matches promise to be an exciting display of athletic skill and determination. The school hopes that the community's enthusiasm will help motivate the team as they aim to advance to the state finals.

For more information about tickets, the fan bus, or other event details, parents and students are advised to contact the school office or visit the school's official website.

As the countdown to the semi-state begins, all eyes will be on Jennings County High School this weekend, where the Semi-State champion will advance to Indianapolis for the State Tournament Final on Nov. 8

Martin County & Courts

Monday, October 20, 2025

2:42 a.m.- Received a call from Malhaupts Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Keyholder advised to disregard.

7:21 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Advised all on-duty units.

7:33 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

7:34 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident South of Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

11:41 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident East of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Marshal Copeland responded.

2:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

2:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

3:04 p.m.- Received a report of an injured deer East of Loogootee. Deputy Clark and Marshal Copeland responded.

3:17 p.m.- Captain Gibson on station with Rene Mora Jr, a 22-year-old male from Washington, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

3:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting smoke near a residence in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

3:50 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Captain Gibson and Marshal Copeland responded.

4:15 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

4:21 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Brandon Bundy, a 29-year-old male from Shoals, arrested for Domestic battery in the presence of a minor. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

5:33 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

5:59 p.m.- Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

6:06 p.m.- Received a report of possible vandalism in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

6:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call in Dubois County. Transferred the call to Dubois County 911.

6:52 p.m.- Received a call from Johnson Control advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Keyholder advised to disregard.

7:47 p.m.- Received a report of a possible break-in in Shoals. Deputy Clark and Marshal Copeland responded.

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

5:51 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident in Daviess County. Daviess County was notified.

7:47 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

9:36 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

9:41 a.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

9:55 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

10:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.

11:45 a.m.- Received a request to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:01 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Chief Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

12:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and Captain Gibson responded.

12:53 p.m.- Jail Commander Gregory transported two inmates to court.

12:53 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

1:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

2:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

2:33 p.m.- Received a report of a scam call going around in Martin County with person stating they are from the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

2:53 p.m.- Jail Commander Gregory transported two inmates to court.

4:56 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and Deputy Clark responded.

5:23 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

6:38 p.m.- Received a report of cows out South of Loogootee. The owner was contacted.

8:06 p.m.- Received a call from Orange County requesting an ambulance in French Lick. Martin County Medic

1 responded and transported one patient to IU Health Paoli.

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

12:51 a.m.- Received a call from Care Center advising of a medical alarm push in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

1:46 a.m.- Received three 911 calls reporting possible trespassers Southeast of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

8:30 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a cow in the road in Orange County. Orange County was notified.

9:22 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

10:27 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

11:06 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

11:49 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

1:11 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:12 p.m.- Received two 911 calls requesting officers in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, Marshal Copeland, ISP Trooper Qualkenbush and Big John's Towing responded.

1:28 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:50 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Chase Warfel, a 24-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested by LPD Chief Wagoner for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated, Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, and two counts of Intimidation with a deadly weapon. He is being held without bond.

2:10 p.m.- Received a report of a possible theft Southeast of Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

2:19 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy South of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and Captain Gibson responded.

2:43 p.m.- Received three 911 calls requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one

patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

3:14 p.m.- Received a report of a property damage accident North of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

4:00 p.m.- Received a report of a sewer alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Utilities responded.

4:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. LPD Chief Wagoner and Deputy Branham responded.

5:40 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Deputy Clark responded.

6:03 p.m.- Received a report of drug paraphernalia found in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

6:48 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

6:52 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. No one was transported.

6:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

9:43 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

Thursday, October 23, 2025

5:32 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a light flashing on and off at the playground entrance to the Shoals School. School maintenance was notified.

9:22 a.m.- Corporal Erwin transported two inmates to court.

9:45 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

10:18 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

10:25 a.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Joshua Rollins, a 48-year-old male from Bloomington, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

10:43 a.m.- Corporal Erwin transported three inmates to court.

11:16 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.

2:48 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Marshal Copeland responded. Medic 1 transported one inmate to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

3:54 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Lost River Fire responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

8:55 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Marshal Copeland and Deputy Branham responded.

11:04 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

Friday, October 24, 2025

3:24 a.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey and Deputy Nash responded.

7:39 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

11:03 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle West of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

12:48 p.m.- Jail Commander Gregory transported one inmate to court.

1:45 p.m.- Jail Commander Gregory transported one inmate to court.

3:39 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to IU Bloomington.

4:54 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a wrecker for a disabled vehicle North of Loogootee. Big John's Towing responded.

5:12 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West. Deputy Branham responded.

5:16 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle North of Loogootee. Notified

Daviess County.

6:19 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Marshal Copeland and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

6:46 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries East of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Nash, Marshal Copeland and Big John's Towing responded.

7:09 p.m.- Received a report of cows out South of Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded. Owner was also contacted.

7:44 p.m.- Received a request for a deputy in Shoals. Marshal Copeland, Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

9:27 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Advised all on-duty units.

Saturday, October 25, 2025

12:54 a.m.- Deputy Nash of station with Elizabeth Lintz, a 20-year-old female from Bedford, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

6:24 a.m.- Received a 911 call crash alert from an iPhone Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

9:08 a.m.- Received a call from Conversion Technologies advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane Village. Corporal Erwin responded.

9:58 a.m.- Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane Village. Corporal Erwin responded.

12:01 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

12:29 p.m.- Received a report of possible harassment in Crane Village. Corporal Erwin responded.

12:35 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Corporal Erwin responded.

12:46 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn Southeast of Loogootee.

4:23 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:59 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

7:06 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

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11:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a deer in the roadway South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

Sunday, October 26, 2025

2:52 a.m.- Received a report of an abandoned vehicle Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash and Big John's Towing responded.

10:18 a.m.- Received a report of cows out South of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded. Owner was also notified.

10:56 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

4:12 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins, Deputy Clark and LPD Officer Stivers responded.

6:45 p.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident Northwest of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

7:03 p.m.- Received a 911 call from an Orange County address. Transferred the call to Orange County 911.

7:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call from an Orange County address. Notified Orange County.

9:26 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

11:53 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a brush fire Southeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

Food Pantries Brace For Fallout From Federal SNAP Benefits Cutoff

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Martin County Businesses Host Half-Day Workshops with Local Businesses

Martin County Businesses Encouraged to Attend Exclusive Hiring Workshop

The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth is hosting a half-day workshop aimed at helping local businesses improve their hiring practices and team performance. The event, titled "Hiring for Purpose, Build for Growth," is scheduled for Monday, December 1, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the Bowling Manufacturing Building.

With only 16 seats available, the workshop offers an interactive session led by Brent Rasche, a certified business and executive coach with Focal Point. Participants will learn about the importance of hiring with purpose, defining core values, creating effective job descriptions, and embedding these values into the employee journey. The session will also cover action planning, making new hires retainable, and strategies for sustainable team growth.

The registration fee is \$40 per participant. Businesses interested in reserving a spot are encouraged to email Jessica at Jessica.Potts@martinalliance.org. This workshop provides a valuable opportunity for local companies to refine their hiring strategies and strengthen their organizational culture.

would stop funding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Nov. 1 due to the federal government shutdown.

“We were not anticipating a month where no benefits were paid,” Crites Muller said. “It’s a huge difference. ... I’m equating it to being similar to what happened during (the) COVID (pandemic), but without all those resources. We made it through then, thanks resources being provided out there to cover those gaps. This is a whole different thing.”

On Monday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that it would shelve emergency contingency plans for a SNAP program that covers more than 42 million people nationwide, as the Trump

Loogootee Schools Welcome Community Members to Open House

Loogootee High School held an open house event on October 29 to showcase the recent renovations at the school. The event was organized to give students, staff, and community members an opportunity to explore the upgraded facilities, including the newly renovated Loogootee Schools Activity Center. The open house took place in the evening, lasting until 8 p.m., with visitors encouraged to park around the back of the high school for easier access.

The renovations aim to enhance the educational environment and provide students with modern amenities conducive to learning and extracurricular activities. The new activity center is a central feature of the improvements, offering a space designed to support sports, assemblies, and community events. The upgrade reflects the school's commitment to fostering a positive and dynamic atmosphere for students and residents alike.

Visitors were welcomed to tour the refurbished areas and see firsthand the enhancements made to the school's infrastructure. The event also served as a platform to introduce new features that will benefit the school community for years to come. The open house was part of a broader effort to increase community engagement and support for local education initiatives.

administration ratcheted up pressure on Democrats to accept a Republican-backed spending plan that would reopen a federal government that has been closed for four week. “Bottom line, the well has run dry,” the USDA’s website read Monday. “At this time, there will be no benefits issued Nov. 1. We are approaching an inflection point for Senate Democrats.” Indiana, which has 600,000 people who get SNAP benefits to help pay for groceries, was not among those states suing. SNAP benefits total \$2.4 million a month in Tippecanoe County, going to 12,219 people in 5,723

The school administration emphasized the importance of these renovations in creating an environment where students can thrive academically and socially. Plans for the project included modernizing educational facilities, improving safety measures, and expanding extracurricular options.

The renovated activity center is expected to be a hub of activity in the town, hosting various events and programs that bring the community together. The school district hopes that the new facilities will inspire pride and foster a sense of ownership among students and residents.

Overall, the open house successfully highlighted the school's commitment to continuous improvement and community involvement. As the school community begins to utilize the upgraded facilities, it is anticipated that they will play a significant role in the academic and extracurricular lives of students, as well as in fostering stronger ties within the local area.



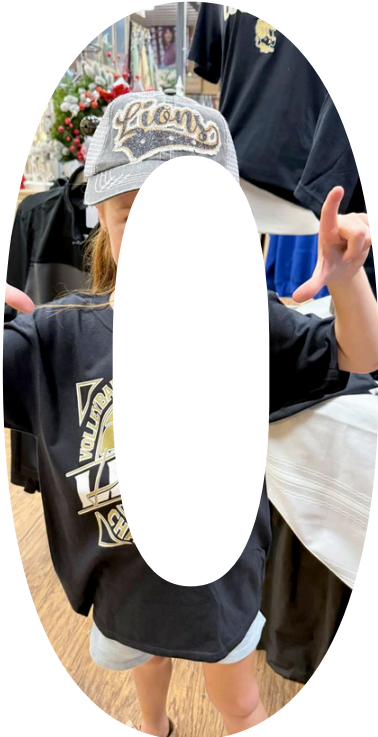
households that have incomes below 130% of poverty guidelines, according to numbers gathered by Food Finders. The average benefit for Tippecanoe County households covered by SNAP is \$426 a month. Across Food Finders’ 16-county region, those numbers are \$8.8 million a month, going to 21,236 households with 45,987 people. The SNAP program loads grocery money onto something akin to a debit card between the fifth and 23rd days of the month. But Crites Muller said Food Finders was seeing additional shoppers at its Fresh Market on Greenbush Street on Tuesday. “For the people we see, SNAP doesn’t get them through an entire month,” Crites Muller. “So, we do see

Loogootee Fire Department Training Exercise on Oct. 27



“We’re just starting to get a real handle on the situation,” Crites Muller said. At the Fairfield Township trustee’s office, where residents can apply for emergency assistance, Trustee Monica Casanova said her staff will honor SNAP benefit recipients who live in the township and provide food vouchers to Pay Less Super Markets. Casanova said the township will streamline the application process, due to the emergency situation. “As long as the client can prove they reside in Fairfield and have been receiving SNAP benefits, we will provide a food voucher for the same amount to purchase groceries at Pay Less,” Casanova said. “We are positioned to draw from rainy day funds, and this a thunderstorm,” Casanova said. “We will not abandon our families, neighbors, seniors and those who need us more than ever.”

THE LION SHOUTOUT!



LMS Lion Up! Day Highlights



Loogootee Musical Theatre 2nd-6th grade Kids Camp
Presents
Disney · PIXAR
FINDING NEMO
KIDS

October 29, 2025 @ 6pm

Free Admission

Easy

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Sudoku Daily Game #15



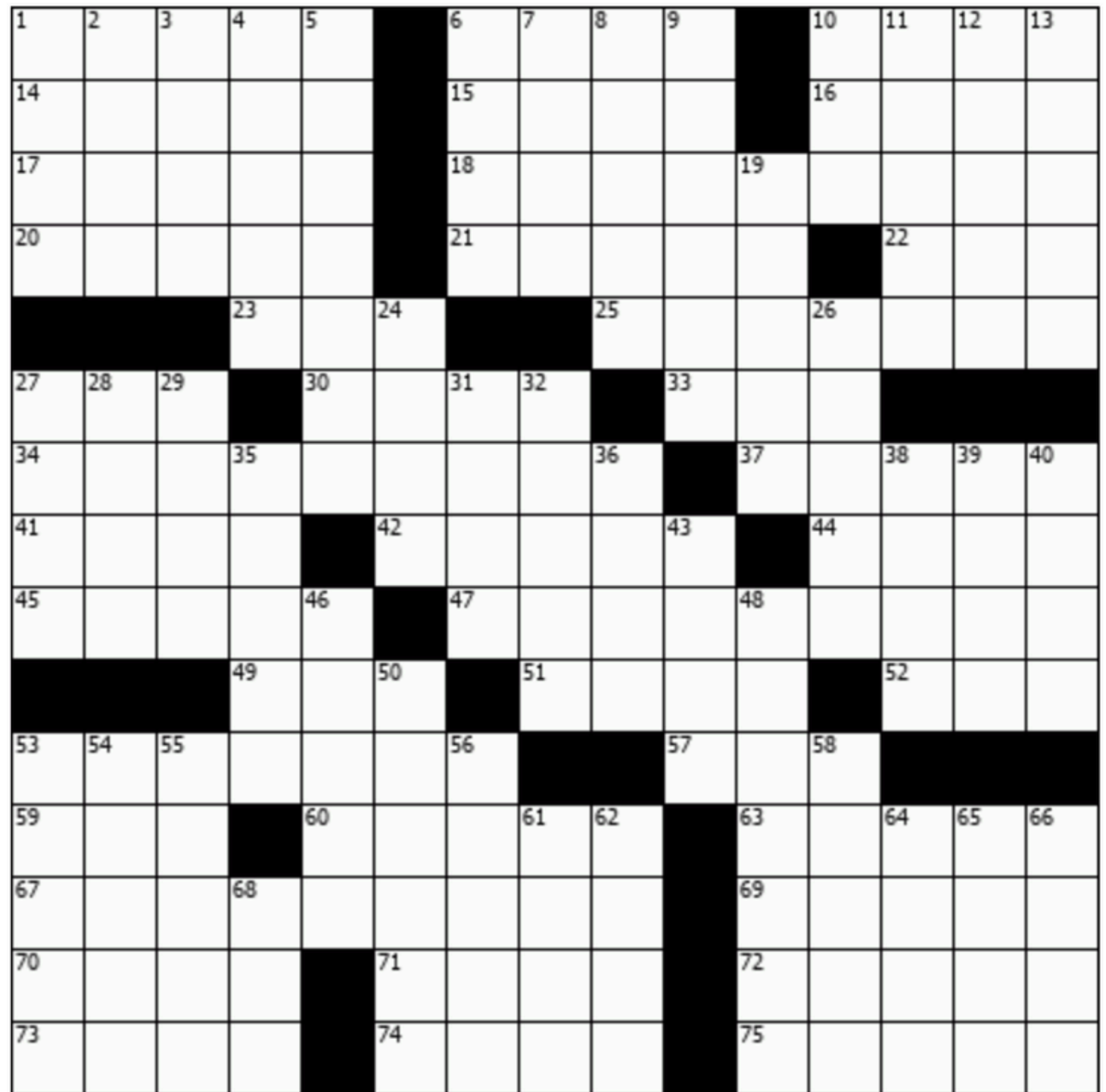
HAVE A SPOOGOOTEE SPOOKY
HALLOWEEN

2025!

Crossword Puzzle #15

Across

1. Slumber
 6. Asian desert
 10. The hunted
 14. Concerned one
 15. English river
 16. Possess
 17. Love, in Rome
 18. Sweats
 20. Fundamental
 21. ____ Banks of baseball
 22. Wind direction (abbr.)
 23. Eternally, in verse
 25. Accompanies
 27. Metered vehicle
 30. Artist Salvador ____
 33. Knock
 34. Penance
 37. At no time



41. Horseback sport
 42. Plane's captain
 44. Took a cab
 45. Of the eye
 47. Drenched
 49. Chump
 51. "The Way We ____"
 52. Naval off.
 53. Arms depot
 57. Siesta
 59. Clamor
 60. Pseudonym
 63. Speech problems
 67. Ready for use
 69. Narrow channel
 70. Manner of walking
 71. Jogging gait
 72. Say

Down

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| 1. Wound covering | 24. Sloping walkway | 48. Unidealistic one |
| 2. Tibetan monk | 26. "Carmen," e.g. | 50. Roof of the mouth |
| 3. Greek god | 27. Guitarist's aid | 53. Traditional saying |
| 4. Scary | 28. On the peak | 54. Opponent |
| 5. Come before | 29. Lightning flash | 55. Garden pest |
| 6. Gawk | 31. Hawaiian necklaces | 56. Heavenly scales |
| 7. Concluded | 32. Relative by marriage (hyph.) | 58. Type of bean |
| 8. Supported | 35. Clatter | 61. Oodles (2 wds.) |
| 9. Demand | 36. Shopping bag | 62. Groups |
| 10. ____ Beta Kappa | 38. Ballot | 64. Narrow board |
| 11. Less frequent | 39. Biblical locale | 65. Baseball's ____ Rose |
| 12. Occasion | 40. Nail polish shades | 66. Flower part |
| 13. Positive responses | 43. Rotate | 68. The I in TGIF |
| 19. Pie nut | 46. Panama ____ | |

73. House additions
 74. Breaks bread
 75. Carved pole