

MID- STATES CORRIDOR SECTION: Hyperbole

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To the Editor,

Hyperbole, exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally or seriously, is rampant in the Mid-States Corridor proponent's documentation. Yet, the proponents want the public to take their hyperbolic statements and claims literally and seriously. A glaring example is the Dubois Strong and Hoosiers for the Corridor claim that the Corridor will add 7,000 new jobs here in Dubois County. 7,000 jobs may be added, over the course of the project; but, about 5,200 will be temporary. 2,600 will be construction jobs that will go away with the completion of the Corridor and another 2,600 temporary jobs that were created for each direct construction jobs indirectly or through spending will also go away at the end of the project. The reality is only about 1,000–2,000 jobs might remain permanently once the project is complete.

Hyperbole at it's finest.

Another example is that the Mid-States Corridor will save 50 minutes in the travel time to Indianapolis. This may be true if one is passing through the area and is starting from I-64. Again, the reality is a savings of 5-10 minutes can be expected if one is starting somewhere in Dubois County; and, even less if the starting point is in Martin County. Why? Because one has to get onto the Corridor by local streets and a much shorter travel distance. Again, hyperbole at it's finest.

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Loogootee City Council and Board of Works Hold Recent Meeting Addressing Infrastructure, Safety, and Community Issues



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The City of Loogootee hosted a Board of Works meeting on Monday, October 6, focusing on key issues ranging from sewer rate adjustments to safety concerns and community funding initiatives for the following year in 2026.

One of the primary topics discussed was the upcoming change in sewer rates, which is set to take effect on January 1. City officials confirmed that while the sewer rate would increase next year, current water rates would remain unchanged for the remainder of 2024. Concerns were raised about water flow issues in the Northlands and Green Acres neighborhoods, prompting city engineers to plan restructuring efforts.

"If you take and go to the east for Green Acres there, there's a section that should have been included in that project as well. I don't know what the reason was," said a city spokesperson. There was also mention of a section of Green Acres that was inadvertently omitted from recent projects, leaving residents questioning the completeness of ongoing repairs.

Safety along North Lents Creek was another focal point of the meeting and was addressed heavily by the board. Officials expressed concerns about a ditch located far from the street, contributing to a hazardous 90-degree turn on North Lents Creek Road. This configuration makes it difficult for vehicles, especially those towing trailers, to navigate safely, prompting calls for redesign and better road planning.

Drainage issues at the city's water tower were also discussed, with officials noting that the drainage system isn't functioning properly, raising worries about potential flooding or infrastructure damage.

Beyond infrastructure, community projects and funding were the topics of lively discussion. The city council received an email regarding the Lents project and ongoing efforts by the Fire Department. The Humane Society's involvement in supporting community safety initiatives was highlighted, along with the need for additional funding.

"We're exploring private funding sources to reduce reliance on county funds," the mayor said. Outreach aimed at securing long-term financial stability is underway.

In matters related to employee benefits, a proposed ordinance would extend health care coverage to retired employees with 25 years of service. The proposal requires retirees to pay 100% of their insurance premiums, a change that drew mixed reactions from attendees.

"Retirees have dedicated years of service, and adjusting their benefits is a sensitive issue," said one official. The ordinance is scheduled for review and approval in upcoming sessions.

Safety and vandalism at local recreational spots also took center stage. The skate park and basketball courts have suffered damage from electric bikes and vandalism, prompting the installation of security cameras.

"We will crack down on vandalism to keep our parks safe and clean for residents," said a parks official.

Health concerns associated with feeding animals in public parks were raised, with officials cautioning about the health risks posed to children and visitors.

Overall, the meeting underscored the city's commitment to improving infrastructure, ensuring safety, and fostering community well-being. Further updates are expected as city officials continue their efforts to address these pressing issues.

IU Columbus professor helps discover new freshwater fungus

HINDOSTEN FALLS
(Indiana University Columbus)

Luke Jacobus, entomologist, professor at IU Columbus, and Indianapolis Zoo grant recipient, was one of two scientists who recently helped identify a previously unknown genus and species of freshwater fungus: *Atromagnispora indianensis*.

"Discovering and naming new species helps us appreciate the amazing living world around us," Jacobus said. "It also shows how research right here in Indiana can contribute to global scientific knowledge."

Jacobus explained that freshwater fungi like *A. indianensis* help break down dead plant life and some pollutants, making them crucial to ecosystem health. Fungi could also lay the foundation for future medical breakthroughs, Jacobus added, noting that many life-saving drugs have been derived from fungi, including antibiotics and immunosuppressants.

Yet, despite their ecological and medical importance, fungi remain one of the least studied groups of organisms. This scientific milestone was made possible

by interdisciplinary collaboration between Jacobus, known for his work on mayflies, and Huzefa Raja, a mycologist from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, who had received a grant from the Indianapolis Zoo to search for new aquatic fungi in Indiana. Their shared interest in freshwater ecosystems led to a partnership that bridged entomology and mycology. Jacobus and Raja, along with support from the Global Center for Species Survival conservation experts at the Indianapolis Zoo, collected samples of submerged decaying wood from Indiana rivers. One sample from Hindostan Falls on the East Fork of the White River revealed the new fungus, which belongs to the Lindgomycetaceae family of ascomycetes, a group that includes morel mushrooms. Referring to the dark, large ascospores of the fungus, "atrum" means dark and "magnus" means large in Latin. "*Indianensis*" is a tribute to the state of Indiana.

"This discovery highlights the importance of exploring and protecting freshwater biodiversity," Jacobus emphasized. Hindostan Falls,

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Then there is the cost estimate. The proponents keep quoting the \$735 million to \$1.052 billion. They won't adjust for inflation or estimate the cost to acquire the 13,100 acres of land the Corridor will require or the cost to litigate all who won't sell their homes. The more realistic updated range for planning purposes is \$1.68B to \$2B in 2025 dollars, depending on actual ROW, land acquisition, construction and litigation costs. An increase of close to a billion dollars. Even more hyperbole at it's finest.

If the Mid-States Corridor is such a godsend why are the proponents not speaking up publicly? Why is Gov. Braun not making an appearance at any of the RDA, Property Rights Alliance (PRA), Council or any other public meetings? Why does Rep. Lindauer refuse to attend a PRA meeting? Why do the city and county elected officials hide in their chambers and do not venture out in the public? Why do most of our elected officials refuse to answer question presented in person, by phone or e-mail? What and why are they hiding? As the Washington Post's banner proclaims "Democracy dies in darkness".

There are several Town Hall style meetings being held around the county by the PRA. These meeting are to give everyone an opportunity to hear the facts, to ask questions and yes, to challenge the opponents. It would be real democracy if the State, County and City officials attended these meetings. This would give them an up close

and personal view of what their constituents want; and, the opportunity to take a public position. The people, the citizens and the tax-payers have opposed this and all previous attempts to build this highway, going back to 1959. The elected officials appear to be going against the will of the people.

We must all remember that we live in a representational democracy. This means we elect people to represent us, all of us. They are beholden to us, the voters, for their positions, not to a political party or an influential person or group. We, the people. When the preponderance of the comments, letters, and discussion, by we the people, are opposed to a project, a "party" or a "group" they are supposed to listen to the majority of their constituents. They are not to fear the powerful minority but to support the, perhaps, weaker majority. It's time for all our elected officials to come out of hiding and state their positions. Explain why they seem to be ignoring the will of the people.

Let's all attend, any or all, of the upcoming town halls, the Oct. 15th hearing where the State Attorney is suing

another 44 citizens who oppose the Corridor. Let's be present at the Oct, 21st PRA meeting to get current updates about the Corridor: and, the Oct. 22nd INDOT update on the Corridor. Let's ask INDOT, the Lochmueller Group and the RDA the hard questions.

Now is the time to come to aid of your neighbors and loudly oppose the Mid-States Corridor.

Remember, only you can prevent the Mid-States Corridor.

Jim Arvin
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the site of the finding, is a place of historical and ecological significance, once a thriving settlement in the early 1800s and now a biodiversity hotspot preserved by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The Indianapolis Zoo stated that discoveries like this one reflect its mission to protect nature and inspire people to care for our world, noting, "All species have value, including the ones not yet known!" This discovery by Jacobus and Raja, which also involved Monika Böhm and Sergio Henriques from the Global Center for Species Survival, and Nicholas Oberlies from the University of North Carolina Greensboro, is featured in the June 2025 issue of *Persoonia: Molecular Phylogeny and Evolution of Fungi*, a peer-reviewed research journal.



LHS Cross County Makes History in Recent Meet

SWR crowned champion at Miller Raceway

Miller Raceway — In an exciting display of skill and determination, SWR Racing secured first place at the recent Kickin' Grass Lawn Care Kart Race held at Miller Raceway. As a proud sponsor of the winning team, Kickin' way.

Grass Lawn Care celebrated their success alongside drivers and fans.

The race, which drew a large crowd of enthusiasts and families, showcased intense competition among various local teams. SWR, known for their precision and teamwork,

managed to outrun

their rivals in a closely contested event.

The victory marks a significant milestone for SWR, who have been competitive throughout the season. The team's strategy and quick reflexes were key factors in their performance.

Miller Raceway, renowned for its challenging tracks, proved to be a tough test for all racers. Despite the obstacles, SWR maintained their composure and pushed forward, ultimately crossing the finish line first.

Spectators were treated to an exhilarating race filled with



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overtakes and close calls. The event also featured community engagement activities and was praised for its organization.

The race concluded with celebrations and awards, solidifying SWR's place as reigning champions at Miller Race

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Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Picks up Senior Night Victory

On Monday night, the Loogootee Lady Lions hosted Wood Memorial for Senior Night, honoring two outstanding seniors — Macy Knepp and Cora Consley — for their contributions to the volleyball program. The Lady Lions came ready to defend their home floor, defeating the Trojans in straight sets (25–9, 25–18, 25–16). Loogootee controlled the pace throughout, to cap off the senior night win. Seniors Macy Knepp and Cora Consley were recognized before the match for their dedication to the program and impact on and off the court. • Macy, daughter of Landon Knepp and Emily Strange, plans to

attend Purdue University to study Pharmacy. Her favorite high school memory is winning back-to-back volleyball sectionals. • Cora, daughter of Shawn and Melissa Consley, plans to attend Indiana University to major in Biochemistry. Her favorite memory is also winning back-to-back sectionals. The Lady Lions now move to 8–16 on the season and will close out the regular season on the road at South Knox on Tuesday and Bedford North Lawrence on Thursday.

Junior High School Volleyball gets a Pair of Wins Over Linton

The Loogootee Lady Lions junior high volleyball teams swept visiting Linton on Monday night. The 7th grade opened the evening strong, cruising to a 25–9, 25–11 victory to move their record to 13–8 on the season. The 8th grade followed with a solid performance of their own, defeating Linton 25–15, 25–17. The win pushes the 8th graders to 15–8 overall. Tonight 6th, 7th and 8th grade are all at JBA hosting North Daviess. 6th grade will kick things off at 5:00 PM, followed by 7th and 8th. Our 8th graders will be honored with their 8th grade night prior to their game.

Loogootee Junior High School Volleyball Ends Season with 3 Wins

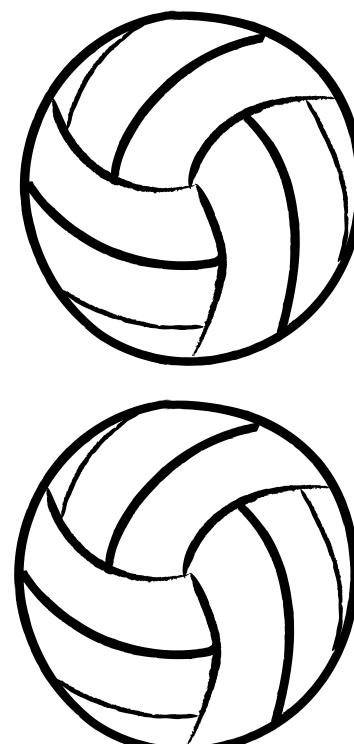
Tuesday night at Jack Butcher Arena, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Lady Lion volleyball teams each picked up wins at home over the North Daviess Lady Cougars in front of an energetic crowd and lively student section. The 6th grade team, led by Coach Tracie McAtee, won a tight three-set match 25–20, 23–25, 15–7, closing out their season with an impressive 10–3 record. The 7th grade Lady Lions, coached by Kelsy Lampert, continued the momentum with a 25–20, 25–14 sweep and the 7th grade finished their season at 14–8. Capping off the night, the 8th grade team,



Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Faces 4A Talent at Castle

On Saturday, the Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Volleyball team traveled to Castle High School for the annual Warrick Invite — a tournament the Lady Lions have long participated in. This year's field featured a tough round-robin of 4A schools, including Castle, Bloomington North, and Terre Haute South. Loogootee fell to Castle (9–25, 13–25), battled Terre Haute South in three sets (14–25, 25–15, 10–15), and came up short against Bloomington North (10–25, 23–25). The Lady Lions now sit at 7–16 on the season and return home Monday night to host Wood Memorial for Senior Night. They'll then close out regular season play with trips to South Knox on Tuesday and Bedford North Lawrence on Thursday.

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



Volleyball Wins in the Hatchet House

The Varsity Loogootee Lady Lions traveled to the historic Hatchet House on Thursday night to take on the Washington Lady Hatchets. Both teams entered the matchup eager to return to the win column, and the night did not disappoint. After falling behind early, Loogootee rallied for a dramatic first-set comeback, edging Washington 28–26. The Lady Lions dropped the next two tightly contested sets 23–25 and 21–25, but refused to back down. Facing a 1–2 deficit, they stormed back with renewed energy to take the fourth set 25–15 and closed out the decisive fifth 15–11. The thrilling five-set victory gives the Lady Lions momentum heading into a full slate today at Castle High School, where they'll face Class 4A programs Castle, Terre Haute South, and Bloomington North. The win moves Loogootee to 7–13 on the season. In the JV contest that followed,

the Washington Lady Hatchets topped the Lady Lions in three sets, 25–11, 22–25, 15–7. The Loogootee JV squad now sits at 4–9.

HS Varsity Volleyball Wins Against South Knox

The Varsity Lady Lions hit the road to take on the South Knox Lady Spartans and came away with a strong 3–0 victory (25–19, 25–22, 25–23). With the win, Loogootee improves to 9–16 on the season. The JV team battled hard but fell in two sets (10–25, 17–25), moving to 4–11 overall. Both teams are back in action Thursday at BNL for their final regular season matchup. The Lady Lions will then prepare for the sectional tournament, where they'll open play next Thursday night against Medora.

6th Grade Volleyball gets Big Win at Barr-Reeve

The Junior High Lady Lions battled Barr-Reeve on Thursday night. The 6th grade came away with a big win, taking a three-set thriller 22–25, 26–24, 16–14 (coming back from down 11–14!) to improve to 9–3 on the season. The 7th grade fought hard but fell 10–25, 14–25, moving to 12–8. The 8th grade nearly forced a third set after a tight second but dropped their match 9–25, 23–25, falling to 14–8 overall. The Lady Lions will return to action next Monday when they host Linton.

Martin County & Courts

Monday, September 29, 2025
1:13 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

8:05 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle East of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and Captain Gibson responded.

8:41 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:40 a.m.- Lawrence County on station with Travis Campbell, a 50-year-old male from Bloomington, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

11:14 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check on an ATV. Deputy Clark responded.

11:20 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle North of Loogootee. LPD Reserve Captain Hunt responded.

1:22 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. LPD Reserve Captain Hunt responded.

4:18 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

4:40 p.m.- Received a report of the theft of a car and other items in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded. Knox County was notified also.

5:48 p.m.- Received a report of a deceased dog in the roadway in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

9:49 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance West of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Marshal Copeland, Deputy Clark and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

Tuesday, September 30, 2025
5:36 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

8:42 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.

9:02 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported three inmates to court.

11:00 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.

12:45 p.m.- Captain Gibson transported two inmates to court.

12:46 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.

1:50 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Captain Gibson and Marshal Copeland responded.

3:58 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle North of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

4:59 p.m.- Received a report of a vehicle repossession in Loogootee.

7:27 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

7:46 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. LPD Officer

Stuckey and Deputy Clark

responded.
10:35 p.m.- LPD Officer Stuckey on station with Benjamin Hafley, a 32-year-old male from St. Louis, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated and Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

Wednesday, October 1, 2025
9:03 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check

North of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

9:55 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:03 a.m.- Received an animal complaint West of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:10 a.m.- Received an animal complaint South of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:34 a.m.- Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.

12:31 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

2:30 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

3:03 p.m.- Received a report of a vehicle in a ditch Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

3:10 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

3:10 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

4:53 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

8:45 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:45 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

1:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down East of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

12:30 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:20 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries Northeast of Shoals.

Major Reed, Deputy Clark and Big John's Towing responded.

7:23 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:51 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.

12:07 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

12:49 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported two inmates to court.

1:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. The call was transferred to Crane 911.

1:47 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Corporal Erwin responded.

4:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

5:27 p.m.- Received a report of a sewer issue North of Loogootee. Loogootee Utilities responded.

6:25 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Stuckey and Deputy Branham responded.

6:08 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:41 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:08 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Captain Gibson and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:16 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Michael Seals, a 35-year-old male from Washington, arrested for Driving while suspended-prior and Resisting law enforcement.

He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

8:05 p.m.- Received a report of a possible dispute in Crane Village. Deputy Branham and Major Reed responded.

8:39 p.m.- Received multiple calls reporting a disabled vehicle North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

Friday, October 3, 2025

11:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller, Corporal Erwin, Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

12:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an aggressive dog in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

1:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down East of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a small tree down in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Corporal Erwin responded.

2:52 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Chief Wagoner responded. No one was transported.

3:30 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Logan Padgett, a 34-year-old male from Shoals, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

4:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

12:08 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

12:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting lines down in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin, Deputy Branham and CSX responded.

1:43 p.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 Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

2:40 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn East of Loogootee.

2:52 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

4:19 p.m.- Anthony Clements, a 40-year-old male from Washington, on station to turn himself in on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

4:48 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

5:42 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.

7:43 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Nash responded. Medical

transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:22 p.m.- Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.

10:36 p.m.- Received a call from Lawrence County reporting a downed aircraft in Orange County. Lost River Fire Department and Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:39 p.m.- Received a call from ISP Corporal Beaver reporting the downed aircraft. Deputy Nash responded.

Sunday, October 5, 2025

3:39 a.m.- Received a report that the downed aircraft had been located. Orange County EMS, Deputy Nash, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, Lost River Fire and ISP responded.

6:58 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident West of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

11:50 a.m.- Received a report of lines down in Loogootee. CSX was notified.

2:01 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

Jeremy Queen
October 28, 1987-
Sept. 20, 2025

Jeremy "Jerry" Lee Queen, age 37, of Washington, passed away on Saturday, September 20th.

Born October 28, 1987, in Calhoun County, Alabama, he was the son of Marilyn Queen.

Jerry worked as a stock person for Carla's Catering, in Shoals; the Red Door Workshop, in Loogootee; and JayC Grocery Store, in Washington.

He graduated from Washington High School with the Class of 2006.

Jerry enjoyed shopping, going out to eat, and listening to music.

Surviving are his brother, Joseph Queen, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois; two sisters, Peggy and Amy Queen, both of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn; and one brother, Randy Queen.

A funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 3rd, at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the service hour at the funeral home.

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

Local Obituaries

Nelson Dee Inman January 23, 1951-October 3, 2025

Nelson Dee Inman, 74, of Loogootee, Indiana passed away peacefully on Thursday October 3, 2025, surrounded by his family at his home.

He was born on January 23, 1951, in Bedford, Indiana to John F. and Edith M. (Lynch) Inman.

After graduation from Loogootee High School in 1969, Nelson was a proud member of the United States Airforce serving his country from 1970-1974. He then went on to continue his work at DRMO at NSWC Crane as a Supervisory Chief Property Disposal Officer where he received numerous awards including a flag that was flown over the state capital for the work accomplished for the state of Indiana. After dedicating a majority of his career to the US Government, he worked as a contracting consultant for Bedford Recycling from 2006 to 2009, thereafter he decided to retire for good. He married Debra (White) on April 8, 1978. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, gardening and was a lifetime member of the American Legion. Most of all he liked to spend time with his grandchildren and family. He will be deeply missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Edith Inman, his brother, Malcom "Cactus Jack" Lynch, granddaughter, Braylyn Inman and father and mother in law, Wilbur and Betty White

Nelson is survived by his wife Debra Inman, their children, Amy (Clint) Williams, Brandon Inman, grandchildren, Tylen Williams, Anderson Williams, Callaway Inman, Gunner Inman, siblings, Sue (Larry) Marley, John (Suzi) Inman, Diann (Robert) Chattin, Joe (Bev) Inman, and several nieces and nephews. Cremation was chosen to his wishes; he will be laid to rest in Goodwill Cemetery at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com



To send a flower arrangement in memory of Nelson Dee Inman, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

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Robert Allen Turner February 19, 1948- October 2, 2025

Robert Allen Turner, 77, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at Brown County Health and Living in Nashville, Indiana.

Born on February 19, 1948, he was the beloved son of Reginald and Mildred (Savage) Turner. Robert married Regina Showalters on April 20, 1985, and she preceded him in death. Robert was an Army veteran, having bravely and proudly served his country in Vietnam. He was a member of the Loogootee American Legion Post 120, the VFW, and the Disabled Veterans of America Association. An avid car fanatic, Robert started working on automobiles as a youth. That passion continued throughout his life to include drag racing. After college, Robert worked for the US government for 46 ½ years as a heavy equipment mechanic at Naval Ordnance and NSWC Crane. He also enjoyed model cars. Spending time with his grandchildren and gardening brought joy to his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Regina, and one nephew, Reginald Hornback.

Robert is lovingly remembered by two children: Molly (Benjamin) Turner-King and Robert "Robbie" Turner; 2 stepsons; grandchildren: Connor and Riley King, as well as 6 step-grandchildren; two brothers: George (Debbie) and Ricky Turner; one sister, Gerrie (Rogers) Cheatham; and life-long dear friends, Mike & Shirley Bright.

CONT.D Robert Allen Turner

A memorial service will be held, Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 1 P.M. at Blake Funeral Home, Loogootee, Indiana with Mr. Phil Todd to officiate.

Visitation will begin at 11 A.M. until the time of service at the Blake Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Legion Post 120 or VFW Post 9395, both of Loogootee, IN.

Online condolences may be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Robert A. Turner.

To send a flower arrangement in memory of Robert Allen Turner, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Robert Allen Turner, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).



Nancy Wildman May 2, 1949-Sept. 23, 2025

Nancy Jo Wildman, age 76, of Savanna, Illinois, passed away on Tuesday, September 23rd, in her home.

Nancy was born May 2, 1949, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She was the daughter of Dr. Donald and Josephine (Scully) Beemblossom.

She grew up in Shoals, graduating from Shoals High School with the Class of 1967. She then studied for a time at Vincennes College, before marrying John Ervin, in 1970, at St. Mary Catholic Church, in Shoals.

Nancy and John soon moved to Colorado, where he was stationed at U.S. Army Fort Carson,

then to Germany for his next station. Following their divorce, Nancy moved home to Shoals, where she worked for a number of years at her father's doctor's office.

In 1983, Nancy married Ed Wildman, and the couple made their way to Savanna in 1989, when Ed started work at the Savanna Army Depot. While in Savanna, Nancy worked for nearly 15 years at Swiss Colony, and made Savanna her forever home.

Nancy loved to cook and was famous for her stew and monster cookies. She held an appreciation for music, playing Christian songs on her organ, and listening to her favorites from Elvis and the Beetles,

respectively. During those relaxing family times, she loved to reminisce about the good old days on her childhood family farm.

Nancy will be dearly missed by her four children, Missy (Chris) Hartman, of Savanna; Phillip (Katrina) Ervin, of Fulton, Illinois; Jay Ervin, of Charleston, South Carolina; and Todd (Jessica) Ervin, of Savanna; 11 grandchildren, Tevan (Lyndsey), Brittany, Cody, McKailey, Carter, Greyson, Finnleigh, Delaney, Lucas, Payten, and Teagan; 11 great-grandchildren; and brother, Donald (Sherry) Beemblossom.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Josephine; brother, Bruce Beemblossom;

and sister, Janice (Tim) Furbee.

A memorial service will be held at Law Jones Funeral Home, in Savanna, Illinois, on Thursday, October 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. Visitation will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Law Jones Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

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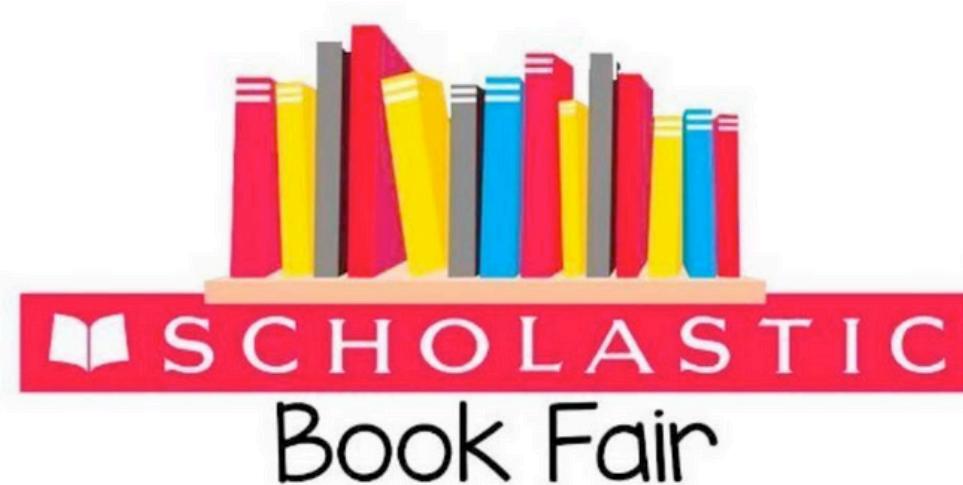
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THE LION SHOUTOUT!

Loogootee Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair: October 6-10

Loogootee Elementary School is set to host its annual Scholastic Book Fair from October 6 to October 10. The event will take place in the school's library and aims to encourage a love of reading among students. The book fair will be open during two designated periods each day: 7:45 a.m. to 8:05 a.m. in the morning and 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the afternoon. Students are invited to visit the fair during these times to browse and purchase books. School officials emphasize that the event provides an excellent opportunity for children to explore new literary titles and foster reading habits. The Scholastic Book Fair has become a tradition at Loogootee Elementary, with students and parents looking forward to the chance to choose from a wide selection of age-appropriate books.

The event also supports the school's library program, as a percentage of the sales will be reinvested to acquire additional reading materials. Principal Jane Doe expressed enthusiasm about the upcoming fair, stating, "We believe that fostering a love of reading at an early age is crucial for student development. Our book fair is a fun and educational experience that complements our curriculum." Parents and guardians are encouraged to remind students of



the scheduled shopping times and to supervise them during the visits. The school's media center will be prepared with a variety of books spanning multiple genres, ensuring there is something for every student's interest. As the event approaches, organizers are hopeful that the fair will be well-attended and that it will inspire students to pick up new books and read more frequently.

LES Students of the Month



Congratulations to Willa Baker, Braylee Long, Emerson Clark, Lainey Davis, Kieran Minick, Evelyn Plank, Mavryk Guyer, Jesslyn Padilla-Garcia, Evan Jellison, Paisley Winingar, Porter Jeffers, Hattie Kluesner, Mrs. Shawna Walton, Rhyder Williams, Mia Johnson, and Farah Weaver who were selected as October Students/Staff of the Month. The 'Mane' Trait for October is Be Respectful.

Martin County 4-H Enrollment

From October 1-20, students can be enrolled in 4-H for free! Scan the QR Code to enroll!



LES Newsletter

October 3, 2025

A NOTE FROM MRS. WADE

The first nine weeks is coming to an end on October 8th! Report cards will be sent home on Friday, October 24th due to Fall Break. Next week is our Book Fair and our last full week before Fall Break. Trash Bags will be delivered after Fall Break. Enjoy your weekend!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair beginning Monday, October 6th through Friday, October 10th. Students may shop at the beginning and end of school day. We will be open for families to attend on Monday, October 6th from 3:30-5:30 pm at the LES Library. You may shop online using the link below.

[Book Fair](#)



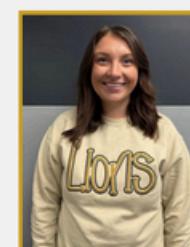
MRS. SMITH'S SMARTIES

Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Smith have hosted two different parent meetings over the last month. These meetings were held to explain beginning of year testing scores, how to understand reports, state testing requirements, and how the data from testing is used to support students. Below are the links to both presentations, as well as resources.

[K-2 Meeting](#)

[3rd-4th Meeting](#)

WELCOME, MRS. TARA KNEPP



We would like to introduce the new LES Secretary, Mrs. Tara Knepp! Tara is a 2016 graduate of Loogootee High School. She resides in Montgomery, with her husband, Kalin, and her two month old son, Tucker. Tara looks forward to meeting all the students and families of LES. Welcome, Tara!

LUNCH MENU

What's for lunch? September & October Lunch Menus

[October](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

Oct. 7th - 4th Grade Farm Fair/
2nd Field Trip
Oct. 8th - Delay Day/ End of Term 1
Oct. 9th - 2nd Field Trip
Oct. 13th-17th - Fall Break

Oct. 21st

LES FUN!



Easy

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Sudoku Daily Game #12



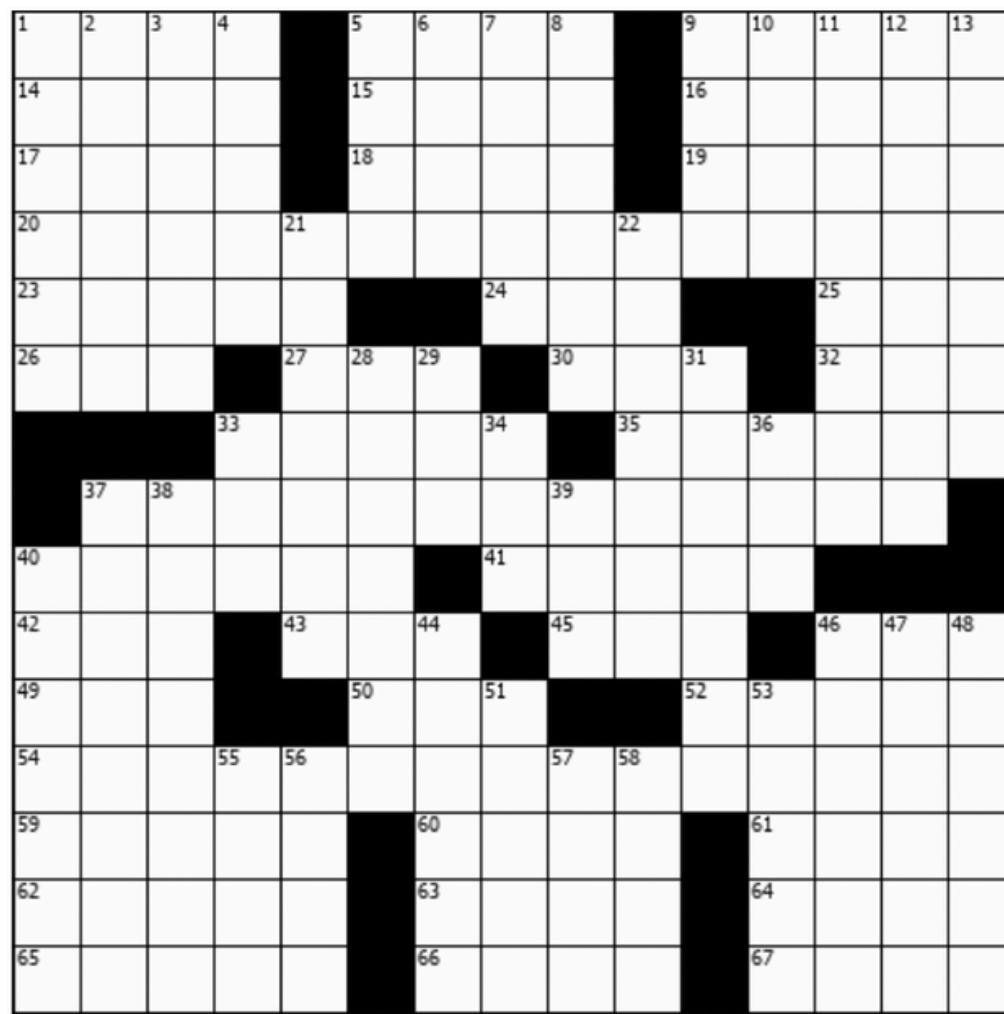
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Across

- 1. Meet transaction
- 5. Entwine
- 9. Tracking device
- 14. Honey of a spot
- 15. Member of the choir
- 16. Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 17. Mayberry drunk
- 18. Hard hit or hit hard
- 19. Myrrh, frankincense, et al.
- 20. Item influenced by 37-Across

Down

- 27. German 101 word
- 30. Blah, blah, blah, briefly
- 32. __ out (dress up)
- 33. Change in London
- 35. Become an ex-member
- 37. Bout of forgetfulness
- 40. Fiery fleck
- 41. Played, as a cat with a mouse
- 42. " __ Life to Live"
- 43. Grand Central, e.g. (Abbr.)
- 45. Kind of knife or name
- 46. "Pooh!"
- 49. Big bird of myth
- 50. Hirobumi __, Japanese prime minister



Down

1. Words in Missouri's state motto	13. Put on again	40. Toyota make
2. Attachment to where	21. Edam and Gouda	44. Region around Athens
3. Feature of some zoos	22. Colorful playing marble	46. Magician David
4. Exterminator's targets	28. Sluggishness	47. Candy-bar nut
5. "Monster __"	29. Drill sgt., e.g.	48. Villains in "The Lion King"
6. First name in jazz	31. Bonds a filling	51. Thespian's trophy
7. Philatelist's find	33. Remitted in advance (Abbr.)	53. Relative by marriage
8. It's to be paid	34. Young newt	55. Austria's capital, to the locals
9. Capital where Lettish is spoken	36. Massachusetts' Cape	56. Sound of disapproval
10. Seed envelope	37. A floor covering	57. Regis or Jay, e.g.
11. Killjoy	38. Amusing tale	58. India and invisible
12. Immunity unit	39. Swab the deck	

- 54. Person influenced by 37-Across
- 59. Sainted 7th-century pope
- 60. Mac image
- 61. Tawny native of Africa
- 62. Old stringed instruments
- 63. It may have the spirit
- 64. Role for Jodie Foster
- 65. Church words
- 66. Sciences' counterpart
- 67. Takes the plunge

CAN YOU SPOT THE

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DIFFERENCES?

