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Ken Nunn: Indiana Attorney and Philanthropist Passes Away at 85



Ken Nunn, a prominent attorney renowned for his decade-spanning career based in Bloomington, Indiana, has died at age 85. Nunn, whose inspiring journey from humble beginnings to success became a hallmark of perseverance, passed away tonight surrounded by family. Born in March 1940, Nunn's story of triumph over adversity became legendary in Indiana. Growing up in Jeffersonville, he often faced homelessness and dropped out of high school. A significant

turning point occurred when he met his future wife, Leah, who motivated him to return to school and pursue higher education. Inspired by Atticus Finch from "To Kill a Mockingbird," Nunn aspired to become a lawyer. He earned a B.S. in Business from Indiana University in 1964 and a J.D. in 1967. Initially practicing criminal defense, he shifted focus to personal injury law, finding greater success and financial stability. Nunn founded the Ken Nunn Law Office, known for aggressive representation of

accident victims. As a passionate advocate for the underdog, he embodied a "fighter" mentality, believing lawyers serve as the last line of defense against large corporations. His firm handles thousands of cases annually, earning a reputation for securing multi-million-dollar recoveries. Beyond his legal career, Nunn was a dedicated supporter of Indiana University, contributing to athletics, scholarships, and community charities. He also provided trauma

enforcement and demonstrated a strong commitment to philanthropy. His legal excellence was recognized through memberships in prestigious forums like the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and his listing as an Indiana Super Lawyer. In a statement on Instagram, his grandson Jimmy Nunn shared heartfelt memories: "My grandfather was my most important person in my life. He made an impact not only to his family and friends but also to the community. Ken started

Loogootee Volleyball Program Seeks New Head Coach

The Lady Lion Volleyball program is in search of a new head coach. Loogootee Athletics said in a statement on the school's athletic page would like to thank Coach Haley Cummins and her family for their commitment to our program. Cummins, who coached at Loogootee High School has left the volleyball program this month to spend more time with family, as announced by Rick Simmler on Dec. 11. Cummins won three sectional championships and a regional title during her short time as the Lions head volleyball coach. Those interested in being head coach should contact Josh Thompson via email: jthompson@loogootee.k12.in.us. Hiring Information provided by The Loogootee Lions Athletics page: Loogootee Community Schools is seeking a Head Varsity Volleyball Coach. The Loogootee Lions are proud members of the Blue-Chip Athletic Conference. The Lady Lion volleyball program has a proud tradition and history. Teams have won 21 Sectional Championships; 10 Regional Championships; 2 Semi-State Championships; made 6 State Finals Appearances; 5 State Runner-Ups; and 7 Blue-Chip Championships. Loogootee also is home to some of the best IA facilities in the state! Jack Butcher Arena, where all home games are played, seats 4,571. We also have three other gyms (Activity Center; Lee's Gym; and JFK Gym) which can accommodate four additional courts for practice; games; and tournneys. We host an annual varsity volleyball tournament; a 6th grade tourney; and will be adding a 7th/8th grade tourney for the upcoming season. In short, volleyball is an important part of the Loogootee Athletic fabric.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: EPA-Reported Animal Neglect in Martin County Spurs PETA Advocacy for Adoption

Dear Editor,

A just-released U.S. Department of Agriculture report (attached) reveals that a Martin County man failed to have his 25 adult dogs examined by a veterinarian for more than a year, in alleged violation of federal law.

A federal veterinarian who stopped by the man's breeding operation—which also housed 10 puppies—found that a veterinarian had last examined the dogs in July 2024.

This neglect is exactly why PETA urges the public never to buy from breeders or the pet stores they supply.

If a reader is ready to welcome a new family member into the home, please adopt an animal.

Sincerely,

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JASPER COUNCIL MEMBERS ANNOUNCE OPPOSITION TO MID-STATES CORRIDOR AS POLL INFORMATION RELEASED

MARTIN COUNTY POLICE & EMT REPORTS PROVIDED BY THE MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Jasper Council members announce opposition to Mid-States Corridor as poll information released

Members of the Property Rights Alliance, the Stop the Mid-States Corridor Coalition, and residents gathered at the Dubois County Courthouse to announce the results of a recent poll regarding the proposed highway. Along with the polling results, Phil Mundy, President Pro Tempore of the Jasper Common Council, and fellow council members, Chad Lueken and Vince Helming, publicly announced their opposition to the proposed Midstates Corridor. Conducted by Raleigh, N.C.-based Public Policy Polling, the poll was funded by donations from residents and members of the Property Rights Alliance and the Coalition Against the Mid-States Corridor. According to organizers, Public Policy Polling

contacted registered voters in Dubois County via text and phone calls. Respondents were asked about their support for the corridor, their support for politicians who supported it, which candidate they supported for President in the most recent election, and how they rated Gov. Mike Braun's performance as Indiana's governor, among other questions. There were 636 responses collected in the poll that was sent to 16,000 residents. The results are at the end of the story. "You don't make big decisions on gut feelings. You make them on data," said Brad Hochgesang, a software engineer who co-founded Midstates Update. "That's why we commissioned a professional poll." Hochgesang said they chose Public Policy

Polling for its accuracy in past polls, including a correct prediction of the recent New York City election. The Mid-States Corridor poll was conducted on December 16 and 17 and yielded, according to opponents of the corridor, a clear indication of residents' position on the roadway. The results show 72% strongly oppose the project, 9% somewhat oppose it, 14% support it, and 6% remain unsure. Public Policy Polling reported a margin of error of less than 4 percent. "When that many people are opposed to a project, it's probably time to listen," said Hochgesang. The Mid-States Corridor is a proposed four-lane highway that would run 23 miles through Dubois County. Early estimates for this portion sit at about \$1.1 billion, or roughly \$47 million per mile.

Supporters describe the primary justification as connectivity, including regional access, safety improvements and travel time savings. However, according to the poll, 82% of respondents said travel time savings are "not important at all," and an additional 8% said they are "not too important." The poll also reveals strong opposition to local financial responsibility for the project. If the Mid-States Corridor is built, Dubois County, Jasper, and Huntingburg may be required to assume responsibility for U.S. 231, including maintenance costs, using local tax dollars. The Indiana Department of Transportation is also seeking a 10% local match from Dubois County to support the road's construction and has stated that taking over U.S. 231

may be considered as part of that match. The poll indicated that 84% of voters oppose using local tax dollars to maintain US-231, with 78% strongly opposed. Councilman Mundy emphasized the City of Jasper's financial constraints, noting that they cut approximately \$1.5 million from the 2026 budget to keep spending flat. "We don't have the money to do that. Nobody has the money to do that," Mundy said regarding potential local contributions to the project. The poll shows voters want clarity from their elected officials on the issue: 87% say local elected officials should clearly state where they stand on the Mid-States Corridor, and 77% say they would be less likely to re-elect someone who supports the project. Mundy said he has

approached the project with an open mind over the years, attending meetings and listening to presentations from all sides. "My goal has been simple. Ask the right questions and insist on real answers," he said. "Today we finally have an answer to one of the most important questions of all. What do the people of Dubois County want?" The city council president said he has been waiting for compelling information to justify the project but has not received it. "If somebody comes with some compelling information that says this corridor is going to change, this is the way it's going to be, it's the benefit for everybody, and it's undisputable information. I would say it makes sense to me, I would agree with it," Mundy said. "But we haven't gotten that." Mundy criticized t

he project's design, particularly the inclusion of J-turns at intersections, saying it demonstrates that local safety is not the paramount concern. The inclusion of these types of turns was a clear indication for Mundy that this highway had never been about benefiting Dubois County and that the cost was too high for him to support. He said it makes sense for through traffic and multi-state connectivity, but this 30,000-foot view of the corridor's purported benefits isn't a strong argument for the potential damage it will do to the county, the councilman said. "We always use the expression the juice isn't worth the squeeze. This is one of them," Mundy said. "I don't think the juice and what it's going to cost is worth what we're going to put the county through." Mundy committed to sharing the poll results with all decision-makers involved in the project and to asking them to respond to the community's voice. "When 8 out of 10 voters vote no, the responsible response isn't to press harder, it's to listen," he said. The council president said his door remains open to new information but emphasized the need for compelling evidence to change his position.

Barr-Reeve Community Schools Hiring Corporation Secretary / Deputy Treasurer

Barr-Reeve Community Schools is seeking a professional, organized, and detail-oriented individual to serve as Corporation Secretary / Deputy Treasurer. This position serves as the first point of contact for the central office and plays an important role in supporting positive, respectful interactions with staff, families, and community members.

The Corporation Secretary / Deputy Treasurer provides essential administrative, payroll, and personnel support to ensure the smooth operation of the school corporation. The role requires a high level of professionalism, discretion, and strong interpersonal and communication skills, as this individual regularly assists employees, administrators, board members, and the public.

The position supports board operations, payroll processing, benefits coordination, and employee onboarding while working closely with the Superintendent and Corporation Treasurer. The ability to communicate clearly, respond helpfully, and maintain a courteous, solution-oriented approach is essential.

Primary Responsibilities

- Serve as the front office contact for visitors, staff, and the public
- Answer and route phone calls and manage central office correspondence
- Serve as Corporation Secretary, maintaining official board records and minutes
- Prepare and process biweekly payroll for certified and classified staff
- Coordinate employee benefits enrollment and changes

Support employee onboarding and maintain personnel records

- Track and coordinate leave documentation
- Maintain accurate payroll, personnel, and board documentation systems
- Support compliance reporting and administrative recordkeeping

Reporting Structure

- Reports directly to the Superintendent
- Receives procedural guidance from the Corporation Treasurer
- Works collaboratively with the Corporation Services Director

Hours

- 7.5 hours per day
- 260 days per year

Salary & Benefits

Salary Range: Competitive and commensurate

with experience and qualifications

Benefits Include:

- Health, dental, and vision insurance options
- Participation in Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF)
- Paid leave and vacation days
- Paid holidays
- Life Insurance

Qualifications

- Experience in administrative support, payroll, accounting, or school business operations preferred
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to manage confidential information with professionalism
- Proficiency with Google Workspace and Microsoft Office systems
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively and provide helpful, responsive support within established procedures

Additional Information

- This is a central office support position
- Workload varies seasonally, with heavier activity during payroll cycles, onboarding periods, and board meetings

Interested applicants should e-mail their resume and letter of interest to Athletic Director, Josh Thompson (jthompson@loogootee.k12.in.us).

Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2026 with the initial rounds of interviews taking place in February. Josh Thompson Athletic Director 812-295-3254 X 2498 jthompson@loogootee.k12.in.us

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A bystander in the crowd asked councilmen Helming and Lueken their positions on the corridor. Helming said he did not support it, while Lueken remarked that he had confidence the project was conceived with good intentions, while noting his mother's warning about roads paved with good intentions. Hochgesang said they were surprised by the poll results. "The results aren't ambiguous. They're not a split decision. They're not mixed. They're very decisive," he said. "And I think the scale of opposition should cause every proponent of this project to stop and reflect." We've reached out to Public Policy Polling for comment on the data and statistics, but have not yet received a response as of the publication of this article.

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To the Editor,

As the old song goes "I can see clearly now...". That's what all of our elected officials should be singing today. A recent poll of registered Dubois County voters revealed what many of us have known all along, the people of Dubois County (and Martin County) do not want the Mid-States Corridor. There will always be people who will dispute poll findings but when 4% of the registered voters are polled the results are very credible. As a comparison we accept national polling when only 0.00002% of the registered voters are polled.

I make this point because 18 WTJS added a disclaimer to the poll results and asked for a comment from INDOT's Natalie Garrett. Ms. Garrett's official comment was "Currently, identified alternatives are undergoing further study and evaluation via the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and very early coordination and planning in underway with industry partners. The Mid-States Corridor project remains a priority for the state, aiming to improve regional connectivity and safety, and support economic development in Southern Indiana. The project team encourages public input throughout all stages of the project." In other words we (INDOT) don't care.

As the articles in the local media, print and electronic, have stated, the results also indicate that any politician who continues to support the project will have a very difficult road to election or reelection. The voters do not want the Corridor nor do they want their tax dollars paying for it. Overwhelmingly so!

It's time for those running for Shane Lindauer's seat, Eric Bassler's seat or county Commissioner and Councilman, Mayor or even dog-catcher to state their position publicly. It's also time for the county and



the ordinances required by law to disband the Mid-States Corridor RDA. It's time for Gov. Braun, Hank Menke, Mark Schroeder and Ken Mulzer to graciously accept defeat.

The poll results are a cumulation of negative data that this year has swamped INDOT's and the RDA's best efforts to ram through an unpopular, unneeded, and expensive highway. They have failed to prove it's enhanced safety, it's time savings or it's costs. At every turn they have been disingenuous and figured the people of Dubois, Martin and Daviess counties were just a bunch of dumb hicks.

"It's now or never...", as another old tune goes, to end the charade of a public works project. The people are speaking and will soon be voting. Stop the Mid-States Corridor, now. End the Mid-States Corridor RDA, now. Stop/end the constant outlay of public funds for study after study, now. The people are no longer speaking, they are screaming.

Let's remember as we enter 2026, our nations 250th birthday, what our founding fathers were trying to achieve. A nation of the people, by the people and for the people. The Mid-States Corridor is none of these.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

SPORTS

Loogootee Lions Get Two Wins Over Hatchets and Hawks; JV Splits

The Varsity boys basketball team had a successful weekend on the hardwood. They traveled to Washington on Friday night and came home with a 53-41 victory over Washington. On Saturday they traveled to the Hawk's Nest and topped Springs Valley 54-45 in overtime. With the wins the Varsity improved to 6-2 on the season. Against the Hatchets Will Lyon led the Lions with 21 points and AJ Foster chipped in with 19. Seth Salmon had 8 points and 12 rebounds. Christian Garcia chipped in with 5. "I was really pleased with our poise all night long. We got off to a great start and really maintained the lead well throughout the night," said Coach Thompson of the win over

the Hatchets. "They have a very nice ball club and are going to get better throughout the year. They've had some really tight games with some very good teams here early." "I thought Will had a fantastic game on both ends. He had 21 points, but what most people don't recognize is how good he can be defensively. He can cause problems for people with his length and athleticism," said Thompson. "AJ played very well for us and had some big baskets throughout the night. Salmon was an absolute beast out there. He had 8 points,

but his 12 rebounds were so huge for us against their size inside," continued Coach Thompson. "Lucas Helderman also came in and gave us some huge minutes off the bench when Garcia was battling foul trouble." Unfortunately for the Lions, they lost point guard Cooper VanHoy with an ankle sprain with just under 40-seconds to go in the game. "Obviously, we hate to see Coop go down like that. He didn't score a single basket, but his poise with the ball all night was very good and his improvement really helped us

tonight. This was just a total team effort by the guys and our best game of the year," Coach Thompson continued. On Saturday, playing without the injured VanHoy, the Lions headed over to Springs Valley to take on a 3-2 Blackhawk team who was coming off a big win over Perry Central at home on Friday. The Lions got off to a great start and led 12-4 at the quarter and 20-7 at half. "I thought our defense was tremendous in the first half," said Thompson. "Our attention to detail was great." The second half was a different story. "The wheels came off for us in the 3rd

and 4th quarter. We were struggling offensively and turned it over way too much. Then, when we needed to get stops, we were making silly plays that we didn't make in the first half," said Thompson. AJ Foster made a big go ahead basket for the Lions to make it 45-43, but the Blackhawks caught a break and went to the line with a chance to win it with 1.8 on the clock. Fortunately, the Hawks missed one of the three free tries before Will Lyon's heave from half-court was just off the mark and the game went to OT. In OT, the Lions outscored the Blackhawks 9-0 and were able to win by the final tally of 54-45. AJ Foster led the Lions with 21 points. Will Lyon had 14 and Christian Garcia had 9. Gabe Walton made two threes and finished with 6 points. Seth Salmon and Noah Hager each had a basket. "Here's the thing. We played great defense in the first half and didn't finish

the way we want to, but ultimately we made the plays we needed to in order to win. I'm proud of our guys for stepping up. Everyone was playing out of position all night long. We had (Lucas) Helderman; Hager; and Walton all come in and give us big minutes in a tight game. That will make us better as we enter the next third of the season," said Coach Thompson. The JV Lions gained a split over the weekend. They played well at Washington on Friday, especially in the first half, but fell to the Hatchets 54-45. Rhett Whitney led the JV Lions with 11 points. Clayton Miller and Chase Miller each had 8 apiece. Carter Downey had 5. Noah Hager and Garrison Graber each had 4. Gabe Walton added 3 and Lucas Helderman had a basket to round out the Lion scoring. On Saturday, the outcome was better for the JV Lions. They overcame a very sluggish start to win 50-36 over

Springs Valley. Chase Miller led the JV Lions with 14 and Rhett Whitney had 12. Noah Hager had 7 points; Clayton Miller 6; 4 each for Carter Downey and Gabe Walton; and Lucas Helderman had a 3. With the split on the weekend, the JV Lions are now 3-3 on the season. The Lions will now be off until after Christmas when the JV and Varsity travel to Mitchell for the Cement City Classic on Monday/Tuesday, December 29th/30th. Their first home game after the new year will be when they entertain Vincennes Rivet on Saturday, January 3rd

Loogootee Junior High Boys Basketball Finish 2025 with Wins over Chargers

The 7th and 8th grade boys headed to Pike Central on Monday night and came back to Martin County with two wins. The 7th graders 40-4 and the 8th grade won 53-27. In the 7th grade contest, Mason Mathias led the Lions with 13 points. Jack Divine had 9; Garrett Downey had 5; 4 each for Kaleb McCloskey and Liam Strange; Kendall Wilson had 3; and August Weitkamp had a basket to round out the 8th grade Lion scoring attack. Knox Jeffers paced the 8th graders with 18 points. Jaxon Foster had 10 to join Knox in double figures. Holden Lingenfelter had 8. Ayden Gilliland had 6; Hunter Walton 4; Landon Stemen 3; and Jackson Lengacher and Hiram Tedrow each had a basket. The 7th grade finished the 2025 slate 9-1 and the 8th graders finished 8-1. The 7th/8th grade Lions will be off until the new year when they head to Shoals on January 5th.

Loogootee C-Team Gets Win at Bloomfield

The boys C-Team traveled to Bloomfield on Saturday morning and came home with a win over the Cardinals. The final tally was 50-32 and the C-Team improved to 1-2 on the season. Jaxon Smith had the hot hand for the Lions with 15 points. Chase Miller had 10 for the Lions in just one quarter of action. Garrison Graber added 9 points and Rhett Whitney had 7. Carter Downey; Elijah Brewer; Bryce Christmas; and Bode Graber each had a basket for the Lions. The Lions will return to action on January 5th when they host Mitchell.



Martin County & Courts

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Monday, December 15, 2025

1:03 a.m.- Received a call from Johnson Control advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. LPD Officer Reynolds responded.

4:39 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 Daviess Community Hospital.

9:05 a.m.- Received a report of possible trespassing in Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

9:57 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane Naval 911.

11:45 a.m.- Received a report of a possible fire South of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

11:57 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and LPD Chief Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:33 p.m.- Received a report of a possible neighbor dispute in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

3:34 p.m.- Marshal Copeland and Reserve Marshal Linch on station with Mackenzie Crane, a 31-year-old female from Shoals, arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

4:26 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Indian Creek Fire Department, Captain Gibson, Deputy Clark and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

4:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a trespasser in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

5:02 p.m.- Received a call from ADT Monitoring System advising of a residential burglar alarm Southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

5:04 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

5:10 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

5:13 p.m.- Received a report that Shoals Community Schools will be operating on a two-hour delay tomorrow.

5:34 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard West of Shoals. Marshal

Copeland responded. 5:55 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male South of Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

12:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane Naval 911.

7:12 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:27 a.m.- Received a call requesting officers in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and LPD Officer Purcell responded.

10:01 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller and Jail Commander Gregory transported three inmates to court.

10:47 a.m.- Jail Commander Gregory transported one inmate to court.

1:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane Naval 911.

1:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller, Sergeant Hawkins, LPD Chief Wagoner, LPD Officer Purcell, Big John's Towing and a Dubois County deputy responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

2:02 p.m.- Received two 911 calls from a Daviess County address. Transferred the calls to Daviess County 911.

3:08 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane Naval 911.

3:32 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle South of Loogootee. Big John's Towing responded.

5:23 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane Naval 911.

6:25 p.m.- Jail Officer Mooneyham on station with Frank Kane Jr, a 60-year-old male from Evansville, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

6:25 p.m.- Jail Officer Nick Bradley on station with Zachary Pace, a 24-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

7:50 p.m.- Received a call from Simply Safe Monitoring advising of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.

9:36 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard West of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

5:10 a.m.- Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

9:05 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported three inmates to court.

10:10 a.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported three inmates to court.

10:14 a.m.- ISP Master Trooper Lents on station with Alexis Morales Sanchez Abelardo, a 22-year-old male from Jasper, arrested for Operating a vehicle while never receiving a license. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

10:32 a.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

10:46 a.m.- Received a request to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:57 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

2:05 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

2:27 p.m.- Deputy Branham transported two inmates to court.

3:05 p.m.- Jail Officer Mooneyham transported one inmate to court.

4:39 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. All on-duty units were advised.

5:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Marshal Copeland and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

6:05 p.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:05 p.m.- Received a call from Simply Safe Monitoring advising of burglar alarm in Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.

9:40 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:02 p.m.- Received a call

requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Advised LPD Officer Stuckey and LPD Officer Reynolds.

Thursday, December 18, 2025

04:21 a.m.- Deputy Droke on station with Daniel Weibel, a 25-year-old male from Bicknell, arrested Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Domestic Batter, operating a Vehicle Intoxicated Endangering a Person, Operating a Vehicle with a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance or its Metabolite in the Blood. He is held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

8:17 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No patient was transported.

10:05 a.m.- Received a call requesting Law Enforcement assistance South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin and LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

11:34 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:16 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting Marion County 911. Transferred call to Marion County.

1:56 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting Marion County 911. Transferred call to Marion County.

2:46 p.m.- Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle West of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Corporal Erwin, and Deputy Branham responded.

2:54 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:20 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting harassment in Shoals. Marshal Copeland and Deputy Branham responded.

3:50 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Branham, and Marshal Copeland responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Good Samaritan Hospital.

4:00 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check Southeast of Shoals.

4:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a vehicle accident with minor damage in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

4:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an aggressive

driver. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

5:25 p.m.- Deputy Branham on station with Anthony Arvin, a 34-year-old male from Loogootee. Arrested for Intimidation, Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Bodily Injury, Domestic Battery on a Person Less than 14 Years Old, Domestic Battery on a Person Less than 14 years old, Pointing a Firearm, and Domestic Battery. He is held without bond.

5:47 p.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down in the roadway Southeast of Loogootee. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:02 p.m.- Received a call reporting a scam in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

6:57 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Marshal Copeland, and Deputy Branham responded. No one was transported.

7:30 p.m.- Received a call reporting a low hanging tree South of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:39 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:43 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

11:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down in the roadway Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Droke and Shoals Fire Department responded.

Friday, December 19, 2025

12:53 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Droke, and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

2:50 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Reynolds, and Deputy Droke responded. No one was transported.

4:06 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Daviess County. Call was transferred to Daviess County 911.

6:43 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

6:43 a.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down across the roadway East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:46 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

7:59 a.m.- Received

a call reporting a deer accident in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

8:30 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

9:28 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

10:27 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:45 a.m.- Transport Officer Norman transported one inmate to Evansville for a medical appointment.

3:11 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

4:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injury Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash, Shoals Fire Department, Conservation Officer Fuhrman, and Big John's Towing responded.

6:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:55 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance West of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee entering Dubois County. Call was transferred to Dubois County 911.

10:35 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Colin Clingerman, a 21-year-old male of Shoals. He was arrested for Resisting Law Enforcement with a Motor Vehicle, Neglect of a Dependent, Reckless Driving, Possession of Marijuana. He was held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

10:51 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injury South of Shoals. Deputy Droke, Shoals Fire Department, and Big John's Towing responded.

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4:24 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Knox County Sheriff's Office. Call was transferred to Knox County.

9:14 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard in Lawrence County. Advised Lawrence County Dispatch.

9:18 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless

driver traveling West of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

10:21 a.m.- Received a call reporting a loose cow North of Shoals. Owner was contacted.

11:52 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:58 p.m.- Received a call reporting property damage South of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

4:08 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

5:25 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

5:31 p.m.- Received a call reporting property damage South of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

7:55 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

8:31 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a structure fire East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Nash, Deputy Droke, Martin County Civil Defense, Lost River Fire Department, and Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

9:06 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County Dispatch.

11:09 p.m.- Received a call reporting a deer accident West of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:06 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:20 a.m.- Received a call reporting an incident in Daviess County.

10:20 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

10:37 a.m.- Received two accidental 911 calls South of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

11:01 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:09 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:55 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:57 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

3:55 p.m.- Received a call reporting a loose dog in Loogootee. Owner was contacted.

4:16 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

5:21 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

6:07 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

6:55 p.m.- Received a call reporting suspicious activity in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

7:54 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

8:40 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

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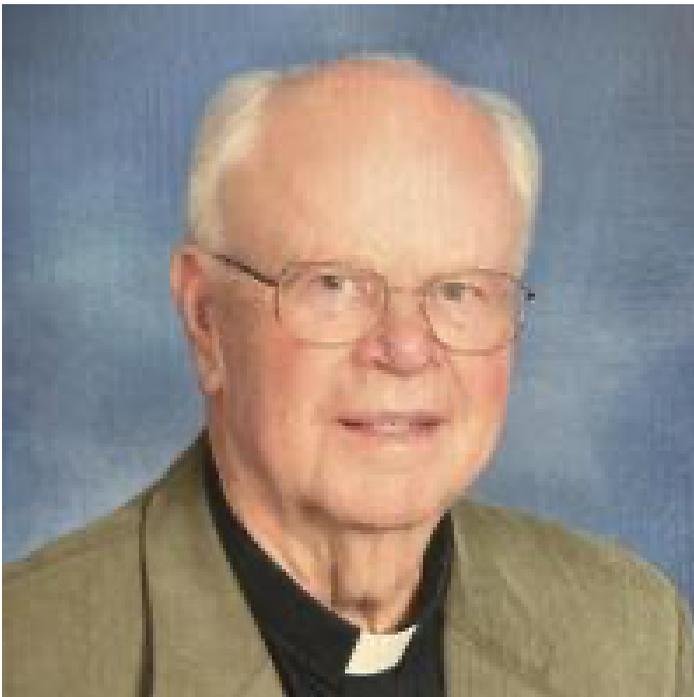
6:07 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins

Local Obituaries

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Fr. Leo C. Kiesel Abraham K Graber October 15, 1937 - December 20, 2025



Fr. Leo C. Kiesel, 88, senior priest of the Diocese of Evansville, passed away at 6:33 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at The Villages of Oak Ridge.

He was born on October 15, 1937, in the family home at Haubstadt, Indiana, to the late Leo A. and Lorine (Martin) Kiesel. Fr. Leo was the 5th of 8 children.

Fr. Leo attended St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana, The Collegium Canisianum, a Jesuit International Seminary in Innsbruck, Austria, and the University of Innsbruck.

He was ordained to the Catholic Priesthood on March 30, 1963, in Innsbruck. Returning home, he served full-time in the Diocese of Evansville until his retirement on January 1, 2003. He served at St. Mary, Holy Spirit, St. Agnes and Rex Mundi High School in Evansville; St. Martin in Chrisney; St. John in Newburgh; Saints Peter and Paul in Petersburg; Blessed Sacrament in Oakland City; St. John in Loogootee and St. Mary in Shoals. He also was the Dean of the Washington Deanery. In retirement, he assisted at parishes in Knox, Daviess, and Martin counties.

Fr. Leo was very active in the American-Innsbruck Alumni Association and served as its Secretary-Treasurer for 35 years. He had a great love of all things "Innsbruck," a very formational time in his life and priesthood.

He enjoyed golf with friends, heeding always the advice of "Tip" O'Neill, "Hit til you're happy!" He greatly appreciated the beauty of creation, especially the

mountains, oceans, beaches, and all sorts of living critters, especially the multitude which fed on and around the deck of his home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo A and Lorine Kiesel; brother, Ivan Kiesel, and sisters Elgene Bell, Vera Myer, and Sr. Mary Leon, O.S.B and Sr. Mary Jane, O.S.B. both of the Sisters of St. Benedict at the Monastery in Ferdinand, Indiana.

He is survived by his brothers Robert (Helen) and Donald (Lynn) Kiesel in addition to many nieces and nephews.

Also surviving are his "German" family, the Adolf Locher family of Tettng, Germany, as well as the community of the Sisters of St. Benedict at the Monastery in Ferdinand, Indiana.

To honor Fr. Leo's wishes, there will be no visitation. If you are not able to participate in the Funeral Liturgy, Fr. Leo asked that you stop by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church any time after 6:00 A.M on Tuesday December 23, 2025, and pray a Hail Mary for him and take a moment to reflect.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Joseph M. Siegel and concelebrated by priests of the Diocese of Evansville at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern) on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, Indiana. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery. A "Meal of Celebration" will be held after the burial in the St. John Center, Lower Level.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Diocese of

Abraham K. Graber, 91, of Montgomery, Indiana passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, December 20, 2025, in Montgomery, Indiana.

He was born on November 7, 1934, in Daviess County, Indiana to William and Leah (Knepp) Graber.

Abe married Delilah Wagler on March 27, 1958. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He enjoyed visiting with friends and spending time with family.

Abe loved taking rides in golf carts, going to auctions, gardens, and delivering tomatoes and peanuts. He was a hard worker, continuing to work until he was 78, with his last years at Knepp Builders.

Abe is preceded in death by his wife, Delilah Graber, his parents, William and Leah Graber, siblings, Edith Wittmer, Mildred Graber, Paul Graber, Pauline Wagler, Francis Graber, Maggie Graber, Lillian Knepp, Fred Graber, John Graber, Louis Graber, and granddaughter, Brittany Swartzentruber.

He is survived by his children, Karen (Gary) Mumma of Winchester, TN, Miriam (Ray) Schlabach of Sarasota, FL, Joyce (David) Miller of Sarasota, FL, Rachel (Eli) Swartzentruber of Montgomery, Indiana, and Mark (Laura) Graber, of Washington, Indiana, Lisa (Verlin) Wagler of Cannelburg, Indiana, his sister, Susanna (Amos) Wagler of Loogootee, Indiana, his sister – in-laws, Rosa Graber of Odon, Indiana, Miriam Graber of Montgomery, Indiana, Alta Graber of Montgomery, Indiana, and Delilah Lengacher of Loogootee, Indiana, 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral service will be held on Tuesday December 23, 2025 at 9:00 A.M at Parson Event Center. Visitation will begin on Sunday December 21, 2025 at 1:00 P.M and continue through Monday December 22, 2025 all at the Parson Event Center.

Evansville Bishop Relief Fund, 4200 North Kentucky Avenue, Evansville, IN 47711; Sisters of St. Benedict, 802 E. 10th St., Ferdinand, IN 47532-9239; St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 408 Church Street, Loogootee, Indiana or adopt a cat. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

To send a flower arrangement in memory of Fr. Leo C. Kiesel, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Fr. Leo C. Kiesel, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

Burial will follow in First Mennonite Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

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

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

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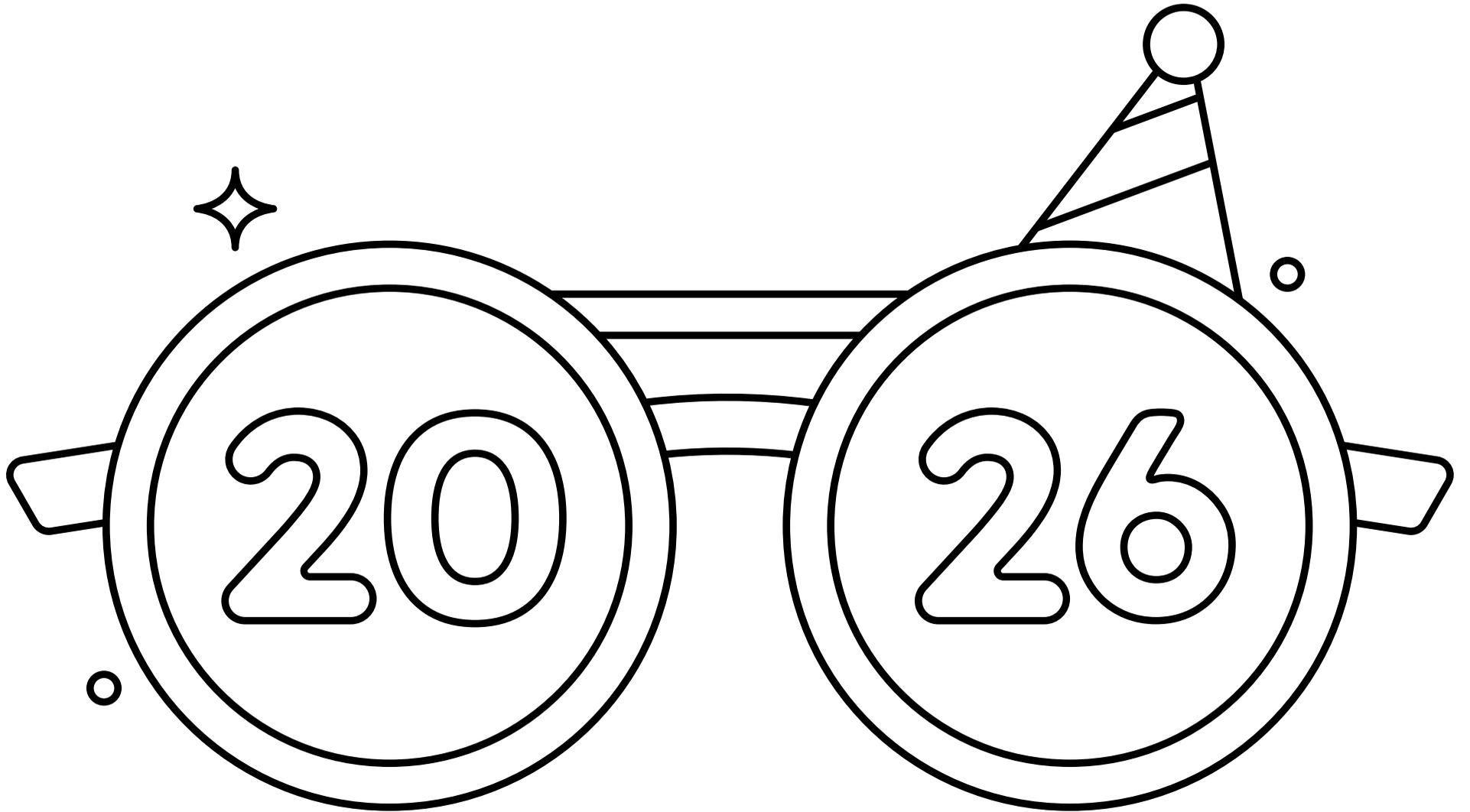
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Coloring Sheet

“Have A Happy Holiday Season!”



Across

- 1. Two-time Masters champion
- 16. Clear winner
- 17. "Keep in touch"
- 18. Some managers, briefly
- 19. Each, with "a"
- 20. Hardy follower?
- 21. "Are you ___ out?"
- 22. Leading
- 23. Vulcan's realm
- 24. University of Bologna literary lion
- 25. McCarthy era figure?
- 26. Legal right
- 27. Extends a library privilege
- 29. Radcliffe grads
- 31. Org. known for firing?
- 32. Medical suffix
- 33. Audiovisual task
- 37. Abate
- 41. Purifies, as one's soul
- 42. Deceive
- 44. Yachting prize
- 45. Bone: Prefix
- 46. ___ Landing: Philadelphia park
- 47. One of a noted trio
- 48. Baloney
- 49. Hopping mad
- 50. Cheryl et al.
- 51. Held nothing back in
- 54. "Who knows?"
- 55. Mild exclamation

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Down

- 1. More melodramatic
- 2. Articulate
- 3. Commuter's choice
- 4. Sign up for
- 5. Parts of aprons
- 6. "Botch-___": Clooney tune
- 7. Is unable to stand
- 8. More green
- 9. "CHiPs" star
- 10. Fish dish
- 11. Winter break?
- 12. Long time
- 13. "You said it!"
- 14. "1984" region
- 15. Make notches in
- 22. Boutros-Ghali's successor
- 23. "Aunt ___ Cope Book": 1979 bestseller
- 25. They're draped
- 26. Timothy Q. Mouse's pal
- 28. Père's frère
- 30. Oafs
- 33. Excluding
- 34. "Make up your mind!"
- 35. More spruce
- 36. Deduced
- 37. Grow old
- 38. Arizona product
- 39. Irish Sea inlet ___ Bay
- 40. Letter
- 43. Hospital worker
- 46. City on I-15
- 47. Immense expanses, in poetry
- 49. Prefix with -logue
- 50. Focusing agent
- 52. H.S. course
- 53. Some coll. degrees

Crossword Puzzle #23