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Mid-States Corridor and the Dubois County Council

To the Editor,

A special Dubois County Council meeting was held on Monday December 29, 2025. The only agenda item was a "presentation" by the Mid-States Corridor RDA's legal counsel, Mr. Bill Kaiser and it's Chairman, Mr. Mark Schroeder. It was unclear what the purpose of the meeting was; but, Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Schroeder spoke for over an hour and forty-five minutes about the RDA, the recent Public Policy Poll and other issues related to the RDA.

Mr. Kaiser noted that the RDA law requires that within 12 to 18 months of the end of the RDA's term, it, the RDA, must be reapproved by the entities involved. He indicated that the law is not clear about the method or the timing. This is a rather disingenuous statement, as the law is very clear. Indiana Code 36-7.6-2-5 provides clear and direct verbiage for continuing or ending an RDA. How can an attorney not understanding the following:

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Former Loogootee City Mayor, Don Bowling, Passes Away at 97



Mayor Donald Bowling passed away on December 27, 2025, at the age of 97, at Poplar Care Center in Loogootee. Don was born in Loogootee, Indiana on July 19th, 1928, the fifth of seven children of Harry and Bridget (Mattingly) Bowling, and the last surviving. His brothers were John William (Ardis) Bowling, Jim (Orvilla) Bowling, Jack Bowling, and Lester Bowling, and his sisters were Margie (Ralph) Sherfick and Dorothy (Bob) Hortie. Don was a lifelong resident of the Loogoo

He was a lifelong member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. In 1950, he married Patricia Jean Summers, and together they had four children. Pat passed away in 1972, and in 1986 he married Patricia Ann Wininger, who preceded him in death in 2019, and who had two children of her own. Don was also preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, his son, Terry Bowling, his son-in-law, Terry Marley, his stepdaughter, Debbie Harmon, his stepson's wife, Julie Wininger, and several nieces and nephews.

Don is survived by three of his children, Dr. Frank (Mary Sue) Bowling, Christine (Terry) Marley, and Dr. Stacey (Andrea) Bowling, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his stepson, Ronnie Wininger, and dozens of nieces, nephews, and step-grandchildren.

After graduating from Loogootee High School in 1947, Don entered the workforce, eventually going to work for Tom Sherfick as a jukebox

service technician. In this job Don traveled all over southern Indiana, meeting new people at diners and businesses in dozens of towns, an experience which would prove to be valuable training for the rest of his working life. In 1955, Don made a big career switch, going to work at the new National Gypsum plant in Shoals. At National, he worked all over the plant, warehouse, and mine, including long and successful stints running the stockroom and serving as the Financial Secretary of the United

Loogootee City Council Reviews Policies and Honors Long- Serving Officials

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee City Council convened Tuesday night in a meeting that combined routine municipal business with significant updates to city policies and heartfelt farewells to long-serving officials. The session, which included the approval of claims, adoption of key ordinances, and appointments for the year 2026, also introduced new officers and concluded with gratitude for outgoing members. Council Leadership and Routine Business

The meeting began with a moment of silence to honor the life of former Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling, who passed away last week at the age of 97. Then, after a short moment of silence, the meeting started with the board discussing customary procedures, including roll call. Council President Dave Smith, Mayor Brian Ader, Carol Rayhill, Mary Holland, Mark McAtee, the Clerk Treasurer Lori Corrico, and Attorney Steve Teverbaugh were among those present. After a moment of silence to honor community members, the council quickly moved to approve the claims docket. "You have a docket in front of you," a council member said. "I did email that to you. I said there may be changes or something added today, but nothing was added. So this is exactly what you had to review in that email." Another member affirmed, "I'll make a motion that the claims are approved as presented."

The claims were approved unanimously, and the council proceeded to new business, beginning with the election of council president for the coming year. "I nominate Dave Smith to be council president," one member stated, a motion that was quickly seconded and approved. Employee Handbook Changes: Flexibility for New Hires

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BOWLING & HIS
LIFE TO SERVICE
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Cement, Lime, and Gypsum Workers union. In his final years at National Gypsum, Don served as the plant's Personnel and Safety Supervisor, where he honed his already-sharp skills at dealing with people in sometimes-difficult situations. This turned out to be the longest of Don's careers, as he worked at National Gypsum for 35 years before temporarily retiring in 1990 at age 62. Those who knew Don well in those years could have told you that "retirement" was not possible for Don. In the end,

all he really did was tee area. shift gears. Instead of working at a paying job, he devoted his time and energy to volunteer efforts: serving the Knights of Columbus as Grand Knight, 4th Degree Faithful Navigator, and bingo caller, visiting the sick and elderly as a volunteer for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, where he also served as President of the SVPD food bank, trust fund, and thrift store, among other things. As Don's 75th birthday approached in 2003, he did what no normal 75-year-old would do: he decided to run for Mayor of the City of Loogootee. He privately voiced concerns that maybe he was "too old", but for anyone who saw him on a daily basis, working with the energy of a man half his age, Don's age was not a concern. He won that election, and was elected to a second term in 2007. As Loogootee's Mayor, Don Bowling worked tirelessly f

or the citizens of Loogootee and the entire region. In a time of great economic uncertainty, global recession, and shrinking budgets, he guided Loogootee through the completion of many projects, large and small, from park and sidewalk improvements to projects to alleviate flooding caused by storm water. In addition, he was often called upon by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and Legislators at all levels to serve as the voice of "small town Indiana". Don would never admit it, but his testimony before the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission played a very large role in keeping the area's largest employer, NSA Crane, from being closed. He was instrumental in starting and growing the WestGate@Crane Technology Park, which serves as a hub of collaboration between private industry and NSA

Crane. Also, Don was a tireless champion of the Interstate 69 project that now links communities from Evansville to Indianapolis, and which promises to bring even more economic opportunities to the region. On 12/31/2011, Don retired for the second time, at the end of his second term as Loogootee's Mayor. He always loved his hometown, and was proud, to his dying day, to call Loogootee home. Even after his second "retirement", Don continued to be very active. He continued to serve on the WestGate Board of Directors as Vice President for several years, served as President of both the Martin County Alliance for Economic Development and the Martin County Senior Housing Board of Directors, and served on the Board of Directors for Hoosier Uplands Economic Development

Corporation well into his nineties. In 2016, Don was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash, one of the highest awards the State of Indiana gives. The award, signed by the Governor, was presented to Don by former Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. In 2019, Don and Patty were honored as the Martin County Chamber of Commerce "Citizens of the Year", at a ceremony headlined by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. Don was also a two-time Loogootee High School "Alumni of the Year" award winner. Mayor Bowling's final eight years were dominated by a long fight against cancer, which he used as an opportunity to make many new friends on the Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center staff. Persistent and optimistic to the end, Don will be deeply missed by all who knew him well. A Mass of Christian Burial will be

celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10:00 A.M, Saturday, January 3, 2026 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Church Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, January 2, 2025 from 4:00 P.M until 8:00 P.M at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana, and again on Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to aid Donald in his efforts to make a lasting impact on the community are invited to contribute to the Donald F., Patty A., and Patty J. Bowling fund at the Martin County Community Foundation. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Donald Bowling. To send a flower arrangement in memory of Donald



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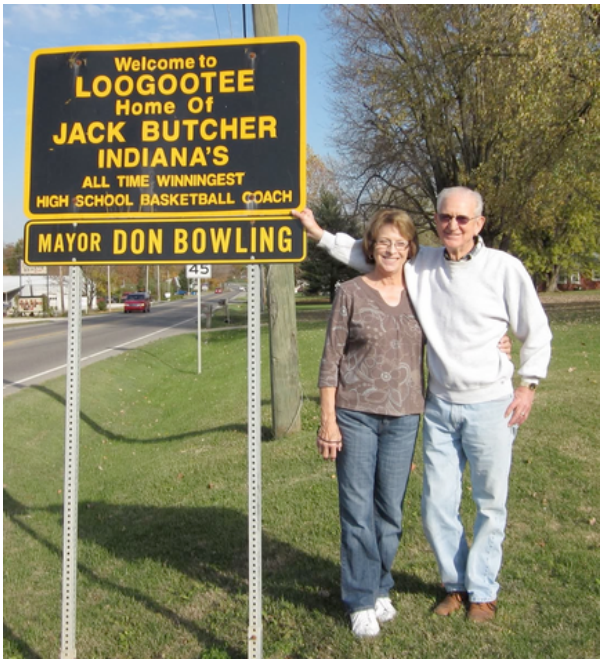
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The first major ordinance addressed amendments to the city's employee handbook, specifically regarding vacation time. The proposed change would "allow, with the approval of the Board of Works, to deviate from the vacation allotment based on years of service for the purpose of hiring employees based on years of service and other similar jobs." "This allows them, kind of a lateral move, to bring vacation days with them," another council member explained. "So we're able to

Remembering Mayor Don Bowling & His Life to Service in Loogootee

LOOGGOTEE, Ind. — The community mourns the loss of former Mayor Don Bowling of Loogootee, who passed away at the age of 97. His long life was marked by dedicated public service and significant community leadership, leaving a profound legacy that will endure for generations. A lifelong resident of Loogootee, Bowling held the office of mayor for two terms, during which he demonstrated unwavering dedication to the city's growth and welfare. At the time of his retirement, he was recognized as Indiana's oldest-serving mayor, a distinction that underscored his commitment and passion for public service. Throughout his career, Bowling worked tirelessly to promote economic development, enhance community ee.

infrastructure, and support opportunities for the youth and future generations. His leadership was a steadying force in the city's evolution, guiding it through periods of change with integrity and vision. His efforts contributed to shaping Loogootee into a thriving community, and his influence will continue to be felt for years to come. Bowling's legacy is reflected not only in his accomplishments but also in the example he set for others—demonstrating that dedicated service and community-minded leadership can make a lasting impact. His hands-on approach and genuine care for residents earned him deep respect and admiration from colleagues and citizens alike. In recognition of his contributions, the



city of Loogootee, under the leadership of Mayor Brian T. Ader and its dedicated employees, conveyed their heartfelt condolences to Bowling's family. The community is invited to pay their respects during the visitation, scheduled for Friday, January 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow on Saturday, January 3, at 10 a.m., held at St. John's Catholic Church. During this difficult time, residents are encouraged to keep the Bowling family in their thoughts and prayers, honoring a man who devoted his life to public service and community betterment. His legacy of leadership and compassion will undoubtedly serve as an inspiration for future generations in Loogootee.



Public Notice Martin County Election Board Public Meeting Scheduled for January 9, 2026

The Martin County Election Board will convene a public meeting JANUARY 9TH, 2026 AT 11:00 P.M. at the Martin County Clerk's Office, 129 Main Street in Shoals pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-5.

No Community Dinner in January at Loogootee Christian Church

There will be no free community dinner at Loogootee Christian Church in January 2026, according to the church's Facebook page. The dinner program will temporarily pause during that month. We plan to resume the free community dinners starting on February 5, 2026, and look forward to welcoming everyone back then.

Deaconess Clinic Family Medicine – Loogootee Hosting an Open House to Welcome Dr. Benjamin Stillman

The staff at Deaconess Clinic Family Medicine in Loogootee is hosting an open house to welcome Dr. Benjamin Stillman to the clinic. The event will take place on Monday, January 5th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the clinic located at 105 Cooper Street in Loogootee. The community is invited to attend and meet Dr. Stillman, who has been practicing at Petersburg Family Medicine since August 2020.



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Nurse Practitioner Dixie Stiles Joins Deaconess Memorial Medical Center

Jasper, IN. – Deaconess Memorial Medical Center is pleased to announce the addition of Dixie Stiles, DNP, MSN, FNP-BC, GNP-BC, CEN, CCRN to its medical associate staff. She has joined the hospitalist staff to oversee the care of patients who are admitted to Deaconess Memorial. Stiles received her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from University of Phoenix and her doctorate of nursing from Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, CA. She has over 23 years of bedside nursing experience including over 9 years as a nurse practitioner specializing in geriatric primary medicine and over 12 years specializing in



gastroenterology. Most recently Stiles served as a nurse practitioner providing hospitalist services in a behavioral health acute care hospital. While working as a nurse practitioner, she worked simultaneously as a registered nurse in emergency medicine for over 22 years. Stiles holds certifications as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Geriatric Practitioner, Critical Care Registered Nurse, Emergency Nurse and Legal Nurse Consultant. She is a member of the American College of Nurse Practitioners, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Emergency Nursing Association, American Geriatric Society and Sigma Theta Tau.

CONT.D City Council from pg. 1 lto hire — yeah, basically allows the Board of Works to negotiate with particular potential employees.” The motion passed with unanimous approval, a move the council hopes will make Loogootee more competitive in recruiting experienced municipal workers. Fee Schedule for Extraordinary Services The next ordinance established a new fee schedule for extraordinary services required during special events. The council outlined costs including “\$300 per street intersection that would need to be closed, covering the cost for the use of concrete barriers and cones and labor involved; \$100 flat fee per use of each electrical receptacle; restroom cleaning fee of \$50 per day; and a \$100 security deposit.” Council members emphasized the need for clear and fair fees as the city continues to host and support a variety of community events. “Motion for this ordinance?” one member prompted, quickly followed by, “I’ll make the motion. Second.” The ordinance passed without opposition.

Special Events Ordinance: New Requirements and Restrictions

Perhaps the most debated topic was amendments to the special events ordinance. Notably, the council decided to “remove from the ordinance...the requirement to map out and a special...to a removed from it is no longer a plan for emergency evacuations, and other than that, and a requirement that 100% of the special of the extraordinary services will be paid prior to the event, as opposed to 50% of the extraordinary services paid prior to the event.” Additionally, the amendment restricts event locations: “Any location besides the city park and green space may be considered with the exception that no location within 240 feet of the center of the town fountain shall be permitted as a location for special events.” Before voting, a council member raised a clarifying question: “Have we really ever defined what a special event is?” The response was immediate: “Special event is defined in the ordinance. It is defined in the ordinance.” The council

approved the changes, aiming to streamline event planning while ensuring city resources are managed responsibly. Appointments for 2026: Boards and Committees Named As the new year approaches, the council turned its attention to appointments for 2026, naming members to a lengthy list of boards and committees. These included the Board of Public Works and Safety, the Stormwater Utility Board, the Oversight Committee, the Martin County Solid Waste Board, the Land Use Planning/Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Redevelopment Commission, and several others. Among the appointments:

- “Board of Public Works and Safety: Dana Strange, Mark McAtee, Danny Clark, Brandon Carrickle, and myself.”
- “Public Works Superintendent Daniel Schultz will be replacing both since his retirement. John Wagner will carry out the role where he’s currently at until he is leaving the ninth. Is that correct? Yes, sir, yeah,

- till the ninth, and then we’ll revisit that.”
- “Eric Thomas be the fire chief. Mr. Kebaull as the city attorney. Custodian is going to be Jana. Stormwater Utility Board: Bo Wilson. Oversight Committee: Karen Hill.”
- “Martin County Solid Waste Board: myself and Mike Engleman.”
- “Land Use Planning/Planning Commission: Eric Thomas, Jimmy Hunt, Lonnie Gregory, and Dana Strange.”
- “Board of Zoning Appeals: Dana Strange, Eric Thomas, Brandon Carrickle, Jim Floyd, and Jimmy Hunt.”
- “White River Military Coordination Alliance: Dana Strange takes care of that.”
- “Community Corrections Board: myself.”
- “Emergency Advisory Board: myself.”
- “Redevelopment Commission: Dana Strange, Mark Sheets, Samantha Alvarez, Justin Carrical and Dave Smith.”
- The comprehensive list

- reflects the city’s broad range of civic activities and the council’s commitment to ensuring continuity and community involvement.

Farewells and New Faces

The meeting concluded with several members expressing gratitude for long-serving officials and welcoming new additions to the city’s team.

“I’d like to thank John for his service to the village. Good luck to you. Thank you,” one member said, while another added, “He stuck it out here. So we do appreciate.”

The introduction of new officers followed, with a council member noting, “Yeah, some of you have probably met Jared Stokey here. He’s still three. And then Bailey Reynolds here is one of our new officers. He goes to the academy January 5. He’s l6 right now. I don’t know him.” Wrapping up the session, the council extended well wishes for

the new year. “Alright, well, nothing else I make that motion. All in favor. Want to wish everybody a happy new year coming up, safe and happy new year.”

Looking Ahead

The Loogootee City Council’s actions reflect a city in transition, balancing the needs of its residents with the practicalities of municipal governance. With new leadership, updated ordinances, and a slate of appointments for the coming year, the council is positioning Loogootee for continued growth and effective management in 2026. As the city moves forward, the council’s discussions—and the voices of its members—underscore the ongoing importance of local government in shaping community life. “The purpose mainly on this was to get the claims that need to be signed,” one member summarized early in the meeting, but by the end, it was clear the evening had been about much more: tradition, change, and planning for a vibrant future.

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To the editor,

Recently a local newspaper had 2 articles about the county's roads and funding. The first article was on page A3 where it reported on INDOT's Industry Day for the Mid-States Corridor. This article, as INDOT's press releases is pro-Corridor; and, states the project has entered the "construction panning" phase. It also stated that INDOT "has developed a delivery strategy to accelerate progress". This is in violation of the federal NEPA laws, as it is indicating the inevitability of the Corridor.

The other article, on page B1 reports that Gov. Braun and INDOT were in town to present Community Crossings Awards. The state legislature set aside \$100 million for these awards. Martin County and Loogootee received \$1,727,054.40 in matching funds.. Gov. Braun stated at the ceremony "When we invest in roads and bridges through these Community Crossing grants, we're helping communities attract new jobs, support Main Street businesses and enhance quality of life." The same platitudes he expresses about the Mid-States Corridor. Just imagine how much more money Martin County, Loogootee and Shoals could receive from a 1% proportion of \$3 billion, the cost of the Mid-States Corridor.

These articles were published the week before the recent Public Policy Polling (PPP) poll was taken in Dubois County. The results of that poll are a shockwave that is going across the country like a sonic boom. Hoosiers from across the country are commenting about the poll. The main gist is that 80% of the voters are opposed to the Mid-States Corridor; and, the disapproval of Gov. Braun is not a partisan issue. Republicans as well as Democrats and Independents are opposed to both.



I point out these rather biased articles to illustrate the how partisan the local media, both print and electronic, has become to the Corridor Project as well as politics in general. We are suppose to be a nation of liberty and freedom for all. Our early founding fathers warned of political parties starting with George Washington himself in his farewell address. Washington recognized that it was natural for people to organize and operate within groups such as political parties, but he also argued that every government

has recognized political parties as an enemy and has sought to repress them because of their tendency to seek more power than other groups and to take revenge on political opponents. He felt that disagreements between political parties weakened the government. Which is exactly where we have landed 250 years later.

The Mid-States Corridor is publicly opposed project. Publicly opposed not politically opposed. Neither party wants it. The only supporters have vested personal interests such

as construction, freight movement or personal gain. As has been pointed out many times the cost does not offset the benefits. Look at just one false claim, time savings. The Corridor will save time for whom? The industries located in Dubois County will not realize any time savings, as any time savings the Corridor might provide for their products will be reduced by the time it will take to get to the Corridor. So who will benefit?

The PPP poll was telling in that Dubois County voters do not want the

Mid-States Corridor, they do not want to pay for it (matching funds), they do not want INDOT to relinquish responsibility for US 231, they are not convinced it will provide enhanced safety and most importantly, they will not vote for anyone who supports the Project.

As 2025 comes to an end, let's put political divisiveness behind us and become unified for what is best for the area regardless of party.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

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in subsection (a) must adopt an ordinance that: (1) commits the county, qualified city, third class city, or town to an additional eight (8) years as a member of the development authority, beginning at the end of the current membership period; or (2) withdraws the county, qualified city, third class city, or town from membership in the development authority not earlier than the end of the current membership period."

It seems that the RDA's legal counsel either forgot or chose not to ask the entities involved to adopt the required ordinance on time.

Mr. Kaiser went on to state that the RDA had a very limited role and that at this point there was virtually nothing else for the RDA to do. They had done all they were supposed to do. It's now in the hands of the Federal Highway Agency and INDOT. If this is the case then there really is no need for the RDA to be continued.

Mr. Schroeder spoke at length about why all of the RDA's Board members were advocates of the project. This was and is a moot point, as most every board member on every board in the country supports the ends of the board. Mr. Schroder went on to say the RDA had set-up a website even though there was no legal requirement to do so. He further stated that this done even though the RDA Board had no staff. As the RDA has no staff, how can they possibly assist the Council in it's current and future dealings with INDOT?

Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Schroeder want the RDA to continue the same as they want the Mid-States Corridor to be built. However, they both stepped on some landmines, which by federal law could make the project illegal. Until the Tier 2 EIS is fully complete and approved certain

things cannot be said or implied. This is true for INDOT as well. It cannot be put forward as the project is inevitable such as saying it has a "95% probability", it cannot be put forth as it's in the "planning" stage nor can there be any advanced acquisition of ROWs. Although Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Schroeder avoided most of these pitfalls they didn't avoid all of them. INDOT, at it's recent Industry Day, violated many of these rules.

Perhaps the egregious misrepresentation was regarding the recent poll that indicated 80% of the Dubois County citizenry are opposed to the Mid-States Corridor and any elected official who support the project. Mr. Kaiser stated that only half (16,000) of the registered voters were contacted and that only 636 of those responded, He said this represents only 2% of the registered voters in the county, thereby making the results suspect. I'm sure both Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Schroeder both have faith in national polls were they poll 3,000 voters out of 174 million voters or 0.000017%.

The County Council has extended an invitation the Property Rights Alliance (PRA) to make a rebuttal presentation at their next council meeting.

The Mid-States Corridor is wrong for Dubois, Martin and Daviess counties; and it's wrong for Indiana. It now known that the overwhelming majority do not want the Corridor and it's time for our elected officials to do their duty and represent their constituents. They must now vote to stop the Corridor and they must do it now.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

2025

A Year In The Times

Written by Editor-in-Chief

Braydyn Bear-Lents

The year 2025 proved to be an extraordinarily tumultuous period, characterized by a complex and often overwhelming blend of extraordinary adventures, profound emotional struggles, and episodes of suffering that deeply affected individuals and communities alike. These events were heavily influenced by the prevailing political culture actively shaping our society today, a culture marked by rapid change, misinformation, and growing divisions. This pervasive cultural environment has inflicted significant harm on diverse communities, particularly the impoverished populations who often bear the brunt of societal upheavals. As a result, we have seen increasing social fragmentation, heightened hardships, and a growing sense of disconnection among various groups, fostering an atmosphere of alienation and mistrust. The traditional ideals embodied by the phrase "let freedom ring" have become increasingly overshadowed by rapid advancements in Artificial Intelligence technology, which continue to revolutionize daily life and reshape industry landscapes, often raising ethical questions and debates worldwide. At the same time, ongoing conflicts overseas have dominated public

discourse and governmental policy debates, overshadowing other critical issues and adding layers of uncertainty and concern to the global community. In my hometown of Loogootee, both within the local community and through the coverage provided by The Loogootee Times, I personally witnessed a wide spectrum of scenes throughout the year—ranging from moments of remarkable achievement to heartbreaking tragedies. The closing months of 2025 were particularly emotional, marked by the passing of notable individuals such as Don Bowling, a beloved community figure; my great aunt Carolyn Bell, a compassionate and inspiring presence in our family; and Ken Nunn, a respected attorney based in Bloomington known for his dedication and public service. Their departures seemed to symbolize the fading of the old order, signaling a transition that makes space for a new generation—particularly Millennials and Generation Z—to potentially steer the world toward a path of greater progress, understanding, and unity. Both these generations have expressed a collective hope that 2026 will bring about

a renewal, reminiscent of the societal optimism and transformative shifts experienced during 2016, a year seen as a turning point by many. Throughout this year, our local newspaper has experienced a period of growth and increased engagement, reflecting a broader societal yearning for stability and inspiration. As a society, we are collectively yearning for a year that can restore hope, inspire resilience, and propel us forward with renewed momentum. We seek to forge a future rooted in compassion, driven by technological innovation, and committed to sustainable growth, all while addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by this unprecedented era.



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Loogootee Sports Schedules

Basketball (Boys V) - Cement City Classic (A) 12/30/2025 3:00 PM	Basketball (Boys 5 & 6) - North Knox (5th A&B) (H) 1/5/2026 6:00 PM
Basketball (Girls V) - Clay City Jr-Sr High School (H) 1/3/2026 12:30 PM	Basketball (Boys Fr) - Mitchell (H) 1/5/2026 6:00 PM
Basketball (Boys JV) - Vincennes Rivet Jr/Sr High School (H) 1/3/2026 2:30 PM	Basketball (Girls V) - Bloomfield Jr/Sr HS (A) 1/5/2026 6:30 PM
Basketball (Boys V) - Vincennes Rivet Jr/Sr High School (H) 1/3/2026 4:00 PM	Basketball (Girls 7 & 8) - Orleans High School (H) 1/5/2026 6:30 PM
Basketball (Boys 7 & 8) - Shoals Jr/Sr High School (A) 1/5/2026 6:00 PM	

Loogootee High School Boys Play North Harrison: Other Scores & Stats

Game Day!!!
Biggest Game of the Night
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KB Cement City Predictions
Rock Creek Academy 57, Eastern (Pekin) 48
5th Place Game — 3:00 PM
West Washington 58, Mitchell 55
3rd Place Game — 4:45 PM
Loogootee 53, North Harrison 47
Championship Game — 6:30 PM
KB Gameday Predictions
Wood Memorial 74, WRV 35
Eastern Greene 72, North Knox 38
Cement City Classic — Day 1 Scores
Loogootee 55, West Washington 52
Mitchell 72, Eastern (Pekin) 55
West Washington 77, Rock Creek Academy 55
North Harrison 73, Eastern (Pekin) 46
Loogootee 50, Rock Creek Academy 39
North Harrison 62, Mitchell 59

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(Dec. 30- USA TODAY)-
“This guy is very intelligent.” That was the thought Major Applewhite had after meeting a fellow Alabama staff member. It was 2007, Nick Saban’s inaugural year in Tuscaloosa, and Applewhite was his first offensive coordinator. Applewhite was 28 – the youngest coordinator in the Bowl Subdivision. Yet, it took five seconds for this staff member to capture Applewhite’s attention. Not only was he intelligent, he was extremely passionate, loved football and had a clear vision of what good football looks like. That guy? That would be Curt Cignetti – receivers coach and recruiting coordinator. Not many knew who Cignetti was when Saban hired him in February 2007, but the college football world knows him now. He changed Indiana football forever, turning it from the perennial loser to the top seed in the College Football Playoff. In what has become a dream season for

the Hoosiers, they are the closest they’ve ever been for a national championship. The first step in the playoff is the quarterfinal in the Rose Bowl. The opponent? None other than Alabama. It wasn’t his first coaching gig after starting in the business in 1983. It wasn’t his longest, spending just four years with the Crimson Tide. But it was perhaps his most important stop, as the team he will face on New Year’s Day built Cignetti into who he is. “It was a real important part of my journey,” Cignetti said. “I wouldn’t be where I am today without my time under Nick (Saban).” How Curt Cignetti succeeded at Alabama Cignetti arrived in Tuscaloosa after stops like Pittsburgh and North Carolina State and made an immediate impact. After a 7-6 record in Alabama’s first year with Saban, Cignetti helped bring in the guys that laid the foundation for the Crimson

Tide dynasty. He was key in the recruitment of Mark Ingram, Dont’a Hightower and Julio Jones. All guys that helped Alabama win the 2009 national championship in Saban’s third season. Cignetti wouldn’t take much credit for helping bring players that won a Heisman Trophy and had standout NFL careers, but those that worked with him let it be known how instrumental he was. “When he would bring something up, you knew it was well thought out,” Jim McElwain, Alabama offensive coordinator from 2008-11, told USA TODAY Sports. “He did a great job of the background of each player. You knew when he brought one to the table, it was one that had been vetted and one that was going to fit within the organization.” Being able to land premier recruits was one thing, but he was also able them turn into stars that could play In the NFL. Jones was SEC freshman of the year and sixth overall pick in the 2011 NFL Draft. Marquis Maze and Kevin Norwood were key pieces in multiple national championship teams. Connecting with players with unique approach It was just one season working with him, but Applewhite saw how Cignetti connected with players. He said there was a unique approach to how he handled his position group which helping both player and coach grow, building characteristics and attributes that he hadn’t thought of. “If it’s genuine and you’re really trying to make that player better, then a connection is usually created,” Applewhite said.



Curt Cignetti wouldn’t have Indiana in Rose Bowl without Nick Saban, Alabama 7

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“He had a lot of knowledge that he could disseminate to those players and in a very effective way that they knew what to do. I think players saw that as very valuable. Here’s a guy who’s upbeat, wants to coach me hard, wants to get me better. He’s consistent. What else can I ask for?”

“Players thrived underneath him there,” he added.

As a result, Cignetti made lives for his coordinators easy. As McElwain put it, if you ever have to get involved in a position group that isn’t yours, something’s wrong. That was never needed with Cignetti in the three seasons working together.

“Cig’s guys were always prepared,” McElwain said. “They knew the plan, and they played their tails off.”

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What Curt Cignetti learned from Nick Saban

Not only was Cignetti becoming a better coach, he was learning how to run an organization, “trained by one of the best” in Saban. He saw how Saban structured things and found the right pieces to build the foundation for a program that would win six national championships during his tenure.

There was plenty of knowledge to gain from Saban, who welcomed taking ideas from his assistants. But McElwain noted the Hall of Fame coach preached was you have to be you, not somebody else. Cignetti got to truly find himself and see what works and what doesn’t.

While figuring out the best methods, Cignetti stayed true to himself, and it often came across as bold. He was always trying to win the battles in practice, and if there was something he thought could be done better, he was going to say it. It may have caused some debates, but it also opened the eyes of some fellow staffers, and it

wasn’t just Saban helping others grow. Applewhite said it could be frustrating working with someone as young as he was, but Cignetti’s explanations and work ethic helped him grow. He later became a head coach at Houston and currently the head coach at South Alabama.

Becoming a head coach Saban didn’t really get what Cignetti was trying to do in January 2011 when Cignetti was in the process of getting his first head coaching job at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Saban had some questions if going to a Division II school was a good move, but Cignetti felt he was “just ready to kind of run my own show” after 28 years of being an assistant.

It was familiar ground for Cignetti. His father, Frank Sr., was the head coach there from 1980-2005. But when the younger Cignetti showed interest in the job, it even surprised then-athletic director Frank Condino, who had worked with his dad. He thought it was “really bold” for Cignetti to want it.

“I just didn’t realize how ready he was to be a head coach that time, and then I wasn’t sure why an FCS program wouldn’t have taken a chance on Curt as a head coach,” Condino said. Applewhite was at Texas at the time and knew just from one year of working together, Cignetti wasn’t just going to wait for an opportunity at a high-profile job. Besides, those that worked with him knew he had the perfect qualities to be head coach.

“There was no doubt in my mind he had all the things that it takes,” McElwain said. “You can see that some guys have it. He had it.”

At first, Cignetti did wonder if Saban was right because it was such a drastic change. Condino said his mindset was to let Cignetti control the program his way. He anticipated the coach would succeed, and it would go that way if he allowed the experienced assistant to run the show.

He did well, winning 53 games in six seasons and reaching the Division II playoffs three times. That success led to more winning at Elon and James Madison before landing in Bloomington.

Indiana success using Alabama blueprint
What Cignetti’s former co-workers love about seeing the turnaround at Indiana is he “has not changed in any way,” McElwain

said. Applewhite added he still sees the same passion, confidence and “steadfast conviction” from 2007. Cignetti admitted the blueprint of Indiana draws plenty from that time in Tuscaloosa.

“Philosophically, the program that we run here is probably a lot more the same than different than Alabama,” Cignetti said. “There’s probably not a day that goes by where I don’t draw from those experiences.”

His former colleagues will be tuned in on New Year’s Day. McElwain noted it will be the same venue they won a national championship together in the 2010 Rose Bowl against Texas, and now Cignetti gets to do it on his own. Condino said he expects the town of Indiana, Pennsylvania, to watch and root on their former coach.

There aren’t many people that could have envisioned Cignetti leading Indiana to heights its never reached before. But if you were around the mind who was ready for his shot nearly 15 years ago, it does make some sense.

“Did I see it coming? No, nobody did,” Applewhite said. “Does it totally surprise you? Knowing Curt, the kind of coach he is and knowing where college football is, it doesn’t totally surprise you. “But it’s still a phenomenal story.”

Loogootee Picks Up Fifth Consecutive Win Over Rock Creek Academy

Loogootee entered their tilt with Rock Creek Academy on Monday with four consecutive wins but they’ll enter their next game with five. They walked away with a 50-39 win over Rock Creek Academy. Given Loogootee’s advantage in MaxPreps’ Indiana basketball rankings (they are ranked 106th, while Rock Creek Academy is ranked 363rd), the result wasn’t entirely unexpected.

Loogootee’s victory bumped their record up to 8-2. As for Rock Creek Academy, they are on a five-game losing streak that has dropped them down to 1-6.

Both squads will have to hit the road in their upcoming matchups. Loogootee will venture away from home to challenge Vincennes Rivet at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. As for Rock Creek Academy, they

will take on Corydon Central at 7:30 p.m. on January 7, 2026.

Previous 5 Games

12/29/25 @ Rock Creek Academy

50-39

12/29/25 vs West Washington

55-52

12/20/25 @ Springs Valley

54-45

12/19/25 @ Washington

53-41

12/16/25 vs Eastern Greene

49-47



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Monday, December 22, 2025

2:12 a.m.- Received a call from Central Station Monitoring reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

3:27 a.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a smoke alarm East of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:39 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Captain Gibson and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:02 a.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic hazard in Loogootee. EMA Director Ringwald responded.

9:21 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:29 a.m.- Received a call requesting traffic control North of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

10:43 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

12:31 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an erratic driver on US 213N traveling North of Loogootee toward Daviess County. Daviess County Central Dispatch was advised.

2:41 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic hazard in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and Officer Seals responded.

5:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:55 p.m.- Received a call reporting a car-deer accident North of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins and Marshal Copeland responded.

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

4:12 a.m.- Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Crane Tech Park. Deputy Clark responded.

5:32 a.m.- Received a call reporting property damage North of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

9:18 a.m.- Received a call reporting suspicious activity in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

9:33 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

10:14 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

11:22 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Sergeant Hawkins, and Marshal Copeland responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:56 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check South of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins and Marshal Copeland responded.

3:52 p.m.- Corrections Officer Mooneyham on station with Garrett Carter, a 31-year-old male of Loogootee. He was arrested on a Martin County Warrant for Bond Revocation. He is held without bond.

5:57 p.m.- Received a 911 call for a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County.

8:11 p.m.- Received a call reporting an injured owl South of Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded. Conservation Officer Man was advised.

8:36 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Stuckey, LPD Officer Purcell, and LPD Officer Seals responded. No one was transported.

11:16 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Stuckey, LPD Officer Purcell, and LPD Officer Seals responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

12:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:57 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and Deputy Branham responded.

3:15 p.m.- Received a call reporting an anonymous tip. Deputy Nash responded.

3:21 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to

an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

Thursday, December 25, 2025

1:22 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check North of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

6:34 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

8:51 a.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 Medical Center.

9:01 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoal Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:44 p.m.- Received a call reporting a low hanging tree South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

3:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:01 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and Deputy Nash responded.

Friday, December 26, 2025

12:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, and Reserve Commander Gammon responded. No one was transported.

10:26 a.m.- Received a call requesting to report lost medication. Deputy Branham was advised.

10:47 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 IU Bedford Hospital.

12:20 p.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn South of Loogootee.

Haysville Fire Department was advised.

3:57 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:19 p.m.- Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle on 231S South of Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner, LPD Officer Seals, and Deputy Branham responded.

4:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Deputy Nash, and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Saturday, December 27, 2025

1:59 a.m.- LPD Officer Stuckey on station with Skyler Banks, a 23-year-old male from Springville. He was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated ACE of 0.15 or higher. He was held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

4:05 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an iPhone Crash Detection South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Droke, and LPD Officer Purcell responded. No one was transported.

6:32 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:30 a.m.- Received a call reporting a possibly intoxicated driver traveling on US 231N towards Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

11:43 a.m.- Received a call reporting an animal compliant in Indian Springs. Deputy Branham was advised.

12:10 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham was advised.

1:06 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Branham, Deputy Nash, and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.

1:55 p.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn East of Shoals.

4:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

5:29 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash was advised.

5:40 p.m.- Received a call reporting an animal compliant in Indian Springs. Deputy Nash was advised.

6:49 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Stuckey, LPD Officer Purcell, and LPD Officer Seals responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:08 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:40 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash and Deputy Droke responded.

9:42 p.m.- Received a call reporting a car-deer accident in Loogootee. LPD Officer Seals, LPD Officer Stuckey, and LPD Officer Purcell responded.

10:45 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey, LPD Officer Purcell, and LPD Officer Seals, Deputy Nash, Deputy Droke, and ISP Trooper Collins and K9 Unit Leo responded.

Sunday, December 28, 2025

1:32 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

5:34 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting suspicious activity in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

2:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting Orange County 911. Transferred call to Orange County.

2:28 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check Southeast of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

3:33 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

4:49 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

No one was transported.

5:05 p.m.- Received a call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

5:33 p.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Daniel Clifton, a 40-year-old male from Loogootee. He was arrested by Lawrence County Sheriff's Department on a Martin County Warrant for Probation Violation. He is held without bond.

6:04 p.m.- Received a call reporting a car-deer accident North of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

6:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible vehicle accident South of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

7:30 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting Daviess County 911. Call was transferred to Daviess County 911.

7:53 p.m.- Received a call reporting a down tree across the roadway North of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

8:16 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down across the roadway in Daviess County. Daviess County Dispatch was advised.

8:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a down power pole in Daviess County. Daviess County Dispatch was advised.

8:38 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down across the roadway in Daviess County. Daviess County Dispatch was advised.

11:51 p.m.- Received a call reporting an abandoned vehicle North of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

Local Obituaries

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Viola Ruth Embree

*December 27, 1953 -
December 27, 2025*

Viola Ruth Embree, aged 72, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away at her residence on Saturday, December 27, 2025. She was born at home on December 27, 1953, in Mitchell, Indiana, to Osmo C. Petty and Violet (Holt) Petty. She married Luther Ray Embree on December 19, 1970, in Indiana. Viola devoted her life to caring for others, both at home and through a long, fulfilling career as a registered nurse. She was a generous and compassionate person, always willing to help those in need. Viola was tough and resilient, and it was her strength and love that carried her through life's many hardships. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, crocheting, reading, and cooking. Above all, Viola deeply cherished the time she spent with her family, holding those moments closest to her heart. Viola is survived by her only child, Candace Embree (Scott Holman), of Kentucky; two sisters, Sandra Sherfick, and Opal "Suzy" Mesarosh; and several nieces and nephews. Viola was preceded in death by her father and mother; her husband, Ray Embree; and siblings Kenny Holt, Donna Kent, Robert Sherfick, Berta Davis, Roscoe Petty, Osmo Petty, Brenda Petty, Tammy Bledsoe, and Diana Riker. A memorial for Viola will be held at a later date. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Viola Embree.



Sue Anne Myers

**March 29, 1941
December 28,
2025**

(Provided by Meng Family Funeral Home)

Sue Anne Myers, 84, of Odon, passed away peacefully on December 28th, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family at Ketcham Memorial Center. Born March 29th, 1941 to Ernest Woodsmall and Marguerite Harris (George Cates), Sue lived a full and vibrant life marked by passion, determination, and deep love for those closest to her. She married the love of her life, John Myers, on September 20th, 1973. Together they shared over 50 years of love and memories with their children: Tammy (John) Fricke; Terry (Randy) Huff; Mark (Teresa) Myers; and Bruce (Angie) Myers. Sue was a woman of strong convictions and took great interest in politics, always eager for thoughtful conversation and never afraid to stand up for what she believed in. In 1988, she served as a presidential elector for the 8th district. Sue was also a proud business owner, running The Clothes Patch and The Odon Journal with dedication, style and heart. She loved connecting with people and had a gift for making others feel confident and seen – whether through a conversation or outfit. Sue loved her community, heading fundraisers for things like streetlights on Main Street and the emergency siren in Odon. She served as president of the Odon Business Alliance for many years. An avid sports fan, Sue rarely missed a game and enjoyed cheering on her favorite teams, often surrounded by her family and friends. Her greatest joy, however, was time spent with those she loved most. Family meant everything to Sue, and she will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, sister, and grandmother whose love knew no bounds. Sue is survived by her husband; children; brother, Robert (Pat) Woodsmall; 9 grandchildren: Derek Myers; Morgan Wininger; Macy (Michael) Wilson; Adam Myers; Emily Myers; Christa (Todd) Curtis; Brooke (Jared) Pyne; Lindsay (Shane)

Skinner; Dani Fricke; and 5 great-grandchildren: Riley Stoll; Madison Wilson; Remy Wilson; Arie Wilson; Maevyn Wilson. She is preceded in death by her parents; 2 children: Wendell Speer and Angela Speer; and grandson, Jordan Wininger. Services to honor Sue will be held on Friday, January 2nd, 2026 at Meng Funeral Home in Odon with visitation from 11am until 1pm. Funeral service will begin at 1pm. Sue will be laid to rest at Walnut Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor her memory by donating to Ketcham Memorial Center. Though she will be deeply missed, Sue's legacy lives on in her family, her community, and all who were fortunate enough to know her. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.mengfuneralhome.com.

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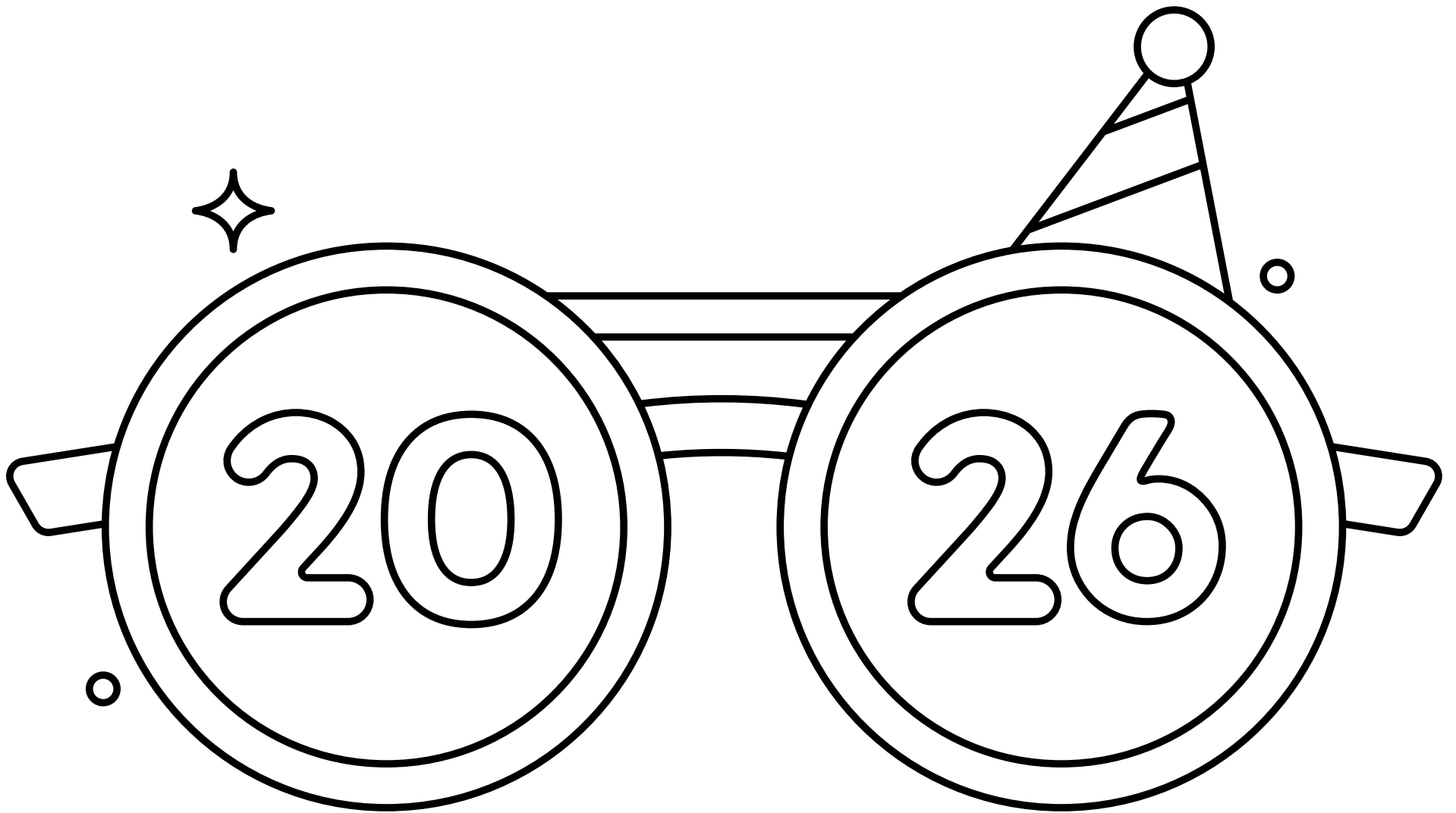
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- Across**
- 1. Rude response
 - 5. Auction site
 - 9. Houlihan's rank
 - 14. 1949 defense org.
 - 15. Ivy League university
 - 16. Public persona
 - 17. One of Lawrence's men
 - 18. And others, abbreviated
 - 19. Move crabwise
 - 20. Former U.S. Open tennis site
 - 23. Comic strip sound
 - 24. Like most green tomatoes
 - 25. Crouch
 - 27. Blanks' fitness program
 - 30. Kopecks' superiors
 - 33. Broadway abbreviation
 - 36. Irish and oyster, e.g.
 - 38. Ornamental coronet
 - 39. Certain car payment
 - 41. Divine rings
 - 43. Tizzy
 - 44. Trojan saga
 - 46. Instruct
 - 48. Pebble Beach prop
 - 49. Accelerated (with "up")
 - 51. Common characteristic
 - 53. Have some home cooking
 - 55. Peruse again
 - 59. Creative course
 - 61. Ireland's nickname
 - 64. Becker of tennis
 - 66. Part of a military command
 - 67. Quark's place
 - 68. Happening
 - 69. Mild expletive
 - 70. Carson's successor
 - 71. Wintry numbers
 - 72. Sapphire's mo.
 - 73. Exercises one's pupils

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- 1. Muddlement
 - 2. All-time homer leader
 - 3. Beatle surname
 - 4. "Amen"
 - 5. Some canines
 - 6. Photo solution
 - 7. Jai ____
 - 8. Whoops and hollers
 - 9. Blow an opportunity
 - 10. End of Jack's boast
 - 11. Succulent household shrub
 - 12. Cad's look
 - 13. Give off, as an odor
 - 21. Where people shape up
 - 22. Env. enclosure
 - 26. Kyoto ties
 - 28. Rhythm
 - 29. Little hooter
 - 31. Pennsylvania port
 - 32. Fully satisfy
 - 33. Show life
 - 34. Hollywood opening?
 - 35. Source for a symbol of peace
 - 37. Plummet's opposite
 - 40. Volcanic effluent
 - 42. Rhett's belle
 - 45. Profoundly dislikes
 - 47. Hurried
 - 50. Kind of wit or view
 - 52. Ordeals
 - 54. Meeting them is a good thing
 - 56. Cosmetics first name
 - 57. Sans companions
 - 58. Audition tapes
 - 59. Connive with a criminal
 - 60. Go from pillar to post
 - 62. Barely done
 - 63. Promptness prompter
 - 65. Wayside stop

Crossword Puzzle #24