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Loogootee Athletics Reschedules Sporting Events Due to College Football National Championship Game

ANNOUNCEMENT
Courtesy of Loogootee
High School Athletics:

In support of the IU
football team, and their
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Game next Monday
1/19/26, we have moved
all athletic events
scheduled for that night.
This will enable our
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The following games
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Girls 5th/6th vs. Jasper
6th A&B - moved to
Wednesday 1/21/26 at
6PM in the Activity
Center
Girls JV vs. Washington
Catholic - moved to
Wednesday 1/21/26 at
6PM in Jack Butcher
Arena

Boys C-Team vs.
Evansville Christian -
moved to Wednesday
1/21/26 at 7PM in Jack
Butcher Arena
Girls 7th/8th @ Barr-
Reeve - moved to
Tuesday 1/27/26 at BR -
Kavanaugh Kourt
Boys 6th Grade @ Pike
Central - still looking for
date

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Daviess County Fair Officially Retires After 75 Years



The Daviess County Fair, Inc. has announced its official retirement after 75 years of operation, citing a range of challenges that made continuation unsustainable. In a Facebook post sent this morning, the organization in Elnora explained that a combination of declining community support, volunteer shortages, difficulties in securing carnival operators, and a negative environment contributed to the decision.

"After extensive discussion and careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to retire the fair," the post read. "In recent years, the lack of community support, significant volunteer shortages, increasing difficulty securing carnival operators, and an environment where negativity consistently outweighed positive engagement made it no longer sustainable to continue responsibly." The fair has long relied heavily on volunteers and community involvement.

However, the Facebook message noted that these vital elements continued to dwindle, while criticism and complaints increased. "Unfortunately, those essential elements continued to decline, while criticism and complaints increased, often without a willingness to assist, volunteer, or support the fair in meaningful ways," the post stated. Throughout its history, countless local residents, board members, sponsors, exhibitors, and families dedicated their time and effort to ensuring the fair's success.

The organization expressed gratitude to all those who contributed over the decades. "We sincerely thank those who gave their time, energy, and support throughout its 75-year history," the post said. "Their efforts, commitment, and dedication will always be appreciated and remembered." The organization also announced that any remaining funds would be donated to local groups and charities, as decided by the board.

HAMILTON OFFERS AMENDMENT TO GIVE HOOSIERS A VOICE ON CONTROVERSIAL ROAD PROJECT

INDIANAPOLIS – On Jan. 12, 2026, State Rep. Carey Hamilton (D-Indianapolis) offered an amendment that would require Hoosiers to approve state funding for the Mid-States Corridor Project via public question on the November 2026 general election ballot. This comes after the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced last week that they had to cancel over 340 scheduled projects across the state. Meanwhile, the unpopular Mid-States Corridor Project would cost taxpayers over \$3.4 billion dollars. The amendment was struck down on procedural grounds.

"Public input is key to our democracy," Hamilton said. "House Bill 1019, the underlying bill, allows Hoosiers to weigh in on judge residency requirements. Why not allow them to weigh in on pricey taxpayer-funded projects?"

"INDOT recently canceled over 340 scheduled road projects – projects in our districts that were going to make our communities safer, build better infrastructure and lower costs for Hoosiers. We didn't have enough money for these projects, but we were able to find \$3.4 billion for a project that Hoosiers do not want. Public polling has shown that the residents of communities impacted by this new highway are overwhelmingly opposed.

"Given the time-sensitive nature of this issue with INDOT seeming to rush this project through, this is a good way and probably the only way to allow taxpayers to give input on a project that may place a financial burden on their community.

"I believe that we must make investments that will lead to a strong economic future for our state. However, those investments must weigh the cost to communities, property owners and taxpayers against potential economic benefit. It is unclear whether this project will truly benefit the communities and taxpayers that will bear the cost. Before this project gets rushed across the finish line, let's ask the taxpayers directly if they approve of their money being used in this way."

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“Any remaining funds held by the organization will be donated to local groups and charities as determined by the board,” the post added. Looking ahead, the fair’s closure marks the end of an era, but its legacy remains embedded in the history of Daviess County. “With this chapter now closed, the legacy of the Daviess County Fair remains part of our county’s history,” the Facebook statement concluded. The organization emphasized that comments

on the post would be turned off and confirmed that the decision was final, stating the board would not engage in further public debate. “Comments will be turned off on this post. This decision is final, and the board will not engage in further public debate regarding this matter,” the message read. Despite the closure, many community members expressed appreciation for the years of tradition the fair provided. Among those reflecting on the announcement was local resident and former attendee Jane Smith, who said, “The fair has been a part of our community for generations. It’s sad to see it go, but I understand the challenges they faced.” Others echoed similar sentiments, recalling fond memories of the annual event. The fair has historically been a highlight for families and visitors alike, offering a variety of attractions, rides, and entertainment. Organizers hope

that the spirit of the fair will live on through community efforts and local traditions. In the coming weeks, community members and organizations are expected to discuss ways to honor the fair’s legacy and possibly develop new events that celebrate the region’s history and culture. As Daviess County bids farewell to a beloved event, the organizers express gratitude to everyone who supported it over the years. “Thank you to those who supported the fair over the years,” the Facebook post concluded. “Your support has meant a great deal to us and the community.” The future of local festivals and community gatherings remains uncertain, but the end of the Daviess County Fair marks a significant moment in the area’s history.

DEACONESS MEMORIAL PLACES TEMPORARY VISITOR RESTRICTIONS AS FLU CASES RISE

In response to a steady increase in flu activity and RSV, Deaconess Memorial Medical Center, along with all Deaconess facilities, is joining several other hospitals across the Tri-State to begin temporary restrictions for visitors. Influenza-like illness reported by patients at hospital emergency departments in the area is on the rise.

These temporary visitor restrictions are being implemented to help limit exposure and spread of these illnesses and to help protect hospital patients and staff. These restrictions are in effect immediately.

The restrictions include:

- No visitors with symptoms of illness such as sudden onset of fever, cough,

- headache, muscle and joint pain, sore throat and runny nose.
 - No visitors under the age of 16. Visitors should check the hospital’s website or call the facility in advance to learn more about its specific restrictions and any exceptions.
- The policy is designed to help protect the most vulnerable patients from respiratory viruses. As with any time of the year, a visitor who is not feeling well should stay home. Visitors should observe the standard practices of washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes when around others. Masks will be provided for guests by the facility.
- Vaccines are currently available for flu, RSV (Respiratory

- syncytial virus) and COVID-19. Individuals should talk with their medical provider about vaccines and which ones are recommended for them based on age and other factors.
 - According to the CDC, the 2025-2026 flu season is the most severe in 25 years, but Deaconess Memorial is also seeing an uptick in hospitalizations from RSV and Covid-19. Vaccines may not prevent an infection but can help with symptom management.
 - Key Health Reminders:
 - Thoroughly wash your hands
 - If you are feeling ill, mask up/limit social gatherings
- Cover coughs and

- sneezes when around others
 - Get tested when you exhibit symptoms
 - Special arrangements can be made with each facility to allow additional visitors or younger visitors based on circumstances, such as births or end of life.
- ABOUT DEACONESS HEALTH SYSTEM:** Deaconess Health System is a premiere provider of health care services to a population of more than 1.5 million in southwestern Indiana, western Kentucky and southeastern
- Illinois. The system – based in Evansville, Indiana – includes 22 hospitals – among them Deaconess Midtown Hospital, Deaconess Gateway Hospital, The Women’s Hospital, Deaconess Henderson Hospital, Deaconess Memorial Medical Center and numerous other hospital affiliates. Deaconess Clinic, a fully integrated multispecialty group featuring primary care physicians as well as top specialty doctors, provides patients with consistent and convenient care. Additional components include the Linda E. White Hospice House, a freestanding cancer center, urgent care facilities, near-site clinics, telemedicine, virtual visits, a network of preferred hospitals and doctors and multiple partnerships with other regional health care providers.

Daviess County Community Hospital Hires First Ever OB-GYN

Welcome Dr. Ryskin

Michael Ryskin, MD, FACOG, is DCH’s first employed OB-GYN. With decades of experience, he will begin seeing patients full-time in April 2026.

Meet Dr. Rvskin



Daviess Community Hospital is expanding its women’s health services to meet the needs of families throughout the region—and we’re excited to introduce our new OB-GYN, Dr. Michael Ryskin.

Dr. Ryskin brings decades of clinical and surgical expertise to DCH and will join the Women’s Health Center full-time in April 2026.

With a focus on prenatal care, gynecologic surgery, menopause management, and preventive screenings, he provides comprehensive OB-GYN care for women across generations.

This addition reflects DCH’s long-term commitment to improving access, outcomes, and health equity for women in southern Indiana.

By investing in dedicated providers like Dr. Ryskin, we are growing our impact and deepening our partnerships with community stakeholders who share our mission.

Coast-to-Coast Relay to Celebrate America 250

FRONT ROYAL, VA – In 2026, the American Discovery Trail Society (ADTS) celebrates the outdoors and 250 years of our independence with the American Discovery 250 Relay—a 6,800-mile journey along the entire American Discovery Trail from California to Delaware, starting in July and ending around Thanksgiving. The ADTS invites all to join in the celebration by participating for a day or more in a relay, attending one of over 100 local events, or sharing your story of personal growth and adventure. Together, we commemorate America’s past and shape our future. Interested participants or teams are asked to register at discoverytrail.org/america-250-relay. Organizers will work with registrants on their relay destinations closer to the start of the event. Runners, cyclists, hikers, wheelchair users and horseback riders are all encouraged to take part. We also encourage interest from those who wish to help with logistics, welcoming events or sponsorships.

The ADTS is making the turn-by-turn route instructions and GPS tracks free to the public during the 2026 year as part of the celebrations thanks to a generous donation from Indiana Trails. To access these files, please visit: discoverytrail.org/route

Martin County Sheriff's Office Is Hiring: Full-Time and Part-Time Kitchen Cooks - Apply Now

The Martin County Sheriff's Office is currently seeking candidates for both full-time and part-time kitchen cook positions, according to a recent job advertisement. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the office with any questions. A full application can be submitted through the company's mobile app or by visiting the office in person.

MONTGOMERY RURITAN CLUB SHOOTING MATCH DATES FOR 2026

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*Shooting Distances - 25 yards on ham and money rounds, 47 yards on beef rounds --

Other Attractions - Scatter boards, \$2.00 a square for 6 & 12 shot coupons - Half the Pot Draw -

*Pull Tip Boards - For Shooting Match Information - Josh Miller - 812-259-5874

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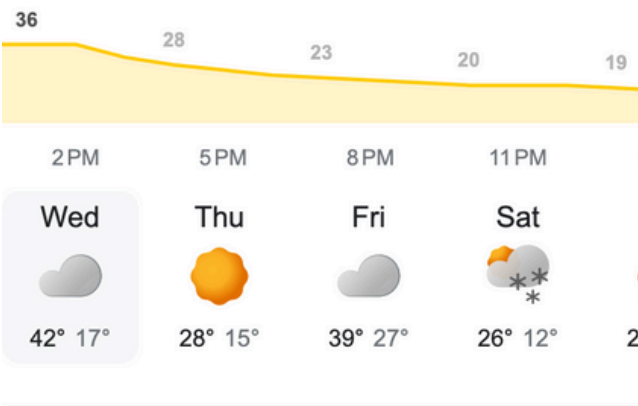
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To the Editor,

What's next? Huntingburg's 4th Street seems to be in a state of disrepair to the extent that a business owner, Chad Brian, brought concerns over the condition of Fourth Street to the board of public works after suffering from a fall. He voiced concerns for the safety of older shoppers. Apparently, the problem is associated with the pavers and the foundations on which they lay. The cruel joke is that the city council can't come to a consensus about the required repairs. The cost seems to be the major concern.

Perhaps the issue is as simple as why did the city chose to go retro? Pavers, bricks and cobblestones are nostalgic; but. are they really practical in the 21st century? These types of street surfaces are interesting in areas with little vehicular traffic but are they practical for a heavier traveled area? No major city in the US and very few in foreign countries still use bricks or cobblestones. The ride on them is rough and there is a high level of maintenance required. This is evident by those of us who have pavers on our property as driveways, patios and walkways.

Huntingburg and Jasper entered into an inter-local agreement last fall to spend over \$100,000 to "study" the cost to take over the maintenance of US 231 from INDOT. Interesting that even before the results of this study have been published the Mayor and City Council of Huntingburg say they can't afford the repair/maintenance of a few blocks of 4th Street. Maybe that money for the study should have been put towards road repairs. It's 4th Street that attracts people to downtown Huntingburg; but, these visitors now fear they may have a slip and fall. They may chose to forego a visit to any of the shops or restaurants there.



That will not bode well for the economy of Huntingburg. Jasper should take heed as this could happen around the square as well.

Money, it's always about the money. Why do our elected leaders seem to think money grows on trees? These same leaders refuse to take a public stand on the Mid-States Corridor where the main issue is money, over \$1 billion of tax-payer's money. INDOT requires a local match of 10% for the Corridor which will be over \$100 million from the people of Dubois

County; and, this includes Huntingburg and Jasper. It's past time for all our elected leaders to state their position on the Mid-States Corridor.

The poll that was taken last month was a poll of the registered voters in Dubois County, all of Dubois County. Voters in Huntingburg and Jasper were part of the poll. What were findings? The findings were that the voters of the county are overwhelmingly opposed to the Corridor, the cost of the Corridor and to any elected public official that supports the Corridor.

The people are speaking, it's time for our elected officials to listen. It's time for them to vote to disband the Mid-States Corridor RDA, to stop all funding and not to authorize any future funding for the Corridor. It's time for them to tell INDOT the county, and cities, are not interested in assuming the maintenance for US 231.

The county and the cities need these money to repair and maintain our current roads; and INDOT needs the money to repair and maintain US 231.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

Loogootee Sports Schedules

BASKETBALL (GIRLS 7 & 8) - NORTH KNOX JR. HIGH (A) 1/15/2026 6:00 PM	BASKETBALL (GIRLS 5 & 6) - SOUTH KNOX (H) 1/17/2026 9:30 AM
BASKETBALL (BOYS 5 & 6) - VINCENNES RIVET JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL (A) 1/15/2026 6:00 PM	BASKETBALL (GIRLS V) - SOUTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL (A) 1/17/2026 11:00 AM
BASKETBALL (BOYS 7 & 8) - WOOD MEMORIAL JR. HIGH (H) 1/15/2026 6:30 PM	BASKETBALL (BOYS 7 & 8) - SOUTH KNOX (H) 1/17/2026 11:30 AM
BASKETBALL (GIRLS V) - VINCENNES RIVET JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL (H) 1/15/2026 6:30 PM	BASKETBALL (GIRLS 7 & 8) - NORTH DAVIESS (H) 1/17/2026 11:30 AM
BASKETBALL (BOYS JV) - BARR REEVE (H) 1/16/2026 6:00 PM	
BASKETBALL (BOYS V) - BARR-REEVE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (H) 1/16/2026 7:30 PM	

6TH GRADE BASKETBALL VICTORIOUS OVER LADY CHARGERS

On Saturday morning our 6th graders traveled to the old Petersburg gym to take on the Pike Central 6th grade. The Lady Lions would come out victorious 35-24, led in scoring by Shyann Salmon with 19 points, Isabel Toy was next with 14, and Kollins Jeffers finished with 2 points. The 6th grade improve to 8-3 on the season with the victory. They are off until Saturday when they host South Knox.

Loogootee Boys Basketball Prepares To Play Rival Barr Reeve Friday Night



On Friday night at Jack Butcher Arena, a historic basketball rivalry will be renewed as the Loogootee Lions host the Barr Reeve Vikings in a highly anticipated matchup. The Lions come into the game with a strong 12-3 overall record and a perfect 2-0 mark in the Blue Chip Conference, while the Vikings hold a 10-1 overall record and are undefeated at 1-0 in conference play.

Barr Reeve has demonstrated impressive performance on the road, maintaining an unblemished away record, but Loogootee has also shown resilience and recent success on their home court.

This game features key players from both teams, with the Lions emphasizing A.J. Foster, a standout leader and scorer who leads the team with a 53% field goal percentage and averages 18.4 points per game.

Offensively, Loogootee has been a potent force, executing well across the court. However, Barr Reeve's team-oriented

defensive tactics present a significant challenge, as they are known for their disciplined and solid defensive approach, which could potentially neutralize some of the Lions' offensive efforts.

The rivalry game carries extra significance due to Indiana's rich basketball traditions and history. Fans are strongly encouraged to attend and show their support, including local resident Jamie Truelove. Truelove, a dedicated mother and 6th-grade teacher in Ms. Abel's class, is currently battling colon cancer. All proceeds from the game will be donated to her to help support her ongoing treatment and recovery.

This rivalry is more than just a



basketball game; it is a celebration of community, showcasing Indiana's passion for the sport and the spirit of giving and support for those facing health challenges. Tip-off is scheduled for Friday night at Jack Butcher Arena, where spectators can witness a fierce rivalry renewed and unite in support of Truelove and her family, emphasizing the importance of community strength and compassion.

LOOGOOTEE LADY LIONS FALL IN CHAMPIONSHIP; DIAMOND & HAWKINS NAMED ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

On Saturday night, the Loogootee Lady Lions played in front of another large crowd, this time in the championship game of the Graves Construction Classic hosted by White River Valley, taking on the Linton Lady Miners. Loogootee led for more than three quarters, but a late fourth-quarter surge by Linton proved decisive as the Lady Lions fell 42-34. The game opened with a putback bucket from Ava Jeffers, though Linton quickly answered to tie it at 2-2. Jeffers scored again moments later, followed by a transition basket from Lydia Hawkins off a pass from Alexis Heckard. Early foul trouble forced Jeffers to the bench, and freshman Karmen Wilson was called upon for extended minutes. Wilson delivered immediately, finishing an and-1 on a feed from Heckard to give Loogootee the lead. Traded free throws closed the quarter with the Lady Lions holding a 12-9 advantage. Linton opened the second quarter with a three, but Alaina Diamond answered, and a Sophia Toy three pushed Loogootee's lead to five. The Lady Lions struggled to score for several minutes afterward, managing just a single free throw, before a Hawkins basket snapped the drought and extended the lead back to 20-16. Linton responded late, trimming the margin to 20-18 at halftime. Diamond attacked early in the third quarter, but Linton quickly tied the game at 23-23. A pair of free throws from Heckard and another from Diamond were answered by the Lady Miners, and the quarter ended with Loogootee clinging to a 26-25 lead. The fourth quarter opened with a Linton free throw to tie the game. Heckard knocked down a clutch three to put the Lady Lions back in front, and traded free throws kept Loogootee ahead briefly. A Linton three tied the game again, and despite a Hawkins response, the Lady Miners followed with free throws and a basket to take a 35-33 lead. Diamond scored Loogootee's final point at the line, but late attempts to regain the lead fell short as Linton closed

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CONT.D Loogootee Lady Lions (from pg. 5)

out the 42-34 victory. The loss moves the Lady Lions to 10-5 on the season. Stat Leaders Lydia Hawkins led Loogootee with 10 points and 6 rebounds Alaina Diamond finished with 8 points and 4 rebounds Alexis Heckard added 6 points Sophia Toy recorded 4 points and 4 rebounds Ava Jeffers finished with 4 points Karmen Wilson contributed 2 points Alaina Diamond was named the tournament MVP, and her and Lydia Hawkins were named to the All-Tournament Team. The Lady Lions return home next week for two games at Jack Butcher Arena—Tuesday against Pike Central and Thursday against Vincennes Rivet.

LOOGOOTE LION C-TEAM DROPS ROAD GAME TO LINTON

The C-Team headed North to Greene County on Tuesday night and lost 44-24 to drop to 2-5 on the season. Chase Miller led the Lions with 9 points; Garrison Graber had 7; Jaxon Smith had 6; and Bryce Christmas added a basket. The C-Team returns to action next Wednesday night when they host Evansville Christian at JBA. The game will follow the girls varsity against WC at 6PM.

LOOGOOTE JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL LIONS SPLIT SERIES WITH BARR-REEVE

The 8th Grade Lions defeated Barr-Reeve on the road 32-27 and moved to 11-1 on the season. The 7th grade dropped a 45-28 decision to the Vikings to fall to 12-2 on the season. In the 8th grade game, the Lions made a three point attempt at the end of the first half to close the gap to 17-13 after a slow first half. The Lions trailed 24-23 at the end of three, but only gave up three points in the 4th Quarter to give themselves the cushion they needed as they outscored the hosts 9-3 in the final stanza. Knox Jeffers led the Lions with 19 points. Jackson Lengacher had 6 points, including two big baskets to keep the game tight in the 3rd Quarter. Jaxon Foster had 4 points and Ethan Wildman had 3 to round out the Lion scoring attack. In the 7th grade contest the Lions used hot shooting to get out to a 13-5 First Quarter lead. The Lions also held a 17-15 advantage at half-time, but the Vikings came to life in the second half. The hosts outscored the Lions 12-4 in the 3rd and 18-7 in the 4th to complete the 45-28 win over the Lions. Jack Divine led the Lions with 10. Garrett Downey had 8 points. August Weitkamp and Mason Mathias each had 3 points. Liam Strange and Kalbe McCloskey each had a basket. Both teams return to action Thursday night when they host Wood Memorial in the Activity Center.

5TH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM WIN AT JASPER

On Thursday, Jan. 8, the 5th grade Lady Lions traveled to Jasper for a 5A & 5B game. The 5th graders would win 20-7 to remain undefeated on the season, and move to 12-0. The 5th graders were led in scoring by Isabel Toy with 12, Eme Smith and Kaia Arvin both had 3, and Gracie Barnett had 2. In the B game, Jasper would win 14-0.



Mendoza And Cristobal Share Unique Connection in Indiana vs Miami National Championship

(Jan. 14/Sports Illustrated)- Indiana quarterback Fernando Mendoza's father was high school teammates with Miami head coach Mario Cristobal.

In what's been a dream season for Indiana, the national championship comes with another storyline straight out of a Hollywood movie.

Indiana quarterback Fernando Mendoza's journey from two-star recruit to Heisman Trophy winner

"I've been to a lot of games there, and it's a very full-circle moment for myself," Mendoza said. "If you open Google Maps and put my address, the University of Miami campus, it's under a mile away. And I walked there, biked there, played basketball rec games in the offseason there."

"It means a lot to me, however, I think the National Championship means a lot to everybody. So I wouldn't want it any other way, on a great stage, that the Indiana Hoosiers

are going to have to compete their butt off. They're a great team and really looking forward to the opportunity." The connections don't stop there, though. Mendoza's mother, Elsa, played tennis at the University of Miami. Fernando's Heisman Trophy speech included a touching tribute to Elsa, who is battling multiple sclerosis. Fernando and his brother, Alberto, have raised over \$150,000 to help fight the disease.

Fernando's father, Fernando Sr. — now a medical director at Nicklaus Children's Health System — was teammates with Miami coach Mario Cristobal at Christopher Columbus High School in the 1980s. Cristobal recalled "awesome memories" this week about their team winning a three-way tiebreaker for the district championship.

"I think when you go to Columbus, that brotherhood is extremely strong," Cristobal said. "You know, I mean, everywhere you go, especially in town you run in -- but we have crossed

Martin County & Courts7

Monday, January 05, 2026

2:16 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and LPD Officer Purcell responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:02 a.m.- Received a report of vandalism South of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

7:22 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident East of Shoals. ISP responded.

9:19 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

10:00 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported four inmates to court.

12:07 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:00 p.m.- Received a report of a missing street sign North of Loogootee. INDOT responded.

1:42 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check South of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

3:21 p.m.- Received a report of suspicious activity West of Loogootee. Advised caller that is Daviess County.

4:01 p.m.- Received a report of CSX transmission lines down East of Shoals. Notified CSX.

6:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred the call to Lawrence County 911.

9:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Lost River Fire Department, Deputy Clark and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded. No one was transported.

9:54 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting trespassing North of Loogootee. Major Reed and Daviess County units responded.

10:33 p.m.- Received a report of possible harassment South of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

Tuesday, January 06, 2025

12:58 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:07 a.m.- Received a call reporting a possible trespasser South of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

7:22 a.m.- Received an animal complaint Northwest of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:01 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:03 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.

10:24 a.m.- Jail Commander Gregory transported two inmates to court.

11:50 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

12:49 p.m.- Received a call advising Loogootee Community Schools will be conducting fire drills today.

1:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:30 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.

1:32 p.m.- Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane Village. Keyholder advised to disregard.

2:48 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male South of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

2:58 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

4:40 p.m.- Received a call from ADT Security advising of a burglar alarm in Crane Village. Captain Gibson responded.

4:48 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:01 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

Wednesday, January 7, 2025

1:18 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check East of Shoals. Major Reed and Deputy Clark responded.

8:25 a.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

8:40 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, LPD

Chief Wagoner and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded. No one was transported.

9:36 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:49 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn South of Shoals.

11:41 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

12:14 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

12:27 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn East of Shoals.

12:50 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported one inmate to court.

2:08 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

2:17 p.m.- Received a 911 and landline call reporting a field fire East of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:40 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

3:15 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Corporal Erwin responded.

8:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance and law enforcement in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Seals, LPD Officer Purcell and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:25 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

11:18 p.m.- Received a report of an accident East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Droke, Deputy Clark and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

Thursday, January 8, 2026

7:49 a.m.- Received a report that the school zone lights were malfunctioning on US 50 near the Shoals Community Schools. INDOT was notified.

8:01 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn East of Shoals.

9:27 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

9:38 a.m.- Received a 911

call reporting a power line down Northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson and REMC responded.

11:12 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

12:32 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

1:21 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported two inmates to court.

1:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:45 p.m.- Received a report of a possible domestic dispute in Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

4:49 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

4:56 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

5:36 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Corporal Erwin, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

7:02 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East. Deputy Branham responded.

7:02 p.m.- Received a report of property damage in Loogootee. LPD Officer Seals and LPD Officer Purcell responded.

9:31 p.m.- Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

11:00 p.m.- Received a report of a possible domestic dispute South of Shoals. Deputy Droke and LPD Officer Seals responded.

Friday, January 9, 2026

12:22 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down Northeast of Shoals. INDOT was notified.

12:36 a.m.- Deputy Droke on station with Monte Graham, a 29-year-old male from Shoals, arrested for Intimidation. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

2:25 a.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line North of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

2:43 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southwest of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

4:45 a.m.- Received a call from Central Station advising of a commercial burglar

alarm in Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

5:29 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

5:40 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries East of Shoals. Deputy Droke and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:48 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard South of Shoals. INDOT was notified.

6:19 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 2, LPD Officer Stuckey responded and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.

7:07 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin, Deputy Droke and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:28 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting smoke in a home in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:35 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

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

8:55 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Lawrence County EMS, Corporal Erwin and Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:06 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East. Corporal Erwin responded.

10:09 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

11:38 a.m.- Received a call from Life Protect Medical Alarms requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

2:40 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:59 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check East of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

4:33 p.m.- Received a report of cows in the road Southeast of Shoals. Notified Orange County.

5:33 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. LPD Officer

Stuckey responded.

5:50 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver Southwest of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:01 p.m.- Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

7:02 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:02 p.m.- Received a report of a possible impaired driver West of Loogootee. Notified Daviess County.

9:03 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.

9:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Saturday, January 10, 2026

3:26 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:10 a.m.- Received a call from Simplisafe advising of a residential fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Droke responded.

7:25 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Corporal Erwin responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:27 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department and Corporal Erwin responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

12:11 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn Northeast of Loogootee.

1:44 p.m.- Received a report of possible vehicle damage in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

2:17 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. No one was transported.

2:20 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded.

4:55 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

5:19 p.m.- Received an animal complaint Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

5:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting DNR. Corporal

Erwin, Deputy Branham and Indiana Conservation Officer Doane responded.
8:55 p.m.- Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.
10:38 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Branham and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Sunday, January 11, 2026

7:52 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.
8:54 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.
12:32 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Notified Daviess County.
12:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
3:11 p.m.- LPD Officer Stuckey on station with Martin Ramirez, a 50-year-old male from Virginia, arrested for Driving without ever receiving a license. He is being held on \$3000 10% bond.
4:03 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey and Corporal Erwin responded.
7:03 p.m.- Received a report of possible harassment Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.
7:35 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.
7:49 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked Southwest of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.
9:12 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

PET OF THE WEEK

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Meet Ellie, an affectionate and calm female orange tabby with bright green eyes, currently available for adoption. Ellie was rescued as a stray several months ago and has yet to find a permanent home, despite her friendly and adaptable nature. She is known to be good with cats, dogs, and children, making her an ideal addition to a variety of households.

Ellie is fully vetted and ready for her new family. Her medical records indicate she has been tested for FIV and FeLV, is up to date on vaccinations, spayed, microchipped, and treated for flea and tick prevention, as well as dewormed.

Shelter staff hope Ellie’s story will inspire a kind-hearted family to give her a forever home. For more information, contact the local animal rescue center.

Dalrymple named to University of Alabama's REAL List

Tuscaloosa, AL— Meah Dalrymple of Loogootee has been recognized on The University of Alabama's Fall 2025 REAL List, which honors student engagement and learning beyond the classroom. Dalrymple was recognized among the Top 25 Most Engaged in Professional Development in REAL Tide.
To honor students who are engaging with REAL Tide (UA's Record of Engagement and Learning), the Division of Student Life publishes the REAL List after each fall and spring semester. Fall 2025 is the inaugural REAL List, and it includes the Top 100 Overall engaged students and the Top 25 for each engagement wave.
REAL List rankings are based on those tagged and reported in the REAL Tide engagement record by the last day of classes for the semester.

REAL Tide (Record of Engagement and Learning) is a comprehensive reflection of a student's transformative engagement and learning experiences at The University of Alabama.
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Local Obituaries

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300 Church Street, Loogootee, Ind. 47553

Herbert Raber January 9, 1946 - January 11, 2026



Herbert Raber, 80, of Montgomery, Indiana passed away on Monday January 11, 2026, in Montgomery, Indiana.

He was born on January 9, 1946, to Henry and Lydia (Lengacher) Raber.

Herbert was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Lydia (Lengacher) Raber, his wife, Barbara Graber, his siblings, Corene (David) Graber, both deceased; David Raber, Joseph Raber, Anna Mae Stoll, and sister-in-law, Rosie (Wagler) Raber, and brother-in-law, Lewis Jr. Graber.

Herbert is survived by his siblings: John Raber, Sarah (Ezra) Lengacher, Marie (Lester) Yoder, Henry Jr. (Ida Mae) Raber, Victor (Dorothy) Raber, Wilma Graber, Fred (Mary Catherine) Raber, Loren (Sharon) Raber, sister-in-law, Sylvia (Lester) Marner, Rosemary (Wagler) Raber, brother-in-law, Dale (Laura) Stoll, and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday January 14, 2026, at 9:00 A.M at the Daviess County Community Building.

Visitation will begin on Monday January 12, 2026, at 2:00 P.M at the Daviess County Community Building and continue through Tuesday January 13, 2026, until the time of service.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

Arrangements by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery, Indiana

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CONT.D Fernando Family (from. pg. 6)

Other Miami natives on Indiana's roster include starting cornerbacks D'Angelo Ponds and Jamari Sharpe. Miami's roster features 12 such players. Fernando also views what he, Cristobal and others have accomplished at their respective schools as a point of pride for the Cuban and Latin American communities.

"It does a lot. I think it puts it in the forefront and the light, and I think we've seen Latinos in football," Mendoza said. "It's been growing, and every single year, you hear about more Latinos, like Jake Rodriguez, great Latino from Texas Tech. And I think it's just a really good path of just making football more diverse and inclusive. I think it's great. I mean, Mario Cristobal played with my dad in high school, and so I do know him. I think it's going to be a great opportunity for both teams."

Monday's national championship won't be the first time Mendoza has faced Miami, either. While quarterbacking Cal last season, Mendoza and the Golden Bears suffered a narrow, 39-38 loss at No. 8 Miami. He called it a "heartbreaking" loss, and looks forward to another opportunity.

That opportunity will come in the final game of what's been an incredible season for Mendoza. He's played his best football of late, with eight touchdown passes in two College Football Playoff games while throwing just five incompletions and zero interceptions.

Mendoza has guided the Hoosiers to dominant wins over Alabama and Oregon in the CFP, but he's also come through in clutch situations during regular season wins over Iowa, Penn State and Oregon. Through 15 games, he's thrown 41 touchdown passes to just six interceptions while completing 73% of his passes.

Cristobal recruited Mendoza out of the transfer portal this past offseason, but wound up with Carson Beck instead. And going into this matchup, he knows his talented Miami defense is up for a major challenge against Mendoza.

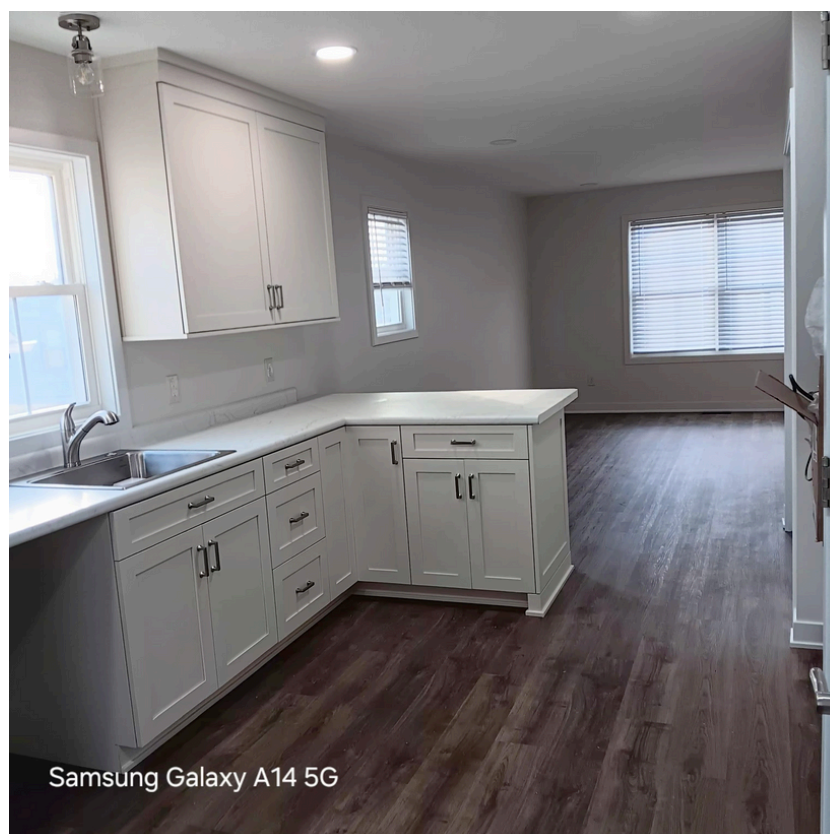
"The Heisman was earned and well-deserved," Cristobal said. "The type of season that Fernando has had, really they dominated just about every game. And anytime a game was close, he was a big reason why the outcome is or was what it was because of his level of play."

CONT.D Fernando
Family (from. pg. 6, Part
III)

"I think he combines everything that you would want in an elite quarterback. He's ahead of the defense all the time. He's two steps ahead. He understands the back end, the front. He's extremely accurate, poised. He can make you pay with his feet. He can make you pay with his arm. He understands protections really well. He anticipates like no other. He really has distinguished himself as the best football player in the country this year, and it's not by accident. A lot of reps, a lot of hard work, a guy that's been a complete difference-maker for their program." Mendoza has put himself in position to be an NFL Draft pick in 2026, perhaps No. 1 overall. The Hoosiers recruited TCU transfer quarterback Josh Hoover, who has one year of eligibility, to help replace him next season. But they also have Mendoza's younger brother, Alberto, who's eligible through the 2028 season and has Cristobal's endorsement. "[Fernando's] younger brother is going to be as good or even better," Cristobal said. "And I think if you talk to the people over there at their university and at Columbus High School, they'll tell you that. Just really tough, smart, hardworking, awesome young men that represent their families and their university really well."

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A new one-bedroom apartment with a garage is available in Loogootee, Indiana. The unit features a custom kitchen, full bathroom, luxury flooring, and custom closets providing ample storage. It includes an attached one-car garage. Rent is \$950. Interested parties can call 317-445-1002.

Easy

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Easy

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Hard

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Expert

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Master

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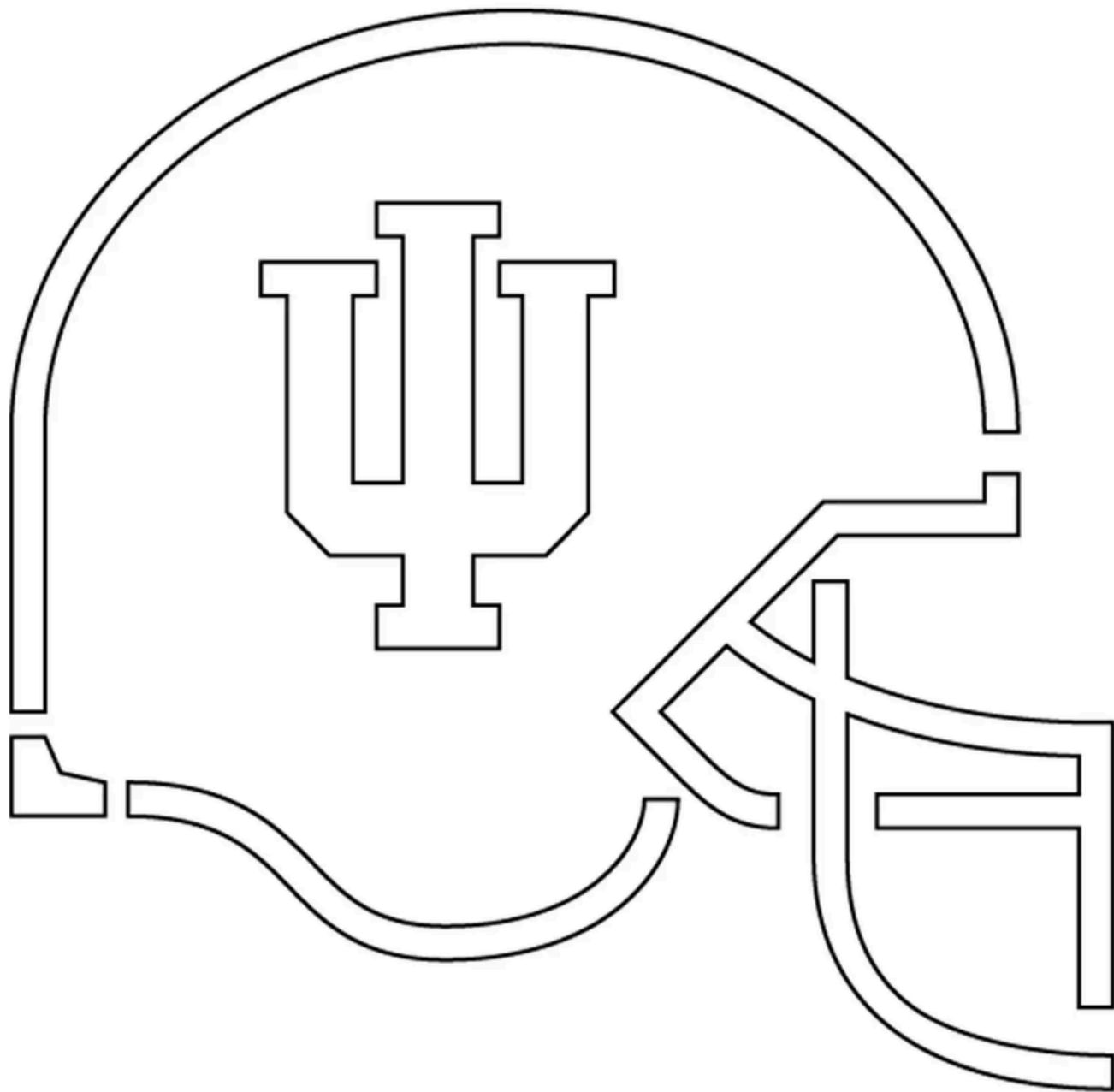
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Sudoku Daily Game #26 SOLUTIONS

Coloring Sheet

“HOO, HOO, HOO, HOOSIERS!”

(SOON TO BE) NATIONAL CHAMPS!



Across

1. Trial town
6. Char or burn the surface
10. Place for a pat?
14. Plato's marketplace
15. Introduction to Chinese?
16. "The African Queen" screenwriter James
17. Three-masted vessel
18. Desolate
19. Emulate Gabriel
20. Tombstone hotel?
23. Grammy winner Braxton
24. Watch chains
25. Start of a Horatio Alger plot
28. Breakaway group
30. Chain of hills
34. A Warner Bros. brother
35. Leaning tower city
36. Excise
37. Deal-making apparel?
40. Fifth or Lexington
41. Words with step or sleep
42. They've got your #
43. Gives it to the judge
44. Ken or Lena of Hollywood
45. Surveys
46. Desirable to a dieter
48. Give the boot
50. Agenda for a "Giant" star?
56. Unshut
57. Drew Carey's foil
58. Lit
60. Turbine part
61. Rite answers
62. Clobbered, old-style
63. Removed ruthlessly
64. Like sour grapes
65. More than unpopular

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Down

1. Getz's instrument
2. Like high-quality wine or cheese
3. Timber wolf
4. Builds up
5. Stallone-esque
6. Most slaphappy
7. Compound with a doubly linked carbon atom
8. Unrestrained, as a ship
9. Recurring-theme composition
10. Tends tots
11. Unattractive fruit that sounds that way
12. Gas discovery of 1898
13. In stitches
21. In a legal line position
22. Short, but not necessarily sweet
25. Traffic tool
26. ___ and beyond
27. Hereditary factors
29. Channing of Broadway
31. Throw water on
32. Pretext
33. James and Jones of music
35. Assets
36. Low grade
38. Like caribou
39. Local member
44. Central New York lake
45. The scarlet letter, e.g.
47. Let in or on
49. Cut drastically
50. Starbucks wares, informally
51. Trojan War hero
52. Simba's pride?
53. Love, to Ovid
54. Type of machine
55. Carryall
59. Hitched, so to speak

Crossword Puzzle #26